

Meeting Minutes July 24, 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: J.Butz, S. Goldman, P. Patterson, C. Mounteer, J.Teeter, V.Barnes, E. Romero, and G.Jimenez

Excused absences: M.Martinez, R. Soto, J. Empasis, A.Mohamad

Others: Katelyn Bryant, Amelia Alexander, Carlos Martin, Yadira Cadena

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by S. Goldman at 3:30PM.

1. **Amendments to the agenda:** None.
2. **Approval of Minutes of June 2013:** Due to no quorum the minutes from June were not approved.
3. **Public Comments and oral communications:** C.Mounteer reported that the Rape Crisis Center is in need of volunteers to staff their 24 hour crisis line.
4. **Education and information:** Katelyn Bryant, MSW and Amelia Alexander from Women Alive! explained their shelter is a wet shelter and they take women over the age of 18 and try to never turn anyone away. They operate out of Dorothy's Kitchen. Doors open at 7PM and close at 8PM. The women are served dinner, given a place to sleep, shower and clean clothes. No children or animals are allowed in the shelter. Their main goal is to give homeless women a safe place to sleep, but they also provide counseling services and try to connect them with resources if they are willing to accept the help. Woman Alive! is working to find a place of their own, close to, but not on Soledad Street. They are always in need of donations of food and clothes, blankets and personal hygiene items.

1. Working Group Reports

- a. **Executive Committee:** The Committee would like for the Victim Services working group to take on the task of determining a complaint process for domestic violence victims and how to better utilize the services of the chief of police's representative.
- b. **Membership Committee:** No report.
- c. **Batterer Intervention:** Ingrid Tyson from Holistic Health Services was present and explained that in addition to providing parenting classes, she also is available to provide anger management and other various types of training for groups or individuals.
- d. **Victim Services:** The group will be taking over the determination of the complaint process and how to better utilize the Monterey County Chief's Association representative.
- e. **Medical Services:** No report.

- f. **DV Ombudsman:** No report.
 - g. **Conference:** J.Butz, J Empasis, J. Teeter and P.Patterson comprise the conference committee and will begin meeting soon to plan the 2014 conference.
 - h. **Virtual Family Justice:** S.Goldman, P.Patterson and J.Butz met to discuss how to expand the services offered on the website. The idea is to film the different places and processes that victims might encounter, so that they can be familiar with them, hopefully taking away some of the unknown.
 - i. **Education:** G.Jimenez reported that she will be attending several outreach events soon and would like some brochures to hand out. P.Patterson will print them for her. She also stated that having something more substantial to hand out, such as a small backpack would be useful and enticing.
2. **Action items:** The Executive Committee would like for the Victim Services working group to take on the task of determining a complaint process and how to better utilize the services of the chief of police's representative.
3. **New Business**
 - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and in recognition of that P.Patterson proposed that we have a showing of "Rape in the Fields" and also have *LIDERES CAMPESINAS* come and speak. She has reserved the Board of Supervisors Chambers on October 23, 2013, in lieu of the regular DVCC meeting.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Cut it Out:** No report
 - b. **Fill vacancies:** No report
 - c. **CASP Report:** tabled
5. **Information Sharing/Discussion:** None.
 6. **Correspondence:** None
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2013 AT 3:30 P.M. IN SUITE 302.

FUTURE SPEAKERS/EDUCATION

- *EMDR/TRAUMA THERAPIST **
- *LIDERES CAMPESINAS*
- *JOHN ADAMS*

**tentative*