

# Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 8/24/11

<b>Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present:</b> J. Adams, V. Barnes, L. Bejarano, D. Engles, J. Garcia, N. Hatton, P. Patterson, P. Robles, R. Soto, J. Teeter, K. Thoeni
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<b>Excused Absences:</b> S. Brunk, C. Mounteer, K. Adamson
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<b>Unexcused Absences:</b> D. Acosta, C. De Seguirant, N. Shumpert, M. Uppman
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<b>Guest:</b> Kathy Foxworthy, Probation; Kelli Morgantini, Legal Services for Seniors
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## Vacant: Business Community, BOS District 1 (Armenta)

**DATE:** August 24, 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 3:11 p.m.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes for May 25, 2011:** Motion by J. Adams, second by K. Thoeni to approve as amended: Elizabeth Tyler was the provider to the training in July, not Michelle O'Brien, as reported in: 11. Information Sharing/Discussion.
4. **Public Comments and Oral Communications:** No comment.
5. **Education & Information (20 minutes):** Kelli Morgantini of Legal Services for Seniors presented to the group. They have instituted elder abuse restraining orders. The orders are available online, and like domestic violence restraining orders, they also have no fee. Restraining orders for seniors may be issued based on a 'sense of fear' as oppose to typically required evidence to show an imminent threat. Seniors eligible to access services is 60 years old. Their office is located next to Collier Feed and Supply in Salinas, but they also provide services at the county libraries in Monterey, King City, Greenfield, Soledad and Gonzales. They will make arrangements to meet with the client anytime. They would like to get the information out to everyone about this service.

### 3:30-4:30

#### 6. Working Group Reports:

a) **Executive Committee - R. Soto** - Executive Committee met and created the minutes and agenda. J. Teeter provided the second quarter finance report.

b) **Annual Conference Committee** – There will be no conference this year. A group of members met to address what we will be doing for DV Awareness month, which is reported in New Business.

c) **Membership Committee** – No update.

#### 7. Reports:

a) **Batterer Intervention Programs - J. Adams** - J. Adams reported. The group met on Wednesday. Only two providers were present at the meeting, along with probation staff. Both programs reported a decline in new enrollment. J. Adams also shared that he pulled 20 cases of clients to review their fee and all but two of them were at the bottom of the scale.

b) **Victim Waiting Room - P. Patterson** – P. Patterson reported they have purchased some games for adults to help pass the time when they are waiting in the room for long periods of time.

c) **Victim Services – K. Thoeni** – Katherine Thoeni reported that she needs more direction from the council on what her responsibility is in reporting for DVRT. R. Soto helped by giving a brief history of DVRT; it was first under the Women’s Crisis Center and then taken over by Shelter Outreach Plus. The trained advocates would go out in the field and provide crisis support after a victim was identified by the Sheriff’s Office. Michelle O’Brien from DSES collected information and provided support for the program as her master’s thesis. She would be an excellent resource to contact for historical information.

d) **Medical Services - S. Goldman** – No report.

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

**8. Action Items:** None

**9. New Business:**

a) All ideas for DV Awareness month were presented to the group. They were 1) Display silhouettes at the Government Center; 2) Display silhouettes by rotating them for small periods of time at member’s worksites; 3) Do a press release for the first male victim silhouette that has recently been created; 4) Place DV awareness posters on the MST busses; 5) Do press releases for local radio stations; 6) Display silhouettes at Congreso Carismatico- the first weekend in October- through the Monterey Diocese; 6) Rose Colon and Rosemary Soto will be displaying silhouettes during events for Bi-National Health Week (kick-off is 10-7-11) and; 7) Decorate and display a window at the quadrangle.

b) Further discussion on the DVCC member seats that are held by identified alternates who have not attended a meeting in several months. It was decided that the executive committee would send letters to the members with unrepresented/unattended seats outlining the bylaws of the DVCC.

**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 reported a glitch in posting a picture on the website and she is seeking help from IT.

**11. Information Sharing/Discussion**

**12. Correspondence:** None

**13. Next Meeting:** September 28, 2011 at Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Salinas

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

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hatton