# Meeting Minutes February 26, 2014 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, J.Teeter, P.Patterson, M.Martinez, S. Goldman, A.Mohammad,

C.Mounteer, C.Ferraro, D.Acosta, Excused absences: V.Barnes, S.Lynch Others: Vince Troia, Guillermo Rodriguez

**Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S.Goldman at 3:35PM.

- 1. Amendments to the agenda: None.
- 2. **Approval of Minutes of January 2014:** The minutes from were unanimously approved (Teeter, Barnes)
- 3. **Public Comments and Oral Communications**. C.Mounteer reported that the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center's annual Run with Love 5k/10k fundraiser was successful with very little rain and two rainbows.
- 4. **Education and information**: Vince Troia, a City of Marina Police Officer, attended and reported on his experience with domestic violence and his response as a police officer to domestic violence calls and victims.

## 1. Working Group Reports

- a. **Executive Committee:** Met to discuss agenda and review minutes.
- b. **Membership Committee:** P.Patterson is working on updating the bylaws with the Board of Supervisors.
- c. Batterer Intervention: No report.
- d. Victim Services: No report.
- e. Medical Services: No report.
- f. **Conference**: The committee has met and discussed having the conference as an expanded version of the October event with the theme being "Safe in the Fields." The committee would like to focus on agriculture growers/shippers in the community due to their large influence in making a difference. J.Empasis has a meeting scheduled to gage the knowledge and interest of the agriculture industry and then the committee will move forward.
- g. **Virtual Family Justice**: The committee has not met recently, and is currently on hold, in creation phase.
- h. Education: No report.

#### 2. Action items:

a. *Vote on new Board*: The current slate of officers was voted back in unanimously, (C.Mounteer, J.Empasis). Chair: S.Goldman, Vice Chair: P.Patterson, Treasurer: J.Teeter, Secretary: J.Butz, Past Chair: R.Soto.

#### 3. New Business:

- a. *New goal for 2014*: Increase the communities' awareness of domestic violence and the role of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council in its reduction.
- b. *VAWA Grant*: C.Ferraro reported for M. McMills. The City of Salinas received a grant from the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) to work with victims of domestic violence through community agencies, specifically the YWCA, Salinas Police Department, UFW, Monterey College of Law, Probation, District Attorney and DVCC. There will be monthly steering committee meetings and an online module. M.McMills will provide more information at the new meeting. A committee report will be added to the agenda for monthly updates.

### 4. Old Business:

- a. **Cut it Out:** D.Jacroux reported (by email) that she is in contact with two salons and is ready to move forward.
- b. **Fill vacancies:** District 1, 2, Education and Latino Network are still vacant. Guillermo Rodriguez has submitted his application to District 1 and should soon be an official member of the DVCC. Due to R.Soto's new job at CASP, the Health Department will need a new representative. S.Goldman will follow up.
- c. **CASP Report**: No report.
- 5. Information Sharing/Discussion:
- 6. **Correspondence:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 26, 2014, AT 3:30 PM IN SUITE 302