

Meeting Minutes January 23, 2013
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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

Members/Alternates present: V. Barnes, J. Empasis, K. Foxworthy, S. Goldman, G. Jiminez, E. Lawson, Y. Vasquez, P. Patterson, P. Robles, R. Soto, J. Teeter, K. Bakhda, J. Butz

Excused absences: S. Lynch

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S. Goldman at 3:40pm.
2. The history of the Council, as well as its purpose, was related by Pamela Patterson. The council was formed in 1998 after the OJ Simpson incident. Monterey County wanted to coordinate services and delivery to the community. Originally department heads sat at the table, and now the meeting is attended by alternates. In addition, there have been changes in departments such as the termination of the Womens' Crisis Center and the advent of the Sexual Assault Response Team program. Pamela suggested that the BOS Resolution should be reviewed and amended in order to accurately represent current agencies that are represented on the council.
3. The diminishing attendance was discussed by the group. Although the incidence and importance of domestic violence is still very important, gang violence, murder, and gun violence (all which may overlap with domestic violence) may have superseded the topic of domestic violence and the attention and energy of the Council members may have been diverted somewhat. In addition, there is no longer a courtroom that is dedicated solely to domestic violence. The group was asked to consider if the Council might be more productive if the meetings were less frequent, and perhaps scheduled quarterly instead of monthly.
4. The goal for 2013 was discussed. Many ideas were generated during this discussion regarding changing the focus of the DVCC in order to become more visible (and helpful) to the community. Ideas that surfaced included:
 - Forming a liaison with CASP and other pertinent boards
 - Interact with schools
 - Development of a virtual family justice center on the existing DVCC website
 - Produce and promote PSA and/or bus ads
 - Presence at fairs, National Night Out, Board of Education Resource Fair (provide brochures)
 - Development of a DVCC Facebook Page

5. **Amendments to the agenda:** Tabled until the next meeting (no quorum)
6. **Minutes of November 2012 approved:** Tabled until the next meeting (no quorum)
7. **Public Comments and oral communications:** The Court has appointed a representative and an alternate to attend DVCC meetings as impartial, non-member, observers who can provide information to the council.
8. **Education and Information:**
Commander Jerry Teeter, from Monterey County Sheriff's Office, gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation that describes how law enforcement addresses domestic violence calls. This PowerPoint includes various laws and procedures.
9. **Working Group Reports** were tabled until the next meeting.
 - a. **Executive Committee:**
 - b. **Conference Committee:**
 - c. **Membership Committee**
 - d. **AB2405 Committee:**
 - e. **Batterer Intervention Program Providers:**
 - f. **Victim Services:**
 - g. **Medical Services:**
 - h. **DV Ombudsman:**
10. **Action items:** Tabled until the next meeting
11. **Old Business:** Tabled until the next meeting
12. **New Business:** Tabled until the next meeting
13. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27TH, 2013 AT 3:30 P.M. IN SUITE 302.
PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHED NEW MEETING SCHEDULE; THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF SUITE.**