

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

Meeting Minutes 5/23/12

Members/Alternates Present: R. Soto, P. Patterson, E. Lawson, J. Teeter, J. Adams, S. Goldman, P. Robles, K. Foxworthy, J. Foster, E. Romero, H. Molitor, K. Adamson, V. Barnes, J. Empasis, K. Morgantini, K. Bakhda

Excused absences: L. Bejarano, C. Mounteer,

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S. Goldman at 3:10pm. The guest speaker, Georgina Mendoza from CASP (Community Alliance for Safety and Peace/Community Safety Director for the City of Salinas) was introduced.
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** None
3. **Minutes of 4/25/12 approved:** Motion by J. Adams and K. Adamson, second S. Goldman
4. **Public comments and oral communications:** An email from L. Bejarano from YWCA Monterey County was received stating that she will no longer be serving on the council. The new alternate is Julia Foster.
All working groups are requested to meet before the August meeting.
5. **Education and information:** G. Mendoza presented information about CASP, the Community Alliance for Safety and Peace. Some of the highlights:
 - CASP was created in 2009 from the prevention subcommittee and the Partnership for Peace in response to the record number of homicides in Salinas (29, all of which were gang-related)
 - o Victims tend to typically be Latino males between 17 and 21 years of age but in some instances, the victims were as young as 10 years old. These homicides have an impact on the entire community, including victims, their families and the shooters.
 - The focus of CASP is on safety and peace and to create a safer, healthier and more peaceful community
 - Community involvement is one of the key components and ensures that any new policies and programs are accepted by the community
 - In 2010 a new subcommittee was created to prepare a strategic plan that was based on the input and suggestions of the local community

- CASP uses a four-pronged approach consisting of prevention, intervention, enforcement and reentry based on similar and very successful work that is being done in San Jose
- Salinas is part of California Cities Gang Prevention Network consisting of 13 cities and the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention which consists of six cities nationwide.
- CASP encourages collaboration among law enforcement, social service providers, the faith community and other related services. Thanks to the joint efforts such as Operation Ceasefire and Operation Knockout, violence and shootings have gone down by over 60% since 2009.
- The pilot site for CASP's work is the Hebron area which has a mix of business and residential buildings and is inhabited by gang members of both prevalent gangs
- CASP is aspiring to be a regional organization that stretches throughout Monterey County but work was started in Salinas due to high rate of crime and violence.
- website: www.future-futuro.org
- For any comments or questions, please email G. Mendoza at georgina@ci.salinas.ca.us

Working Group Reports

- a) **Executive Committee:** Met and formulated the agenda
- b) **Conference Committee:** Did not meet. Conference treasurer J. Teeter reported that a donation from Taylor Farms in the amount of \$1500 was received.
- c) **Membership Committee:** Did not meet
- d) **AB2405 Committee:** Did not meet
- e) **Batterer Intervention Program Providers:** Scheduled to meet 7.18.12
- f) **Victim Services:** Did not meet. Reevaluate the committee and get representatives from victim service agencies
- g) **Medical Services:** New chair is Kristin Bakhda. She will do a presentation in the future
- h) **DV Ombudsman:** no report. P. Patterson added that she did a presentation to the shelter staff who wanted to know whether clients had issues with police officers. If there are issues between shelter residents and the police, she will facilitate communication.

Action items: None

New business:

- a. K. Morgantini requested to bring Legal Services for Seniors' second attorney, Diana Leone, to a DVCC meeting.
- b. V. Barnes requested to change the meeting time from 3pm to 3:30pm. Motion by V. Barnes/K. Adamson.

Old business:

- a. All council members who have missed 3 meetings will be removed from the council and their agencies will be contacted to send a new representative.
- b. J. Adams noted that the program by Linda Chamberlain about the teenage brain was very informative.

Correspondence: no notice

Information Sharing/Discussion:

K. Adamson wanted to know what other agencies are doing to encourage their staff to vote in the elections.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 8/22/12 AT 3:30PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julia Foster