

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 5/25/11

Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: J. Adams, V. Barnes, J. Garcia, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, E. McCleaf, C. Mounteer, P. Patterson, P. Robles, R. Rodriguez, L. Schneider, B. Shaw, R. Soto, C. Summers, J. Teeter, K. Thoeni
Excused Absences: S. Brunk, D. Engles
Unexcused Absences: D. Acosta, K. Adamson, C. De Seguirant, N. Shumpert, M. Uppman
Guest: Julia Foster

Vacant: Business Community, BOS District 1 (Armenta)

DATE: May 25, 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 3:09 p.m.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes for April 27, 2011:** Motion by J. Adams, second by E. McCleaf to approve as amended: Katherine Turney representing SOP name was corrected to Thoeni.
4. **Public Comments and Oral Communications:** No comment.
5. **Education & Information (20 minutes):** None.

3:30-4:30

6. Working Group Reports:

a) **Executive Committee - R. Soto** - Executive Committee met and created the minutes and agenda.

b) **Annual Conference Committee** – This year’s focus will be on promoting community awareness of domestic violence, since we will not be hosting an educational conference. Many suggestions were made for activities: P. Patterson suggested we display the silhouettes at the Government Center. S. Goldman reminded us about the Clairol “Cut it Out” campaign, which provides domestic violence training and information to local hair stylists. S. Goldman also suggested we each take a silhouette to our individual work places. K. Thoeni suggested we send a letter to local radio stations for a PSA. R. Soto stated that the Women’s Health Study annual report has been released and perhaps we should support the Women’s Summit. She stated we could host a women’s summit at Hartnell and focus on issues like empowerment. C. Mounteer stated the annual report will be reported on in the next issue of Monterey County Weekly. Since the next regular DVCC meeting will not be until August, there will be a planning meeting to decide what to do for the month of October (DV Awareness month) on June 22, 2011. Location will be confirmed by email and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

c) **Membership Committee** – P. Patterson reported that she has not met with R. Rodriguez but Lynn Dittrich has been invited to attend the next meeting.

7. Reports:

a) **Batterer Intervention Programs - J. Adams** - J. Adams reported. The group did not meet this month but several did meet at the recent Embracing Wellness conference.

b) **Victim Waiting Room - P. Patterson** – The room is working out well and is being used all the time. E. McCleaf reported she is using the room every week. V. Barnes congratulated everyone who has seen the project through to success.

c) **Victim Services – T. Melville** – Katherine Thoeni introduced herself and stated she would be filling in for T. Melville. She will have a report in August.

d) **Medical Services - S. Goldman** – A presentation has been scheduled for each hospital in the county except Mee Memorial but she will also be going there. The presentation is to train staff on the changes in county policy that took effect due to the 2005 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

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

8. Action Items: None

9. New Business:

a) Discuss adding “Victim’s Handbook” to the DVCC website: P. Patterson reported that the handbook has already been added to the website. She stated it is the handbook created by the Attorney General’s Office in 1998 and updated in 2003. She also updated the contact information . She posted it on the DVCC website because she gets calls sometimes asking for the handbook. J. Adams requested that P. Patterson share the handbook with Susan McNeely for SAM’s Guide.

10. Old Business

a) Follow-up on AB2405: E. McCleaf does not have any information to report but requested the item remain on the agenda.

b) Status of silhouettes: P. Patterson stated she has a picture of the silhouettes that she recently took and she could post that on the website.

11. Information Sharing/Discussion

a) J. Adams shared that Michelle O’Brien will be providing a training in July (no date set) for Anger Replacement Therapy (ART). This training could be beneficial, as there have been past discussions with the council about working on the issue of teens and violence. J. Adams also reported that enrollment is currently down for his batterer intervention program.

b) The group discussed AB 109 and the possible ramifications it will have on the local community and justice system. After more information is available and more is understood about the bill, a follow up discussion and perhaps a brief presentation will be provided to the council.

12. Correspondence: None

13. Next Meeting: August 24, 2011 at Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Salinas

14. Adjournment: 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hatton