

Meeting Minutes October 22, 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: L.DaSilva, P.Patterson, M.McMills, J.Butz, S.Goldman, J.Empasis, A.Mohamad, E.Lawson, M.Martinez, V.Barnes, P.Diska, G.Rodriguez

Others: Alan Katz, Terry “Papa T” Jones, Taffy Lady, Longrider, Slav

Excused absences: D.Jacroux, J.Teeter

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order by S.Goldman at 3:35 PM.
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes of August and September 2014:** The minutes were unanimously approved (Barnes, Lawson).
4. **Public Comments and Oral Communications.** None.
5. **Education and information:** Terry “Papa T” Jones from Bikes Against Child Abuse (BACA), along with three of his fellow bikers, were present to speak about their program. BACA was formed as a way to protect and empower abused children. The members will attend court and parole hearings with the child. They also maintain a therapy fund for children needing counseling services. They are a nonprofit and not a motorcycle club. Their chapter is based in Santa Cruz County, but they serve Monterey and San Benito counties as well. All of their members undergo a background check and are fingerprinted. Children are referred by Child Protective Services, parents or district attorney’s offices. Papa T is available to do presentations and more information can be found at www.bacausa.com.
6. **Working Group Reports**
 - a. **Executive Committee:** Met to debrief about the 2014 Conference.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No report.
 - c. **Batterer Intervention:** No report.
 - d. **Victim Services:** No report.
 - e. **Medical Services:** No report.
 - f. **Conference: Virtual Family Justice:** The committee has not met recently, and is currently on hold, in creation phase.
 - g. **Education:** No report
 - h. **OVW Steering Committee:** M.McMills reported the committee continues to meet and share information.
7. **Action items:** The council approved for the DVCC logo to be added to the strangulation brochure. The brochure will be available to download on the DVCC website.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Conference debrief: Council members enjoyed the conference and heard positive feedback from attendees. It could have been better attended and having the food at the end was probably unnecessary since most attendees left shortly after. There was no

survey given out at the end of the conference. J.Butz will work on emailing a survey to attendees from Survey Monkey.

9. Old Business:

- a. **Fill vacancies:** There are still vacancies for District 1, Commission on the Status of Women and Latino Network.
- b. **Videos on Website:** L.DaSilva is still working with P.Patterson's office to imbed the videos on the website.

10. Information Sharing/Discussion:

- a. M.McMills stated that the turn out for their first breakfast event was positive. Council members commented on the professionalism and success of the event. The video of community support will be emailed out and put on the DVCC website to be viewed.
- b. L.DaSilva reported that the new organization on Human Trafficking has begun to meet on a regular basis and includes members from Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. She will bring updates to the DVCC.

11. Correspondence: None.

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

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2014, AT 3:30 PM IN SUITE 302