

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 2/24/10

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: D. Acosta, J. Adams, S. Brunk, J. Garcia, B. Glick, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, D. Jacroux, E. McCleaf, C. Mounteer, N. Shumpert, B. Shaw, D. Smith, R. Soto, J. Teeter, M. Uppman

Excused Absences: P. Miller, R. Rodriguez

Unexcused Absences: V. Barnes, L. Nichols, M. Uppman,

Guest: Diana Lopez and Maria Echavarria- So. Monterey Co. Resource Center

DATE: February 24, 2010

TIME: 3:00pm

PLACE: Salinas District Attorney's Office

3:30-3:45

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by D. Jacroux at 3:00pm
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes for January 27, 2010:** Minutes approved with the following corrections: J. Adams noted that the word *helpless* should be replaced with the word *hopeless* in the first paragraph of the **Education and Information** section. And the **Possible Solutions** titled at the end should be **Recommended Solutions**. M/S/C Adams/Glick
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes):** None
- 6. 3:45-4:30**

Working Group Reports:

a) Executive Committee

D. Jacroux

Met and prepared agenda/minutes.

b) Offender Intervention & Accountability

J. Adams

J. Adams reported there was a meeting 2/17/10. One issue discussed was the upcoming scheduled meeting with the DV Judge/s and the providers on 3/17/10. The providers discussed their need for regularity with the types and way cases are referred to them. For example, programs would like a minimum of 12 classes referred for individuals. There has been an increase lately in indigent and homeless clients referred; the programs have a responsibility to provide them services. Due to the increase, the programs have been struggling to accommodate them, but some have been returned back to the court to ask that their classes be placed on hold. D. Jacroux asked what the Offender Intervention and Accountability groups was and it was explained that the group is not an oversight group but rather a group of all the domestic violence intervention program providers and a representative from the probation department. Meetings are attended bi-monthly where issues and updates are discussed. D. Jacroux asked if an exit interview is conducted. J. Adams explained the reporting process; where progress reports and a completion report are submitted to the court or probation department on each client.

c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee

B. Shaw

B. Shaw reported that there is no update due to the fact that the renovation has been stopped. E. McCleaf noted that the North Wing is scheduled to open in April 2010. D. Jacroux inquired whether or not we should continue with this working group. E. McCleaf replied that due to having earmarked funds for this purpose, we do have to follow-up.

d) Victims Services

B. Glick

B. Glick reported that he is still the only person on his committee. He asked that his comments be postponed until agenda item 9 c) is discussed.

e) Medical Services

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported that she provided a “brown bag” training with her assistant where they expected approximately 10 people to show up, but nearly 30 attended! The focus was on recognizing DV and the presentation went very well.

f) Annual Conference Committee

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported that we may be able to return to the Embassy Suites for this year’s conference because they seem willing to work with us financially. D. Smith reported that she liked having the conference at Casa Munras. J. Adams added that he thought the acoustics were better at Casa than Embassy. S. Goldman agreed that it was a nice place but due to size, it forced us to turn people away once we were out of seating. D. Jacroux asked if there were any format or changes needed from last year’s conference for this one. S. Goldman reported that last year’s conference was so unique that it will be unlikely that we ever follow that type of format again. S. Goldman asked that members go on the San Diego Family Justice Center’s website and take a look at their past webinars and speakers to see if they are interested in any of the topics presented. She stated they have good speakers, but she does not know how much they would charge. Possible topics were discussed for this year’s conference and the topic of dv violence and a link to gang violence was introduced. Additionally, the ex-wife of the DC Sniper was discussed as a person of interest. She does professional speaking on her ordeal as a victim of domestic violence.

g) DV Ombudsman

Chief P. Miller

Chief P. Miller was not present.

h) Finance

J. Teeter

No report due this month.

7. Action Items: None

8. New Business:

- a) Discuss goals for DVCC for the upcoming year; D. Jacroux asked for any thoughts on what we have accomplished, reflect on why we meet. E. McCleaf shared that in past times the members had input their ideas and then a list was created and prioritized to become the year’s goals. D. Jacroux suggested everyone think about what they would like to focus on this year and at the next meeting we utilize white boards to write them out and than vote.
- b) Suggestions for topics for this year’s conference; this was discussed along with the conference committee update. Follow-up will continue with conference planning.
- c) Suggestions for a working title for this year’s conference; this will follow with 8 a) and b) discussions.
- d) Discuss revising our working groups, or integrating some; E. McCleaf shared that in the past when the DVCC had more continued support, the members of the working groups were often different individuals than those who were the appointed or alternates at the monthly meetings. Now, the active members are the same individuals as the working group members. A decision was made to be table any decisions until our goals are identified at next months meeting.

9. Old Business:

- a) Verification of brochure use by Monterey County’s 15 law enforcement agencies; J. Teeter

shared information on behalf of P. Miller; J. Teeter shared that P. Miller had already mailed out notification to all local law enforcement agencies that there would be an on-site visit to review the display of the DVCC brochures in their public lobby areas and that the literature was available to their officers responding to field calls. A printout of the DVCC brochure from the website was included.

- b) Update: Sin by Silence events hosted by the Commission on the Status of Women; D. Smith reported that the last weekend in March will be the new date for the viewing of the film. The showing will be in Salinas on Sunday at the Maya Cinemas. The Peninsula details have not been finalized yet. There is no showing scheduled for So. County. Discussions ensued by members about concerns over the DVCC name being listed as a supporter on their literature. Members are not in favor of the DVCC being listed as a supporter. A second concern raised was that there has been no formal request to have the Mo Co DA's Office present for a review panel to follow the showing. Members are concerned that without the proper review panel to follow-up, viewers may get the impression or message that any of the killings portrayed were justified. D. Smith stated she will take these concerns back to the organizers of the event.
- c) Media Campaign: (Mike Uppman) Report on CSUMB film dept. – are they interested in assisting us with a DV PSA; B. Glick shared that he met with MCOE about possibly creating a PSA for us and they are interested. He went on to explain that due to the fact that some have concerns about the content of Sin by Silence, SOP may have some reservations about continuing. Discussion was shared and it was determined that there was no intent of using the Sin by Silence film as our PSA. M. Uppman stated that when he approached CSUMB they already had all their spring assignments at the time and they were to contact us at a later date to follow up, but they failed to do so. Now that MCOE is “in the business” of film, it may be a good option for us. B. Glick reported that MCOE did a PSA for SOP on homelessness with Ana Caballero and it was good.
- d) Update: First Impressions DVD status (Pam Patterson); No update available as P. Patterson was not present.

10. Information Sharing/Discussion: B. Glick welcomed D. Jacroux as the new chair and congratulated her on her first well run meeting.

11. Correspondence:

12. Next Meeting: March 24, 2010

13. Adjournment: 4:27pm

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hatton