

**Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County**

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Marina, CA

Meeting Minutes 10/25/2017

Members/Alternates Present: Lisa, Sheree Goldman, Reyes Bonilla, Janelle Nunez, Jay Ledford, Robin Leppo Kerr, Allison Yant, Daniel Gonzalez, Linda McGlone, Linda Nieves, Adriana Juarez, Dr. Valerie Barnes, Sharon Gold, Deacon Warren Hoy, Archie Warren, Lauren DaSilva

1. Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Sheree Goldman at 3:00 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: None.
3. Minutes from the September meeting were approved.
4. Public Comments and Oral Communications:

YWCA has officially moved its shelter and it is now up and operating in Monterey. Crisis Line information remains the same. Shelter is not full at the moment. The Trafficking House is also open and located in Seaside. All Law Enforcement offices are receiving information on referrals to these locations. If an agency is not yet listed on Grace City, please enroll as it is now live in Monterey County.

Robin Kerr also reiterated that if Law Enforcement calls the YWCA crisis line, they will respond with advocates to the scene. Advocates will offer immediate services to clients and can inform the victim of legal services and places to stay. It is challenging to perform outreach and inform partners of the services available. May consider informing Dispatch of these services as well.

Sheree Goldman thanked the DVCC for the teamwork and collaboration surrounding the DVCC Conference. The conference was attended by 104 individuals. She also thanked Jason Ledford for bringing Gael Strack to the event and providing the venue. Thanks also to Robin Kerr for registration. See Old Business below for additional information.

Reyes Bonilla from Community Homeless Solutions (CHS) informed the group of CHS commitment to temporary shelter for domestic violence victims.

YWCA luncheon is Friday, October 27 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Intercontinental Hotel.

5. New Business: Conference was rated a 4 out of 5 on the evaluations completed at the end of the DVCC event. Brought out ideas for future DVCC endeavors:

- a. Sheriff's office in attendance and shared the intensity and commitment of staff in the Coroner's office. Invitation to the DVCC to observe an autopsy in January.
  - b. Explore Domestic Violence Death Review team.
  - c. SB 40 in effect in January which will require Law Enforcement to provide further information on strangulation (signs/symptoms). Information will need to be included in the already existing pamphlet on domestic violence. DA's office also working on materials.
  - d. Develop protocol on strangulation for Monterey county. Gael Strack has a template that can be modified for individual counties.
6. Education & Information: there was no educational speaker today to allow for DVCC Conference de-brief discussion.
  7. Old Business: Sheree Goldman passed out a spreadsheet of all comments/ suggestions about the event. Comments included:

Gael Strack was an amazing speaker who engaged all those in the audience and kept the energy level up. Attendees appreciated the ability to leave the room when pictures/discussions became too intense. Request for a non-working lunch due to the heavy topic. It was explained that for continuing education, it was necessary to use up as much of the time as possible for credits. Consider having those who do not want the credits to take a full lunch and those who are pursuing the credits have an activity during lunch.

Consider having two victims' stories; however, some felt one was enough. Perhaps having additional information on prevention would be helpful. Ensure labeling of the coffee, as well as alphabetizing of the registration list.

Provide platform for speakers and double check sound system to determine if lapel microphone does not work with handheld microphone is in use.

At closure, make sure to acknowledge the difficulty of the topic and to encourage attendees to take care of themselves after such an event. Printed materials were small and difficult to see; however, costs associated in printing creates a financial burden if more pages were printed with larger slides.

Presenter should make a disclaimer regarding the individuals pictured in the presentation – just to ensure permission was given to show the photographs.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next Meeting: November 29th, Monterey County Health Department, 1270 Natividad Road, Conference Rooms B&C, Salinas, CA.

**Reminder – No Meeting in December.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Allison Yant.