

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 9/22/10

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: J. Adams, K. Adamson, L. Bejarano, S. Brunk, J. Garcia, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, E. McCleaf, C. Munteer, P. Patterson, R. Rodriguez, N. Shumpert, R. Soto, D. Smith, J. Teeter, M. Uppman

Excused Absences: D. Acosta, B. Shaw, R. Soto

Unexcused Absences: V. Barnes, B. Glick, L. Nichols,

Guest: Eladia Romero- DSES, Ana Garcia- DA's Office Victim Witness Unit, SR Lydia Schneider- Diocese of Monterey, Peter Nelson- Chinatown Renewal Project, Julia Foster- YWCA, Heidi Rojas- YWCA

DATE: September 22, 2010

TIME: 3:00pm

PLACE: Salinas Quadrangle Building, Room 110
1000 S. Main Street

3:30-4:00

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by P. Patterson at 3:02pm
- 2. Amendments to the Agenda:** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes for May 26, 2010.** Minutes approved. M/S/C Adams/McCleaf
- 4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None

5. Education & Information (20 minutes): Ana Garcia from the Victim/Witness Unit in the DA's office presented on victim silhouettes. She did some research and found many different ways that agencies are utilizing silhouettes. The purpose is for education and awareness. Some agencies include family violence and some really make the silhouette look like the victim at the time the murder occurred. Ana found silhouettes including one of a woman in a wheelchair, some of the shields are the shape of the state, in Oklahoma there is one of a baby carriage to represent a baby shaken to death during a dv incident. Since 2007, we have a total of five male murder victims in Monterey County. Pam Patterson shared the history of the silhouettes: they were originally created and maintained by the Junior League and then passed on to the DVCC. We started with 18 and now have 20. Rancho Cielo made new stands for us and they are willing to continue to do so in the future. Rancho Cielo only charges for the cost of the materials. We have no written guidelines for the creation and use of the silhouettes, so we would like to pursue that in our next meeting.

4:00-4:30

6. Working Group Reports:

a) Executive Committee

R. Soto

P. Patterson reported. We met by email and prepared agenda/minutes.

b) Annual Conference Committee

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported the committee just held a meeting. There are 115 registered so far. Our goal is 150 but we would love to see 200. We will not have help from Rancho Cielo because it is a school day. We talked about how important it is to donate a basket for the raffle because they are so well liked. We have confirmed with Homeboys.

c) Membership Committee

No report.

7. Reports:

a) Batterer Intervention Programs

J. Adams

J. Adams reported no meeting this month.

b) Victim Waiting Room

P. Patterson

P. Patterson reported no update at this time.

c) Victim Services

B. Glick

B. Glick not present.

d) Medical Services

S. Goldman

S. Goldman reported no meeting this month.

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: this topic was tabled until the next meeting. Adams/Mounteer
- 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; this item was tabled until the next meeting. Adams/Adamson

New Business: None

9. Old Business:

- a) Thank you letter given to Kathleen Adamson to pass on to Deborah Jacroux
- b) Thank you was mailed to Rancho Cielo for the work on our silhouettes and designing of the stands.

10. Information Sharing/Discussion: P. Patterson shared that this Friday from 7-8:30 PM is the annual candlelight vigil for the organization Parents of Murdered Children.

11. Correspondence: None.

12. Next Meeting: October 27, 2010, at the Quadrangle.

13. Adjournment: 4:25pm

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hatton