

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 11/17/10

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: R. Soto, P. Patterson, J. Teeter, J. Garcia, J. Adams, C. Mounteer, L. Bejarano, M. Uppman, N. Shumpert, S. Brunk, E. McCleaf
Excused Absences: N. Hatton, S. Goldman, R. Rodriguez
Unexcused Absences: D. Acosta, V. Barnes, C. De Seguirant, B. Glick, B. Shaw, P. Miller, L. Nichols
Guest: none

Vacant: Business Community, BOS District 1, Faith Community

DATE: November 17, 2010
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: **Salinas Quadrangle Building**
1000 S. Main Street, Room 110
Salinas, CA 93901

3:00-3:30

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by R. Soto at 3:06 p.m.
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** E. McCleaf noted that Item 9 of the Agenda should include the discussion of Executive Officer positions. Discussion was added as Item 9 b

Amendment to September 22, 2010 Minutes: P. Patterson stated that #3 from the Minutes should read: Approval of Minutes from August 25.

Amendment to October 27, 2010 Minutes: R. Soto identified that the incorrect date was placed on the Minutes and should read October 27, 2010 and not October 28, 2010.

- 3. Approval of Minutes for September 22, 2010 and October 27, 2010:** Motion by J. Adams to adopt as amended, Second by J. Garcia
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
- 5. Education & Information (20 minutes):** None

3:30-4:30

6. Working Group Reports:

a) Executive Committee - R. Soto - R. Soto reported that the Executive Committee met and discussed the Agenda, Meeting Minutes and Financial Report

b) Annual Conference Committee - S. Goldman - No Report

c) **Membership Committee - P. Patterson** reported that R. Rodriguez was added to the Membership Committee

7. Reports:

a) **Batterer Intervention Programs - J. Adams** - J. Adams reported no scheduled meeting this month.

b) **Victim Waiting Room - P. Patterson** - E. McCleaf and P. Patterson both reported concerns with the Victim Waiting Room. E. McCleaf stated that on the second day the courtroom was open staff were unaware of the room or its location. E. McCleaf also reported that defendant interviews were being conducted in the Victim Room contrary to the room's intended purpose. E. McCleaf stated access to the room is difficult for those who should have clearance and thanked Deputy Jackson for providing her access when needed. P. Patterson stated that the Victim Advocates are also having difficulty accessing the room. Advocates may gain access but are then locked out if they leave.

P. Patterson reported that she and J. Teeter also visited the room. P. Patterson circulated photos of the room to the Council. P. Patterson stated that she spoke of her concerns regarding the room in a management meeting which included Dean Flippo. A meeting and site visit was then arranged with Connie Mazzei and Felipe Navarro. Upon viewing the room, it was determined that a second meeting would be scheduled.

P. Patterson stated she had a list of her concerns and requests for the room prepared for her second meeting with Connie Mazzei, Felipe Navarro and Rosalinda Chavez. The second meeting is to take place on Friday November 19, 2010. Patterson briefed the Council on the contents of her list which include in part: the room is very small and overly warm, no air conditioning or curtains, no panic button, no telephone, no trash container, no television, no locked cabinets to store supplies, no children's amenities such as activity tables or coloring books, dangerous protruding steel beam, and no comfortable furniture. P. Patterson noted to the Council that enhancing the room to provide some of the above amenities may cost the DVCC approximately \$2,000. P. Patterson stated she would email the Council a final list of concerns and requests on Thursday November 18, 2010 for review.

J. Adams stated that the provision of a panic button is of the utmost importance

c) **Victim Services - B. Glick** - B. Glick not present.

d) **Medical Services - S. Goldman** - S. Goldman not present.

e) **DV Ombudsman - P. Miller** - P. Miller not present.

8. Action Items

a) **Research possible options to utilize the \$20,000 in dedicated funding for victim safety** - R. Soto reported that the Executive Committee met and discussed the possibility of dividing and allocating the funds to separate causes including the Shelter and the YWCA. P. Patterson stated that the best course of action maybe to wait until the Victim Waiting Room project was complete. E. McCleaf stated that should the Council allocate funds to furnish the waiting room, the Council must also have funds available for replacement furniture. P. Patterson reminded the Council that there is also a proposed waiting room for South County which may need assistance. R. Soto commented that it may in fact be best to wait until the Victim Waiting Room issue is resolved before exploring any other use for the funds.

An extensive discussion was then held amongst the Council members regarding the desire to move forward in a timely manner and purchase furniture and amenities for the Victim's Waiting Room at the Salinas Courthouse. A consensus was reached among the members that P. Patterson should move forward with purchasing the furniture and amenities and will report back to the Council at its regularly scheduled January meeting as to the amount of the expenditure. The expenditure will be documented in the next finance report.

- b) **Send letter to BOS requesting they authorize an additional fee of not more than \$250 to be imposed upon each conviction of PC 273.5 and PC 243(e) and create a fund for collecting fines pursuant to PC 1463.27. The money collected shall be used to fund domestic violence prevention programs that focus on assisting immigrants, refugees, or persons who live in a rural community** - P. Patterson working with N.

Hatton and Denise Hancock regarding format of request and Board review. P. Patterson stated she was told by D. Hancock that she must go through DSES to implement. P. Patterson will continue to follow up. E. McCleaf stated she will also follow-up with County Counsel.

9. New Business:

- a) **Guidelines for the DVCC silhouettes** - P. Patterson discussed the current condition of the silhouettes i.e: damage to one silhouette, marks, scratches, and chipped shields to most of the silhouettes. P. Patterson will design Guidelines for Council review.

- b) **Executive Committee Membership** - E. McCleaf reported that all current Executive Committee members agreed to continue in their current positions.

10. Old Business - None

11. Information Sharing/Discussion - E. McCleaf commented on success of conference and complimented the Conference Committee. C. Mounteer informed the Council that the Monterey County Weekly November 18, 2010 issue will kick off the campaign Monterey County Gives. Donations to 71 participating agencies can be made by check or directly on-line. S. Brunk and P. Patterson discussed the Domestic Violence special to be aired on November 17 on KSBW regarding a possible DV database and website designed to track DV offenders. L Bejarano informed the Council that the YWCA has been invited by Spanish speaking radio stations to provide domestic violence education to their listeners.

12. Correspondence - None

13. Next Meeting - January 26, 2011 at Lombardo & Gilles, 318 Cayuga Street

14. Adjournment - 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shandell Brunk for Nancy Hatton