

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County
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DSES, Ste 110
1000 S. Main St.
Salinas, CA 93901

Meeting Minutes 8/22/12

Members/Alternates Present: R. Soto, E. Lawson, J. Teeter, J. Adams, S. Goldman, P. Robles, J. Foster, E. Romero, M. Martinez, K. Adamson, K. Morgantini, K. Bakhda

Excused absences: C. Mounteer

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S. Goldman at 3:35pm. The guest speaker, Orlando de la Cruz from CCHAS (Central Coast HIV AIDS Services) was introduced.
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** Kristin Bakhda is now the chair for the medical services and old business was removed. SOP needs to be contacted to send a new representative.
3. **Public comments and oral communications:** none
4. **Education and information:** O. de la Cruz presented information about CCHAS, the Central Coast HIV Aids Service. Some of the highlights:
 - CCHAS offers services in English and Spanish to people affected by HIV/Aids. Their services include a housing program, benefits coordination, HIV and Hep C testing at no cost, client-centered case management which assists with job search and resume building, education and prevention efforts, and end of life and emotional services for surviving family members
 - Clients have to be low to no income in order to qualify for services. Some exceptions exist, especially for the AIDS drug assistance program
 - The services are especially targeted at the high risk population, including drug users and sex workers.
 - CCHAS has two offices, one in Salinas and one in Seaside. They cover the entire County and coast, as well as San Benito County. CCHAS works closely with Community Human Services through the CATS program. In addition to their offices, they offer HIV and Hep C testing in several residential treatment centers throughout the county.
 - Website: www.cchas.org
 - For any comments or questions, please email Orlando de la Cruz at orlando@cchas.org

Working Group Reports

- a) **Executive Committee:** Met and formulated ideas for speakers at upcoming DVCC meetings. The September speaker will be Dr. Pushpa Iyer from the Monterey Institute of International Studies where she teaches a seminar on women and war among other classes.
- b) **Conference Committee:** Made reservations for the speakers at the Holiday Inn, Marina. S. Goldman made two appointments to speak with potential keynote speakers. We are looking for a survivor of dv as a teen and someone from the LGBTQ community. We are currently looking for an individual who can talk about their experience as a survivor of domestic violence as a teen. ***If anyone knows of someone who would be willing to speak about their teen experience with domestic violence, please let the conference committee know so that we can contact them.***

Conference registration is starting soon. The electronic invite to the County will go out shortly. All members of the DVCC are asked to forward the information to their professional contacts. People can pay by credit card, mail in a check, or pay over the phone.

There will be a preconference reception, the location is TBD. We will need volunteers for the day of the conference for registration, to drive the speakers, and to manage the silhouettes. There will be a sign up sheet at the September DVCC meeting for people to sign up.

Not everyone who was contacted to provide a table at the conference has confirmed their attendance yet. The agencies that have confirmed are: CCHAS, David Maredei, Natividad Medical Clinic, YWCA, Rape Crisis Center, Sheriff's Office in Castroville, CSUMB's LGBTQ clubs. J. Adams confirmed that they would have a table as well.

J. Adams suggested inviting a parent group to the conference, such as the Association of Foster Parents of Monterey County since these children have been subject to or witness of abuse.

S. Goldman reported that conference speaker Dr. Murray was also going to include bullying and the LGBTQ community in her presentation.

J. Foster asked that every DVCC member organization donate a basket for the conference that will be raffled off. Baskets may either be brought to the September meeting or directly to the conference on October 12th. There will be volunteers to assist with the preparation of the raffle. All proceeds will go to the YWCA.

J. Teeter presented the budget for the DVCC conference. We did receive a donation from Taylor Farms and Carmel PD. Once the registrations start coming in, he was optimistic that we would be able to meet the budget for the conference.

The registration form is currently finalized by R. Soto. Once it is ready, it will be sent out to the County and put on the website. Registration can be done directly through action council.

Membership Committee: Did not meet

- c) **AB2405 Committee:** R. Soto contacted the County Revenue Department but has not been able to receive any answers. AB2405 stipulates that the money received from perpetrators paying their fees is supposed to benefit community organizations but it is unclear who currently benefits from this funding stream.
- d) **Batterer Intervention Program Providers:** J. Adams left and we did not get his report.
- e) **Victim Services:** Did not meet.
- f) **Medical Services:** New chair is Kristin Bakhda. The committee is coordinating with Laurel Street Medical Clinic to get a presentation set up for the month of September at the DVCC
- g) **DV Ombudsman:** no report.

Action items: None

New business: none

Old business: none

Correspondence: The council received a donation for the upcoming conference from Carmel PD. J. Teeter spoke to the President of the benefit organization and we might receive another donation from them.

Information Sharing/Discussion:

There is a new LGBTQ group in the county. We currently don't have very much information but they have ties to a national organization.

J. Foster distributed flyers for YWCA's anger management classes. These classes are geared towards individuals who are court-mandated to take 52 or 26 weeks of anger management.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 9/25/12 AT 3:30PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julia Foster