

**Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County**

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DSES, Ste 110  
1000 S. Main St.  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Meeting Minutes 4/25/12**

**Members/Alternates Present:** J. Adams, K. Adamson, K. Foxworthy, S. Goldman, G. Jiminez, E. Lawson, K. Morgantini, C. Mounter, P. Patterson, P. Robles, J. Empasis, E. Romero, R. Soto, J. Teeter, H. Molitor

**Excused Absences:** Dr. V. Barnes

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S. Goldman at 3:05 pm.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda:** None
3. **Minutes of 2/22/12 approved.** Motion by J. Adams/J. Teeter.  
**Minutes of 3/28/12 approved.** Motion by K. Adamson/J. Teeter
4. **Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None
5. **Education & Information:** K. Adamson presented information about the YWCA's services and about the impact of abuse on children.  
Among the highlights:
  - Children growing up in homes with DV often are abused or become abusive
  - $\frac{3}{4}$  of children in homes where DV occurs witness it and  $\frac{1}{2}$  are hit or beaten
  - 50% more likely to use drugs/alcohol
  - Kids over age 5 identify with the batterer
  - Kids as young as 2 emulate violent behavior
  - DV affects brains and nervous systems of children and ages them more quickly
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  of girls whose moms are battered become abused women in later life
  - Typical effects on children include anxiety, gastrointestinal problems, bed wetting, regressive behavior
  - Older boys become aggressive and violent, perform poorly in school and suffer from PTSD
  - Older girls have poor self esteem, eating disorders, and suffer from PTSD
  - Emotional effects include confusion, betrayal, rage and helplessness
  - Cognitively they learn that anger = violence and care = abuse, they tend to mistrust others and learn to become rigid in their relationships and with their roles
  - Behaviors include being easily startled, tired, bullied or bullying often starting with animals

- Long term effects include depression and other mental health issues
- Betrayal Trauma: they question their belief systems, feel unsafe, have conflicting loyalties, learn to deflect blame to others
- One theory is that 77% of child abuse cases co-exist with DV
- How we can help: spend time with kids, let them tell their story and let them know you care.

**6. Working Group Reports:**

- Executive Committee: Approved minutes and agenda
- Conference Committee: The Action Council has agreed to be the fiscal agent. The Monterey County Chiefs' Association and local hospitals will be asked to sponsor financially. E. Lawson distributed a wristband with a USB drive which could be used as an admission pass and can be pre-loaded with presentation materials, resources and other information.
- Membership Committee: Did not meet
- AB2405 Committee: Did not meet
- Batterer Intervention Programs Providers: J. Adams reported that the renewal process for DV Certified Providers is in progress. Facilitators are required to have 16 hours/year in DV training. The YWCA has included facilitators in part of their mandatory 40 hour advocate training. CAPC has re-ordered DVDs of "First Impressions" which will be available for wide distribution throughout the county.
- Victim Services: Did not meet
- Medical Services: S. Goldman reported that a new committee chairperson has agreed to serve: Kristin Bakhda who is one of the SART Team Examiners
- DV Ombudsman: No report.

**7. Action Items:**

- Approval of Julia Foster as secretary for the DVCC. Motion by J. Adams/J. Teeter. S. Goldman noted that Shandell Brunk has resigned. She welcomed new members Jennifer Empasis and Heather Molitor. Appreciation was expressed for Sister Lydia Schneider who recently passed away.
- S. Goldman noted that there are a number of members who have many unexcused absences. Their appointing authority will be notified and asked for replacements.

**8. Old Business:** The Linda Chamberlain workshop on adolescent brain development is scheduled for May 22 at Hartnell College with registration open through May 7. Seats are filling fast.

**9. Information Sharing/Discussion:** P. Patterson reported on the Victims' Recognition Ceremony indicating that it went well. The wards at DJJ had created pinwheels with "In Memory Of..." which were planted outside in the courtyard. The speaker was inspirational and the therapy workshop following was well attended.

It was shared that May is Older American's Month. The Alliance on Aging is arranging buses so that seniors can attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 8 when a resolution is to be passed.

It was shared that a special team is being developed to combat elder abuse. The goal is to fast track cases going to court and provide training for law enforcement.

R. Soto that May is also Mental Health Awareness Month and that Family Fun Day is scheduled for May 20 and encouraged attendance.

**10. Correspondence:** None

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm

**Next Meeting:** May 23rd, 2012

Minutes respectfully submitted by Clare Munteer