

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 24, 2016

**TIME:** 3:30 P.M.

**PLACE: DSES:** Public Library, Marina, CA

**2015 GOAL:** Partner agencies and representatives will improve interagency communication and support to increase and improve services to survivors and their significant others.

**1. Introduction**

- a. 3:40 p.m. Call to order and introductions of members' positions on the council and role in their agencies. In attendance: M. Martinez, L. McGlone, E. Jimenez, Deacon Warren Hoy, R. Gallardo, P. Diksa, A. Yant, M. Luther, A. Fresé, D. Acosta, and L. DaSilva.
- b. Amendments to the 7/27/2016 DVCC Meeting Agenda.
  - i. Motion made by P. Diksa and seconded by A. Yant; motion passed unanimously
- c. Approval of the 8/24/2016 DVCC Meeting Agenda.
  - i. Motion made by Deacon Warren Hoy and seconded by M. Martinez; motion passed unanimously
- d. Public comments and oral communications.
  - i. None.

**2. Education and information**

**3:35 - 4:20 PM**

- a. Maria Martinez, Monterey County Department of Children and Family Services
  - i. Maria shared the story of a client of hers who had difficulty accessing county and nonprofit services. Referred to in the meeting as "Mr. Jones," Maria described a man who had a significant criminal background and was trying very diligently to make his life better to be the primary caretaker for his son who is three years old.
  - ii. Maria was put into contact with Mr. Jones because he expressed to is CALWORKS Program Social Worker that his partner was perpetrating domestic violence against him. The CALWORKS Social Worker has difficulty believing him initially because Mr. Jones' partner is a woman.
  - iii. Initially, Mr. Jones sought an emergency protective order against his partner. However, he was afraid that no one would believe him.
  - iv. When Maria first met him, Mr. Jones had scratches on his face. He described a physically, verbally, and emotionally abusive relationship

with his partner. He also said that he was in physically and verbally abusive relationship with a previous partner. His current partner also threatened to hurt his son.

- v. The DVCC members present then discussed some successes and challenges with this case and Maria's experience with Mr. Jones. Some bullet points can be found attached. This is list is going to be contributed to on an ongoing basis.

**3. Action Items: 4:20 - 4:40 PM**

- i. Lauren DaSilva to create an ongoing list of challenges and successes we discuss at the DVCC for 2016 – 2017.

**4. New Business:(tabled to the next meeting) 4:40 - 4:55 PM**

a. **October Events 2016** – Nice Girl Nation: Preparation for the event discussed.

- i. Who will be there?
  - 1. Monterey PD
  - 2. Social Services
  - 3. YWCA
  - 4. DVCC Table
  - 5. Sunstreet Center
  - 6. Sheriff's office
- ii. What will they bring?
  - 1. Literature related to services provided
- iii. Who will be spreading the word?
  - 1. We do not know at this point
- iv. Who is sponsoring runners?
  - 1. We do not know at this point

**5. Old Business: (tabled to the next meeting) 4:55 - 5:00 PM**

- a. Fill vacancies
  - i. District 1 and 2 and 4
  - ii. The Commission on the Status of Women

**6. Adjourn 5:00 PM**

**7. Next meeting:**

- a. September 28, 2016 @ 3:30 PM
- b. Greenfield Police Department 599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927