

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

DATE: October 26, 2016

TIME: 3:30 P.M.

PLACE: Latino Network Office

2016 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, M. Luther, A. Fresé, P. Patterson, P. Diksa, S. Tinajero, A. Yant, T. Acosta, R. Gallardo, E. Romero, R. Kerr, V. Barnes.
- b. Amendments to the 10/26/2016 DVCC Meeting Agenda.
 - i. No amendments.
- c. Approval of the September 2016 DVCC Meeting Minutes.
 - i. No quorum met.

2. Education and information (20 minutes):

- a. Tony Acosta, Latino Network
 - i. Tony shared the following: Tony worked with Cesar Chavez in the past and has assisted 20,000 individuals with obtaining citizenship. He invited all present to refer persons who have immigration needs to his office. He explained that the Latino Network has a monthly lunch meeting that serves to promote local businesses, and also communicates important events in Monterey County to the Latino community. They pursue funding resources for causes that help to benefit the community. Geraldo Rodriguez, co-chair, works for probation and is working to fill in the gap of DVCC representation.

3. Discussion

- a. Nice Girl Nation Event
 - i. Dr. Valerie Barnes, Aaron Kaelin, and Sheree Goldman represented the DVCC with a table at the YWCA's fundraising and domestic violence awareness event. The DVCC table distributed literature, pens, backpacks, and copies of the DVD "First Impressions."

- ii. Chief Fresé reported that a group of young people also represented Greenfield, and Pathways to Safety (DSS) also had a table that offered literature on child abuse prevention and how to report suspected child abuse. She summarized the concept of the event that promoted girls nurturing and embracing one another instead of being "nasty" to one another. This is a good concept for young women who might want to become police officers and helps to change the image of female police officers as having positive energy.
- iii. Robin Kerr, from the YWCA expressed that she was happy with the Nice Girl event, and she is trying to partner with all of the YWCA's. She also reported on a forum at CSUMB that was presented for Domestic Violence Awareness Month that featured male survivors. One male survivor tearfully recalled wishing that someone would have called 911 to rescue him from abusive home life events. Speakers Nicole Miller (a local survivor), and Gabriel Finnel (active duty at the DLI) were well-received by the audience.
- iv. A discussion followed Robin's report, regarding the numbers of men who are victims and do not report and the stigma that persists around male victims and questioning of their sexual orientation.
- v. Deputy Luther brought up a topic of how conflict management program as well as sex education programs are needed in the schools. There may be grants to train deputies how to respond to conflict situations in schools and among youth in a positive way.
- vi. The topic of a pilot program that was supported by the DVCC (DVRT) was revisited. The DVRT program included an advocate as a member of a response team of law enforcement officers for domestic violence calls. Chief Fresé explained a concern about the impact that proposition 57 might have on public safety, its relevance to domestic violence and sexual violence, and urged everyone to carefully evaluate the proposition.
- vii. Sorangel Tinajero shared some hand painted aprons from Lideres Campesinas. She explained that the aprons, which displayed beautiful and heartfelt art, were a message to the community about domestic violence.

4. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.