

# Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 3/24/10

**Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present:** J. Adams, V. Barnes, S. Brunk, J. Garcia, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, E. McCleaf, P. Miller, C. Mounteer, N. Shumpert, R. Soto

**Excused Absences:** B. Glick, D. Jacroux, B. Shaw, J. Teeter, L. Nichols

**Unexcused Absences:** D. Acosta, M. Brand, C. De Seguirant, R. Rodriguez, M. Uppman

**Guest:** Becky Pimentel- DSES

**DATE:** March 24, 2010

**TIME:** 3:00pm

**PLACE:** Government Center, 168 W. Alisal St., Monterey Room, second floor

## 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:** Added to New Business: 8. e) Resignation of Deborah Jacroux as the Executive Director of the YWCA, and our DVCC Chair.
- 3. Approval of Minutes for February 24, 2010.** M/S/C Adams/McCleaf
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes):** None

## 3:45-4:30

Working Group Reports:

### **a) Executive Committee**

R. Soto reported. Met and prepared agenda/minutes.

**D. Jacroux**

### **b) Offender Intervention & Accountability**

**J. Adams**

J. Adams reported there was a meeting last week with the two judges presiding over domestic violence court; Judges Hayes and Wills. Adams reported the meeting was as good a meeting on principals they have ever had. Some of the discussion was on what is working and what needs improvement. Some areas identified will be addressed by N. Hatton through the creation of some new documents that will be used to exchange information from the programs to the court. E. McCleaf asked if there was any discussion about how many classes a defendant must be ordered to for it to be effective. Adams confirmed they had discussed the issue and it is his opinion that a minimum of 12 should be ordered to even enroll someone in the program, but stressed that people need to stay in the program until they get what they need from the counseling. N. Hatton reported that the level of communication between the court and the programs should greatly improve for conditional cases; those cases where the probation department is not involved and the programs must communicate directly with the courts.

### **c) Victim Waiting Room Ad Hoc Committee**

**B. Shaw**

No report.

### **d) Victims Services**

**B. Glick**

No report.

### **e) Medical Services**

**S. Goldman**

S. Goldman reported that there was no meeting this month.

### **f) Annual Conference Committee**

**S. Goldman**

S. Goldman reported that she has researched some potential speakers. She provided a hand-out with the names and brief background information on some potential speakers (**Attached**). Goldman tried to find those who

could speak to the link between domestic violence and gang violence. She shared with the group on some of the speakers: Mildred Muhammad was the wife of the D.C. Sniper whose story tells of an abusive relationship where innocent victims were murdered in a scheme the sniper carried out so that he could murder his wife. Marie De Santis, PhD., is a strong advocate for the Latino community. The other speakers talked about were Casey Gwinn and Melanie Washington. Goldman seemed particularly interested in Washington. Further discussion was shared on the idea of providing a motivational speaker who could then be funded through the DVCC to go around to speak to local high school students about staying out of gangs. One motivational speaker Goldman viewed on You-Tube was Dr. Joseph Jennings. N. Hatton shared that she liked the idea of using the conference as a way to support funding a motivational speaker for our local school/s. V. Barnes reported that she went to a training in San Diego on the child abuse aspect of children exposed to domestic violence and stated that there needs to be a focus on bad parenting. She further shared that she was called to a school for a 7 year old threatening a teacher. She stated that everything goes back to how people were raised. She stated she is committed to doing the conference after this morning's report of a 6 year old being murdered last night. E. McCleaf followed up by sharing that in the past, the particulars of the conference were not debated with the group as a whole, but within the smaller planning group.

**g) DV Ombudsman**

**Chief P. Miller**

Chief P. Miller reported that Assistant District Attorney Terry Spitz attended the last Chief's Meeting and provided a guide for law enforcement to follow in determining what documents to release to a domestic violence victim (**Attached**). P. Miller stated that more documents will likely be released now that was previously being withheld.

**h) Finance**

**J. Teeter**

No report.

**7. Action Items:** None

**8. New Business:**

- a) Discuss goals for DVCC for the upcoming year; E. McCleaf stated that in the past the council would print the year's goals onto the front of the minutes for each meeting. She further added that the council would brainstorm ideas and then prioritize. She passed around a sample list of goals that was used in 2002 and 2003 to prioritize so that members could see them. The members then discussed possible goals for 2010. (**Attached is the Proposed List of Goals for 2010**)
- b) Suggestions for topics for this year's conference: No discussion was had beyond 6. f).
- c) Suggestions for a working title for this year's conference: S. Goldman suggested the conference title be *Living to Die or Dying to Live: The Domestic Violence/Gang Violence Connection*. No further discussion.
- d) Discuss revising our working groups, or integrating some; a decision was made to be table any decisions until our goals are identified.
- e) Resignation of Deborah Jacroux as the Executive Director of the YWCA, and our DVCC Chair. R. Soto announced the resignation of D. Jacroux. Soto stated that we were very sorry to see her go and that D. Jacroux explained that she was sorry for leaving the Council. There was discussion about the vacancy and Soto accepted the responsibility of filling in the vacancy as vice-chair. E. McCleaf suggested that we consider having the secretary also serve as the vice-chair. N. Hatton declined to do both roles. S. Brunk graciously offered to fill in as the vice-chair. Soto stated that we can fill the vacancies as soon as the nominating committee reconvenes.

**9. Old Business:**

- a) Verification of brochure use by Monterey County's 15 law enforcement agencies: P. Miller reported that after he mailed out the notice to law enforcement agencies that he will be conducting an on site audit of their agencies to verify the most current literature was being provided to victims he started getting phone calls asking for the new brochure. P. Miller has begun the on-site visits and did suggest that the brochures be displayed with both the English and Spanish sides on display so that victims will see that the information is available in their language.
- b) Update: Sin by Silence events hosted by the Commission on the Status of Women; D. Smith was not present.
- c) Media Campaign: (Mike Uppman) Report on CSUMB film dept.; M. Uppman was not present.
- d) Update: First Impressions DVD status (Pam Patterson); No update available as P. Patterson was not present.

**10. Information Sharing/Discussion:** The Catholic Diocese recently led a peace rally from Alisal High School to Closter Park after the gang related shooting that resulted in the death of a 6 year old Salinas boy.

P. Miller announced that four south county cities have been selected to receive CalGrip funds. The focus will be on gang suppression and intervention. The grant will provide \$90k per year for two years. The cities receiving the funding are Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, and King City.

A reminder that the CAPC Breakfast will be held on April 7, 2010.

**11. Correspondence:** None.

**12. Next Meeting: April 28, 2010**

**13. Adjournment: 4:30pm**

*Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hatton*