

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2015

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

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DSS, Ste. 112

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Salinas, CA 93901

Members/Alternates present: L.DaSilva, P. Patterson, J. Butz, P. Diksa, S.Goldman, C. Ferraro, E. Romero, D.Jacoux, D.Acosta, A.Frese, R.Bonilla, R. Hammonds,

Others: Corrina Hatzidalcia, Kelly

Excused absences: J. Teeter, V. Elmore, M.Martinez, V.Barnes, A.Mohamad, J.Empasis

1. **Call to order and introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM.
2. **Amendments to the agenda:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes of October and November 2014:** The minutes were unanimously approved (L.DaSilva and P.Patterson).
4. **Public Comments and Oral Communications.** The contact list was passed around to be updated and finalized.
5. **Education and information:** S.Goldman brought an article from the Belfast Telegraph newspaper regarding “Clare’s Law.” The new domestic violence law would allow women to find out if their partners have an abusive past. The law already exists in the England and Wales.
6. **Working Group Reports**
 - a. **Executive Committee:** Met to discuss meeting and new executive committee nominations.
 - 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:** No report.
 - g. **Education:** No report
 - h. **OVW Steering Committee:** C. Ferraro reported that M. McMills has resigned and re-located to another area, but they have hired a new program director, Kevin McAllister, and he will be taking C.Ferraro’s place on the council soon.
7. **Action items:** Nominations for Executive Committee: J.Butz was nominated for chair, P.Patterson was nominated for co-chair, L.DaSilva was nominated for secretary and A.Mohamad was nominated for treasurer. All nominees accepted their nominations and were unanimously approved (P.Diksa, D.Acosta).
8. **New Business:**
 - a. VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday) will be part of the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office new case management system and should be up and running within a few months so that victims will be able to find information on Monterey County Jail inmates.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation information is already available on VINE.

- b. P.Patterson has investigated several issues that have been reported to the YWCA, by victims about problems/issues with law enforcement. The results were shared with the YWCA. The cases all involved different issues and did not signify any systemic problems by law enforcement.
- c. Committee review: The Education and Conference committee will be combined. The council has decided to move away from doing large conferences and toward small, more frequent educational seminars. The Victim and Medical committees will be combined and the Virtual Family Justice Committee will be deleted (for now). A new committee named the South County Liaison Committee will be established with Darlene Acosta as the chair. At the February meeting council members will be able to sign up for which committee they would like to serve on.
- d. Sexual Violence Against Farmworker Women Working in the United States: A Literature Review was emailed out in December. Due to the length of the review, L.DaSilva offered to provide a debrief of it at our February meeting. J.Butz will send out the report again.
- e. New Goal for 2015 discussion was tabled for February.

9. Old Business:

- a. **Cut it Out:** D.Jacroux will provide an overview of the program to the council in March. Once everyone has the information, each councilmember can individually share the information with their personal stylist. She also reported that she would like assistance organizing different types of events, such as hosting an evening at a salon.
- b. **Fill vacancies:** Renee Hammonds was present at the meeting and will be representing the Commission of the Status of Women. There are still vacancies for District 1 and Latino Network.
- c. **Human Trafficking Update:** L.DaSilva reported that she is attending the collation meetings and will continue to give updates. She attended a training in Watsonville recently where approximately 60 community members attended. The collation is working on applying for a grant to start an application for smart phones like the one described at our October conference.

10. Information Sharing/Discussion:

- a. L.DaSilva announced that the MCRCC annual Together with Love run will be taking place on February 8, 2015 and registration is available online.
- b. R.Hammonds reported that the Commission on the Status of Women is looking for nominations for the Outstanding Woman of the Year 2015.
- c. R.Bonilla announced that Shelter Outreach Plus is opening Women in Transitions, a 12 bed facility on March 2, 2015.
- d. C.Ferraro reported that the YWCA's legal advocacy is now providing help with divorce and child custody.

11. Correspondence: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2015, AT 3:30 PM IN SUITE 302