

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

DATE: May 25, 2016

TIME: 3:30 P.M.

PLACE: DSES: The Marina Library, 190 Seaside Ave, Marina, CA 93933

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. Call to order and introductions of members' positions on the council and role in their agencies. In attendance: S. Goldman, W. Hoy, P. Diksa, J. Bruster, S. Gold, V. Barnes, G. Rodriguez, M. Rico, A. Yant, T. Acosta, Ms. B, L. DaSilva, W. Aray, P. Patterson, A. Kaelin, A. Frese, and M. Luther.
- b. Amendments to the 5/35/2016 DVCC Meeting Agenda.
 - i. No amendments.
- c. Approval of the 6/24/2015 DVCC Meeting Agenda.
 - i. P. Diksa moved to approve the meeting agenda; M. Martinez seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- d. Amendments to the minutes for April 2016.
 - i. No amendments.
- e. Approval of the minutes for April 2016.
 - i. P. Diksa moved to approve the meeting agenda; M. Martinez seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- f. Public comments and oral communications.

2. Education and information (20 minutes):

3:35 - 4:20 PM

- a. Ms. B, client of A. Kaelin and the Monterey County Probation Department
 - i. Ms. B shared her experience as a survivor of childhood physical, emotional and sexual abuse and neglect through the Child Welfare system; her interactions with various social services in her youth; the impact of violence in her life as she tried to leave abusive relationships; and a subsequent discussion and question and answer session about the challenges she faced with the systems that she came into contact with.
 - ii. Ms. B also spoke about the positive forces in her life that had a great impact including a public defender who believed her and believed in her; as well as, the service providers at the Probation Department. Ms. B said that she felt that they really listened to her and cared to listen to her and that has made a difference for her.

3. Action Items:

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. Commerically Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Protocol
 - vii. The inner workings of the Superior Court of Monterey County

4. New Business:

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:

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: June 22, 2016