

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

**DATE:** June 22, 2016

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

**PLACE: DSES:** Greenfield Civic Center, 599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, 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**

**3:30 - 3:35 PM**

- a. 3:40 p.m. Call to order and introductions of members' positions on the council and role in their agencies. In attendance: S. Goldman, P. Diksa, S. Gold, V. Barnes, A. Yant, T. Acosta, P. Patterson, A. Kaelin, A. Frese, and M. Luther. Guests: Officer Armando Mendoza, Commander Allen (Greenfield PD), Sorangel Tinajero, Andelia Garcia and Paula Placencia (Lideres Campesinas).
- b. Amendments to the 6/22/2016 DVCC Meeting Agenda.
  - i. No amendments.
- c. Approval of the 6/24/2016 DVCC Meeting Agenda.
  - i. No quorum met.
- d. Public comments and oral communications.

**2. Education and information (20 minutes):**

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

- a. Darlene Acosta, Sun Street
  - i. Darlene shared the following: Limited services reduced since the Courthouse and Victim Services are no longer located in King City, services are essentially shut off for South County clients, the needs are great, advocates have limited resources and outreach to clients. Currently Darlene and staff are gathering brochures for clients. Restraining orders are limited due to clients inability to travel to Salinas and Monterey Courthouses, also due to bus passes either limited or not available. Darlene stated there are at least 5-6 different cultures and languages in Greenfield. The problems are compounded and intricate in South County. Originally So. Co. clients would make the bus trip to Salinas for services from Shelter Outreach Plus in the Star Shopping Center on their own leaving them on their own during the bus trip with no one to talk to or be provided with counseling services. There are limited income, language abilities and language barriers. There needs to be multi-lingual assistance, access to restraining orders and services to clients in South County. Darlene also stated for women working in the fields they face retaliation from their field supervisors, they are not valued. Also in this setting, women are watched over

by the mother in law who is allowed to use corporal punishment towards the women.

b. Chief Frese, Chief of Greenfield Police Department

- ii. Chief Frese requested support from the DVCC, not just talking but action in So. Co. Stating So.Co. has distinct needs: There needs to be a better job of reaching out to the community members. Chief Frese stated she applied for a grant, no advisement of whether or not it's approved. If approved some of the items the grant will assist with are mileage for the YWCA advocates to travel to and from Greenfield PD, office equipment and desk. Volunteer staff at Greenfield PD will assist with transportation of clients to and from Greenfield PD. There's a van available and a volunteer coordinator who will coordinate appointments with clients. Chief Frese advised in the past two years approximately 600 DV incidents occurred in South County. Chief Frese stated her officer's state this number does not reflect unreported DV incidents and feels there's lots of non-reporting. Chief Frese also stated there's a need for cross training, officer's attending trainings with Farm Worker Advocates on cultural competency. There's also a need for children of DV clients while the parent is receiving services, what do we do with them; provide activities for the children by explores and student volunteers.

Commander Luther, MCSO asked how is the community going to overcome their fears regarding law enforcement and trusting them? Paula of Lideres Campesinas shared they work with the community and educate them regarding their rights and encourage clients to report to L.E. whether they have "papers" or not. Either way they have rights and should report DV and rape.

Commander Allen brought up the question of reaching out to the males who work in the fields and who potentially commit DV in the community and educating them regarding the consequences of breaking the law, i.e. immigration problems, separation from their children, and how would they feel if it were their daughter abused. Chief Frese stated we need to target the home, kids and workplace where DV occurs. Officer Mendoza, Greenfield PD suggested the need to educate officers regarding penal code section 273.5 and in turn they can educate the community as to the definition and the requirement to arrest. Sheree Goldman suggested the education of the consequences of committing DV could be done by acting out the consequences in order to reach all persons and languages. Sheree also suggested the DVD "First Impressions" could be presented in a community forum. Pam Patterson advised the DVD is on our DVCC website for all to view.

Tony Acosta, Latino Network suggested targeting all Clinica Salud's and MST, he suggested Lideres Campesinas create a video that could be aired at the Clinica's

and on the MST buses. Tony also mentioned and invited Lideres Campesinas to attend the upcoming Health Fair, August 16, 2016 6-8 p.m. YMCA, Soledad, it's free and there will be music and food.

A suggestion of carpooling to the next meeting held in Greenfield might help with increased attendance. Next meeting in Greenfield is 9/28/16. If you would like to participate in carpooling please call Pam Patterson (831-755-5326) or Lauren DaSilva (831-771-0411).

**3. Action Items: (all tabled to the next meeting) 4:20 - 4:40 PM**

- a. Brainstorming session about topics of interest to be addressed by speakers at future meetings
  - i. Mandated reporting
    - 1. Possibly collaborate with the Child Abuse Prevention Council
  - ii. Training about internal Child Welfare programs, processes and procedures
    - 1. Receiving reports to removing children to dependency court and family reunification
    - 2. Pathways to Safety
    - 3. Possible discussion: How do we foster homes are safe?
  - iii. Networking
  - iv. Human Resources/staff training
    - 1. Hiring the right people and training them to make connections
    - 2. Staff being present for clients and giving them their full attention
  - v. Providing trauma informed direct services
  - vi. Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Protocol
  - vii. The inner workings of the Superior Court of Monterey County

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

- a. **Attendance** – When an appointed council member or alternate member is absent, unexcused, from three regular meetings within a twelve-month period, said absences shall constitute an automatic resignation. Six absences, whether excused or unexcused, in a twelve-month period shall constitute an automatic resignation, except that the council may excuse such absences for good cause by a majority vote of council members
- b. **Amendment of Resolution 01-286** –decrease current membership from 25 to 23, deleting organizations who are no longer interested in participating in the DVCC, updating the names of organizations that changed their organization name and removing organizations that dissolved. To be voted on at next meeting.
- c. **Vacancies and recruiting** – review vacancies and request appointed and/or alternates to contact their representing agency for appointment to appropriate representation. (Letters were mailed out to each BOS requesting appointment of vacant positions).
- d. **Review of Roster and Website membership** list for corrections.
- e. **Appointment of Sandra Ramirez**, Alternate for Reyes Bonilla, Community Homeless Solutions.

- f. **October Events 2016** – Suited for Success, Conference, etc. Tabled to next meeting to be discussed.
  - g. **Brochure** – DVCC DV Brochure – updated and ready for distribution. A few more additions were made to the brochure.
  - h. **Post Office Box** – DVCC P.O. Box renewed and is active.
  - i. **Discussion** – What should be our goal for the year? What are we going to focus our energies on?
    - i. Policy change – more non-academic counselors in school, academic testing reform, mandated reporting training
    - ii. School to prison pipeline – more restorative and less punitive, suspended
    - iii. More jobs for school social workers
- 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: July 27, 2016**  
**Marina Public Library, 190 Seaside Cr., Marina.**