

Meeting Minutes March 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, P. Patterson, J. Teeter, E. Romero, M. Martinez, C. Mounter, L. Bejarano

Excused absences: E. Lawson, R. Soto

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 February 2013:** The minutes from February were unanimously approved (J. Teeter, P. Patterson).
4. **Public Comments and oral communications:** Sofie Grant who read about the meeting in the newspaper came to address the council on issues of domestic violence from both a victim's perspective and a perpetrator.
5. **Education and information:** Maria Martinez from the Department of Social Services explained that she and E. Romero are the two workers assigned to domestic violence unit. Most of their referrals come from eligibility workers. The cases are split between them by region.

1. Working Group Reports

- a. **Executive Committee:** S. Goldman wrote a letter of support of the grant to the YWCA and the City of Salinas.
- b. **Membership Committee:** S. Goldman sent letters to the districts asking for appointments for the council.
- c. **AB2405 Committee:** no report
- d. **Batterer Intervention Program Providers:** There is no one currently, but Jennifer Butz will inquire at the next Batterer Intervention Provider meeting in April.
- e. **Victim Services:** no report
- f. **Medical Services:** no report
- g. **DV Ombudsman:** no report

2. Action items:

- a. P. Patterson requests that \$100.00 be allocated to purchase water for the victim waiting room at the courthouse. Unanimously approved (V. Barnes, C. Mounter).

3. New Business

- a. **Fill vacancies:** S. Goldman sent letters to the district supervisors asking for appointments for the council.

- b. **Educational conference:** S.Goldman reported that the new conference will be held in October of 2014, but a committee should be formed to start thinking about a new theme.
4. **Old Business:**
- a. **Cut it Out:** J.Emphasis reported that she will be giving a presentation at Allure Beauty Salon in order to educate hairdressers about domestic violence and provide them with a card and information they can give to their clients.
- b. **Report on membership survey from November 2012:** tabled
- c. **Update on goal:** R.Soto wrote a draft letter for the Chiefs of Police Association regarding the DV Ombudsman so that information could be distributed in victim packets given out by officers to solicit feedback.
- d. **CASP Report:** tabled
5. **Information Sharing/Discussion:**
- a. J.Emphasis reported that the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) was approved by the Board of Supervisors, which will establish a team of experts to design prevention strategies to aid elderly and dependent adults from financial fraud and theft.
6. **Correspondence:** Tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 24, 2013 AT 3:30 P.M. IN SUITE 302.

FUTURE SPEAKERS/EDUCATION

- *ASHLYN SALDANA*
- *CARISSA PHELPS (DVD)*
- *EMDR/TRAUMA THERAPIST*
- *NEUROFEEDBACK PRACTITIONER*
- *PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS*

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