

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 2/23/11

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: J. Adams, L. Bejarano, S. Brunk, D. Engles, J. Garcia, N. Hatton, P. Patterson, P. Robles, R. Rodriguez, N. Shumpert, R. Soto, C. Summers, J. Teeter
Excused Absences: V. Barnes, C. Mounteer, S. Goldman
Unexcused Absences: D. Acosta, C. De Seguirant, B. Shaw, M. Uppman
Guest: Eladia Romero, DSES

Vacant: Business Community, BOS District 1 (Armenta)

DATE: February 23, 2011
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: DSES, Ste. 110
1000 S. Main St.
Salinas, CA 93901

3:00-3:30

1. **Call to Order & Introductions:** Meeting was called to order by R. Soto at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda:** P. Patterson requested to add Item 10.b) under Old Business to discuss the status of the silhouettes.
3. **Approval of Minutes for November 17, 2010:** Motion by J. Adams. Second by J. Teeter.
4. **Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None.
5. **Education & Information (20 minutes):** None. R. Soto requested that anyone with a suggestion for a subject or topic to please let the council know.

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** – R. Soto stated that it is time to start discussing the annual conference. She led the discussion by volunteering to chair the Annual Conference Committee. She opened the discussion by asking the questions, “Should we host a conference this year? Do we have enough financial support to fund a conference and do we have enough support within the council to complete all the necessary tasks?” There have been past discussions about hosting the conference every other year rather than annually. If we do decide to host a conference this year, we need to gather a committee now, with as many council members as possible. R. Soto then passed out a list of some of the tasks required for the conference. D. Engles expressed his hesitation to commit any of his staff to help with the conference because of their current staffing situation and expressed his opinion that many other agencies may be facing the same difficulties. J. Adams stated there are not many opportunities to get training on domestic violence and that for the Batterer Intervention Program providers it is a way to complete 8 of the 16 annual required hours. P.

Patterson informed the council that we have been notified by Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital that they will not be able to provide the \$1000-\$1,500 that they usually donate to our cause due to their own financial constraints. After discussion it was decided that the issue would be tabled for further discussion and that R. Soto would do some more research and perhaps send out information via email if necessary to make a decision in a timely manner.

N. Hatton suggested that a good topic to cover for the next conference would be training for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) and domestic violence.

c) **Membership Committee** – P. Patterson discussed the possibility of updating the bylaws to include other organizations and cautioned members that if we expand the overall membership's appointed seats it may be harder to get a quorum. We have difficulty now getting the necessary 11 voting members to conduct official business. At this point, she suggested we invite other organizations to the meeting and see if they are interested in attending and willing to make the commitment before we proceed.

7. **Reports:**

a) **Batterer Intervention Programs - J. Adams** - J. Adams reported that the providers met last Wednesday. The meeting was well attended and no concerns were shared. J. Adams shared the information about the changes to the release orders for inmates being released for the Monterey County Jail: that they will no longer be issued conditional release orders preventing them from having any contact with the victim until their first court appearance. Each order will now be initiated by law enforcement and ordered on a case by case basis from the on duty judge.

P. Patterson followed up on this topic with the council stating that DDA E. McCleaf sent out a letter to law enforcement agencies explaining how law enforcement can obtain an EPO for the victim. P. Patterson also stated that E. McCleaf stated at arraignment DDA's request a CPO in most cases. One concern could be that law enforcement is now asking the victim if they want a conditional release order imposed. Prior to the change, which took effect 2/1/11, anyone who bailed out had to promise to stay away from the victim. YWCA has seen a reduction in victims asking to receive counseling because there is a lag time now from the time the contact is prohibited. Before, the victim would get the EPO and then Monday morning would contact the advocates to get it terminated.

C. Summers, representing the Courts, shared with the group that although as previously discussed applications for Restraining Orders needed to be filed in the Monterey office, she informed everyone that if a victim comes in to the Salinas office and has no way of getting to the Monterey Office, they will accept it at the counter. They are also trying to streamline the packet so that victims only get the documents they need. D. Engles stated that his agency was not doing a lot of EPO's previously because they were counting on the conditional release orders but now they are doing the EPO's again. They will soon learn how they are doing with completing them correctly. P. Patterson asked if it would be a good idea for E. McCleaf to go to a Chief's meeting to go over a sample of how to complete the form. Chief Engles thought it was a good idea.

b) **Victim Waiting Room - P. Patterson** – No report presented but everyone who went on the tour to see the room last month commented that they liked it very much.

c) **Victim Services – T. Melville** – R. Soto stated that she called and left a message for the new director of SOP, Tom Melville, with his staff. At this point we will wait to hear back.

d) **Medical Services - S. Goldman** - S. Goldman not present. N. Hatton shared that she received a message from C. Mounter that she and S. Goldman were at the Salinas Police Department this date providing SART training.

e) **DV Ombudsman – D. Engles** –No issues were reported.

8. **Action Items:** None

9. **New Business:**

a) Determine whether there will be a DVCC hosted annual conference for 2011: This was discussed under the Annual Conference Committee Working Group.

b) Welcome to Petra Robles, the alternate for the Faith Community representing the Monterey Diocese. Petra was welcomed.

10. **Old Business**

a) Follow-up on AB2405: E. McCleaf not present.

b) Status of silhouettes: P. Patterson stated the silhouettes are currently at Rancho Cielo. The 20 year old case where the victim, her son, and her nephew were all murdered will be the first silhouettes we use that identify a child and a man. The students at the Ranch will be building the silhouettes.

11. **Information Sharing/Discussion –**

4/1/11: L. Bejarano shared that the YWCA will host a 42 hour DV advocacy training. The classes will start off with two 8 hour classes and after that will be Monday and Wednesday evenings at Martin Luther King Jr. School in Seaside. She will provide more information as it becomes available.

4/11/11: YWCA Open House at their new Salinas location 4-6pm. Please come and join us!

4/15/11: Monterey County District Attorney's Victims of Crime Unit & Community Restorative Justice Commission 12th Annual Victim's Dedication Ceremony. 12-1pm at the Salinas Courthouse.

12. **Correspondence** – Appointment letter received for Chenoa Summers to represent the Monterey County Superior Court.

13. **Next Meeting** – March 23, 2011 at Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Salinas

14. **Adjournment** - 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hatton