

Meeting Minutes June 25, 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: S.Goldman, M.McMills, L.DaSilva, J.Tetter, J.Butz, V.Barnes, A.Mohamed, J.Empasis, D. Jacroux, V. Elmore G. Rodriguez, M.Martinez, D. Acosta

Others: Julia Nix, Paula Placencia

Excused absences:

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S.Goldman at 3:38 PM.
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** None.
3. **Approval of Minutes of May 2014:** The minutes were unanimously approved (V.Barnes, J.Teeter).
4. **Public Comments and Oral Communications.** Julia Nix introduced herself as the Community Safety Assistant for the City of Salinas' Community Safety Division and the contact for the OVW grant. She also explained that this September is the 20th anniversary **Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA)** and the OVW is compiling a listing of all the events taking place to commemorate that in conjunction with October being the Domestic Violence Awareness month.
5. **Education and information:** S.Goldman presented on the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). The SART Program has been in operation in Monterey County since 1998. The SART examiners are trained health professionals who perform forensic examination on both victims and suspects of alleged sexual assault. These examiners recover evidence from examinations performed and provide testimony during court proceedings. Examination and treatment services performed are billed to requesting law enforcement agencies. Victims can choose to have the exam, but not report the incident to police in order to retain evidence in case they change their mind at a later time. An advocate from the Monterey Rape Crisis Center is also present to provide support for the victim during the process.
6. **Working Group Reports**
 - a. **Executive Committee:** Met to discuss upcoming conference and future meeting education presentations/topics.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No report.
 - c. **Batterer Intervention:** V.Elmore reported that he would like to partner with the Village Project in Seaside so that his clients (and possibly their partners) can be connected to the other services available to them in one convenient location.
 - d. **Victim Services:** No report.
 - e. **Medical Services:** No report.
 - f. **Conference:** The request for donation letters have been sent out. J.Butz passed around a Save the Date draft flyer/postcard for comment.
 - g. **Virtual Family Justice:** The committee has not met recently, and is currently on hold, in creation phase.

- h. **Education:** S.Goldman spoke about Genie Jimenez' untimely death and how much she will be missed, not only on the DVCC but on many of the other boards and commissions she served on.
- i. **OVW Committee:** J.Nix reported that she is in the process of putting together a steering committee meeting with all the involved entities.

7. **Action items:**

- Videos on the website are not able to play on all computers. There is a few to make them more compatible. L.DaSilva suggested embedding the videos from youtube.com so as to cut down on the costs. She will connect with P.Patterson to explore other options.

8. **New Business:** None.

9. **Old Business:**

- **Cut it Out:** D.Jacroux will be presenting to Wayne's Beauty College on July 17, 2014 at 9am.
- **Fill vacancies:** There are still vacancies for District 1, Education and Latino Network.
- The **summer meeting schedule** will be decided on an as needed basis. The executive committee will decide by and let the other council members know as soon as possible.

10. **Information Sharing/Discussion:** M.McMills reported that on October 10, 2014, in acknowledgement of Domestic Violence Awareness month, the YWCA will be hosting their first annual Fall Breakfast Benefit from 8-10am at the Steinbeck Center. Audrey Mabrey, an inspiration education and domestic violence survivor will be the featured speaker. The cost is \$25 and you can register at: <http://ywcamcttransforminglives.eventbrite.com>.

11. **Correspondence:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 23, 2014, AT 3:30 PM IN SUITE 302

IDEAS FOR FUTURE EDUCATION/SHARING

➤ ***HOUSING***

➤ ***TRANSGENDER***

➤ ***CHILD ADVOCATE PROGRAM***