

Meeting Minutes February 27, 2013
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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DSES, Ste. 302
1000 S. Main St.
Salinas, CA 93901

Members/Alternates present: V. Barnes, J. Empasis, J.Butz, S. Goldman, G. Jimenez, Y. Vasquez, P. Patterson, P. Robles, R. Soto, J. Teeter, S.Lynch, J.Foster, P.Iyer, D.Acosta, E.Romero, M.Martinez

Excused absences: E.Lawson, C. Mounteer, J.Empasis

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S. Goldman at 3:37pm.
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes of November 2012 and January 2013:** The minutes from November were unanimously approved with the addition of the November 28, 2012 date being added to the minutes (J.Teeter, V.Barnes.). The January minutes were unanimously approved (P.Patterson, J.Teeter).
4. **Public Comments and oral communications:** J.Foster from the YWCA reported on a new grant that they are applying for in conjunction with the City of Salinas to inform victims the process of court protective orders and civil restraining orders, including the enforcement of them. Since most of the key partners for the project are represented at the DVCC, and the purpose of the grant proposal is very closely linked to the purpose and mission of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (to improve coordination between agencies and improve response to domestic violence and abuse), she is requesting that council members consider whether time at the monthly meetings may be used for communication about grant related activities. Due to the council wanting more information, J.Foster will send a letter with more information so that the council can consider her request.
5. **Education and information:** Sheliah Lynch, representing the Catholic Diocese, presented information on how they are addressing domestic violence/abuse within the congregations at churches. They have formed groups of support for all victims of crime, including domestic violence. She distributed flyers and pamphlets explaining the church's views on violence within the family and the alternatives. She explained they are shifting their focus from offender driven. The Diocese is committed to community healing and finding out what people want from their churches. They have also included a section on teen dating violence during the confirmation classes.

1. Working Group Reports

- a. **Executive Committee:** met

- b. **Conference Committee:**
 - c. **Membership Committee**
 - d. **AB2405 Committee:**
 - e. **Batterer Intervention Program Providers:** There is no one currently, but Jennifer Butz will inquire at the next Batterer Intervention Provider meeting in April.
 - f. **Victim Services:**
 - g. **Medical Services:**
 - h. **DV Ombudsman:** no report
2. **Action items:**
- a. The goal for 2013 “To become more visible in the community” was approved (V.Barnes, P.Patterson).
 - b. Jennifer Butz will serve as Secretary for DVCC .
3. **New Business**
- a. In order to achieve our goal for 2013, the DVCC will:
 - Form a liaison with CASP and other pertinent boards (R.Soto, P.Iyer)
 - Interact with schools, by finding a representative to serve on DVCC
 - Development of a virtual family justice center on the existing DVCC website, a committee will be formed (S.Goldman, P.Iyer, J.Foster, P.Patterson)
 - Produce and promote PSA and/or bus ads to include promoting Ombudsman, which will need support from Chiefs of Police
 - Presence at fairs, National Night Out, Board of Education Resource Fair (provide brochures)
 - Development of a DVCC Facebook Page (R.Soto)
4. **Old Business:**
- a. **Cut it Out:** Presentation coming soon.
 - b. **Report on membership survey from November 2012:** tabled
5. **Information Sharing/Discussion**
- a. **Silhouettes:** P.Patterson explained that she found six more people to be included and needs up to \$1000.00 to purchase carrying bags and shields (V.Barnes, G.Jimenez).
 - b. **Onebillionrising:** tabled
6. **Correspondence:** Tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 27, 2013 AT 3:30 P.M. IN SUITE 302.