

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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Summary of Meeting 1/25/12

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| Members/Alternates and Working Group Chairs Present: J. Adams, K. Adamson, E. Lawson, J. Garcia, S. Goldman, N. Hatton, G. Jimenez, C. Munteer, P. Patterson, R. Rodriguez, N. Shumpert, R. Soto, J. Teeter, K. Thoeni |
| Excused Absences: P. Robles, B. Shaw |
| Unexcused Absences: D. Acosta, V. Barnes, S. Brunk, M. Uppman |
| Guest: Kathy Foxworthy, Probation; Julia Foster, YWCA |

Vacant: Business Community, BOS District 1 (Armenta), Court

DATE: January 25, 2012
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: DSES, Ste. 209
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 3:02 p.m.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda:** None.
3. **Approval of Minutes for October 26, 2011 and November 16, 2011:** Motion by K. Thoeni, second by K. Adamson.
4. **Public Comments and Oral Communications:** None.
5. **Education & Information (20 minutes):** None. It was discussed and agreed that a good education segment for each meeting would be to have a representative from each local agency explain what their organization does.

3:30-4:30

6. Working Group Reports:

- a) **Executive Committee – R. Soto** - Executive Committee met and created the minutes and agenda, and discussed the new slate for officer positions for 2012.
- b) **Annual Conference Committee** – S. Goldman would like to pursue using space on the CSUMB campus for this year's conference. Chief Lawson shared that the new students at CSUMB get a bracelet with all the documents on a thumb drive for student orientation that may be a good idea for the conference. The cost of the bracelets is about \$5. Anyone interested in volunteering can send an email. This group is still taking volunteers.
- c) **Membership Committee** – No meeting. P. Patterson and R. Rodriguez are committed to working on this issue.

7. Reports:

- a) **Batterer Intervention Programs** – J. Adams reported there was a December meeting at the probation office. K. Foxworthy and J. Adams both reported a low attendance and that the minutes from the previous meeting never went out to all parties, which may have contributed to the low attendance.

b) **Victim Waiting Room - P. Patterson** – No report. This item will be removed from the agenda as a regular agenda item. Once the new courthouse building in south county is underway, this item will be placed back on the agenda to follow up with any victim related issues.

c) **Victim Services – K. Thoeni** – Thoeni reported she has not received any forwarded emails to her from the group regarding the material she lost when her computer crashed. Her email address is kjt300@gmail.com. P. Patterson stated she will forward anything she has.

d) **Medical Services - S. Goldman** – S. Goldman asked a family practice resident, Dr. Wall, to come to one of our meetings and share with the group about her dissertation on domestic violence.

e) **DV Ombudsman – E. Lawson** –No reported problems.

8. Action Items: None

9. New Business:

a) Discuss the necessary steps for the implementation of PC 1463.27 (Assembly Bill 2405): R. Rodriguez, R. Soto, K. Thoeni, and K. Adamson all volunteered to work on this issue. The group also discussed their concerns about the ability of defendants to pay the fees and fines already in place and the struggle to keep attendance in the batterer program when they can't pay for the program.

b) Executive Committee slate for 2012: Chair- Sheree Goldman, Vice Chair- Julia Foster, Secretary- this role will be a rotating seat each quarter with Katherine Thoeni filling the first quarter, Treasurer- Jerry Teeter, and past chair will be Rosemary Soto. **Thank you to everyone who volunteered. The council could not continue without your help.**

c) Genie Martinez was welcomed to the group representing the Commission on the Status of Women. Genie previously worked with the city attorney's office in Santa Monica and is now living in Monterey and working for Alliance on Aging. Rosie Martinez was also welcomed to the group. She will be serving as the alternate for District 4.

10. Old Business:

a) Status of silhouettes-P. Patterson reported the silhouettes were used in September for *Parents of murdered children* candlelight vigil. R. Soto suggested that we try and place some of the silhouettes in a permanent location where we can change the background, but the silhouettes will always be in public view. P. Patterson stated she no longer stores them, but keeps them in her office. During recent "lifer" hearings, she discovered the need for five more silhouettes to be created. We currently have 11 displaying 22 victims.

11. Information Sharing/Discussion: C. Mounter shared fliers to the upcoming 10k or 5k run/walk on February 12. Benefits go to help support the MCRCC. P. Patterson shared this year's Victim's Ceremony will be in the BOS chambers on April 20, 2012. K. Thoeni reported she has three vacancies in their Homeward Bound program. It is for a female headed family. They are also arranging a free tax clinic. Julia Garcia reported that referrals are down in DSES in dv caseloads. Julia is funded through Calworks but she will work with a dv victim regardless if they are eligible for services. She can be a liaison to get them into the social services system and get them on the list for housing vouchers.

12. Correspondence: None

13. Next Meeting: February 22, 2012 at Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Salinas, Suite 209

14. Adjournment: 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hatton