

**Meeting Minutes March 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:** P.Patterson, S. Goldman, A.Mohammad, C.Mounteer, M. McMills, L. DaSilva, G. Jimenez, G. Rodriguez, D. Jacroux, M.Martinez, S. Lynch

**Excused absences:** D.Acosta, J.Tetter, J.Butz

**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:** A quorum was not present so the minutes of the meeting could not be approved.
3. **Public Comments and Oral Communications.** Chairman, S. Goldman, reiterated that the Council's goal for 2014 is to Increase the Community's awareness of domestic violence and the role of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council in its reduction.
4. **Education and information:** P. Patterson presented information on U-Visas.
  - The program has been in place since 2004 and provides victims of certain crimes temporary legal status and work eligibility in the US
  - Only 10,000 are issued each year
  - The Victim/Witness Program in the Monterey County DA's office works with providers to complete the Form I-918, a certification document.
  - Approximately 135 signed off on per year in Monterey County
  - Petitioners must resubmit information annually and can become legal US citizens after 4 years
  - Referrals are only to nonprofit agencies including Catholic Charities, UFW, CRLA, generally not private attorneys
  - The Salinas Police Department and Monterey County Sheriff's Office work with the Victim/Witness program

**1. Working Group Reports**

- a. **Executive Committee:** Met to discuss agenda, the new goal and the conference
- b. **Membership Committee:** No report.
- c. **Batterer Intervention:** P. Patterson reported that J. Butz has invited the group to meet but they seem to not be interested at this time.
- d. **Victim Services:** No report.
- e. **Medical Services:** No report.

- f. **Conference:** P. Patterson reported that J. Empasis had met with a representative from the ag industry about showing “Rape in the Fields”, but had not hear back. Sheree will be speaking with Carissa Phelps about being a possible conference speaker. Ms. Phelps is the founder of Runaway Girl who left home at age 12 went back to school to become an attorney. Her speaking fees may be beyond reach for the DVCC however.
  - g. **Virtual Family Justice:** The committee has not met recently, and is currently on hold, in creation phase.
  - h. **Education:** G. Jimenez discussed the upcoming Festival of Ideas to be held on Saturday, April 12 from 8:30 to 3:00 pm and distributed a flyer.
2. **Action items:**
- a. *Public Service Announcements:* There was no quorum so a vote could not be taken. P. Patterson indicated she had received a proposal for 30-second PSAs to be shown at the Maya Cinemas. A 30 second ad running for 24 weeks would cost \$3,950 including production cost of \$350. The PSA would be aired 70 times per day. Pam will send out a sample PSA with the item to be discussed again next month.
3. **New Business:**
- a. None
4. **Old Business:**
- a. **VAWA Grant:** M. McMills reported. She indicated that there is a Steering Committee which the DVCC will have a seat on. The grant is for the domestic violence services in the City of Salinas but it is hoped there will be a ripple effect beyond Salinas. A training is planned for Salinas PD regarding restraining orders and their enforcement.
  - b. **Cut it Out:** D.Jacroux reported that brochures have been ordered ad that representatives from Probation and the Victim Witness Program are registered to facilitate the program with two salons participating later in April.
  - c. **Fill vacancies:** Guillermo Rodriguez from Janus Clinic was welcomed. He is filling a vacancy in District 2.
5. **Information Sharing/Discussion:** P. Patterson reminded everyone that the annual Victim’s Ceremony is being held on April 18 at noon at the Board of Supervisors’ Chambers. Speakers include Travis Phillips and Cheryl Ward Kaiser. Elizabeth Ramirez MFT will conduct a grief workshop following the ceremony.
6. **Correspondence:** None
- 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

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