

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

Salinas, CA

Meeting Minutes August 22, 2018

Members/Alternatives Present: Linda McGlone, Sharon Gold, Daniel Gonzalez, Robin Ledford, Helen Childers, Pam Patterson, Mark Caldwell, Phrani Diksa, Eric Bruckner from Papás (Guest)

1. Introductions

2. DVCC Meeting

a. Call to order and introductions. The meeting was called to order by Robin Ledford, DVCC Chair, at 3:45 p.m.

b. Approval of the July 2018 Meeting Minutes with one amendment - Section 3(a) Sharon Gold specified that “the Papás program, although geared for men, includes women during the co-parenting portion of the program.”

Sharon Gold moved to approve the July 2018 Meeting Minutes and Pam Patterson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

c. Treasurer’s Report – Daniel Gonzalez, Treasurer: No change to treasurer’s report distributed at May 2018 meeting.

d. Public Comment and Oral Communication

Phrani Diksa reported that the NAMI person who might have helped us with a speaker at the Conference quit, so she’ll try to identify another contact.

Sheree Goldman, Health Department, resigned from the DVCC in an email to the Executive Committee.

The Department of Social Services has a new domestic violence social worker that will attend the YWCA training.

3. Education and Information – Presentation by Eric Bruckner, of Encompass Community Services- “Papás” program

Papás, Supporting Father Involvement (S.F.I.), offers parent groups and social activities designed to strengthen the father-child bond. They have been in Santa Cruz for 15 years and have recently begun offering the program in Salinas at the Petra Bible Church and at the Jail. They are funded by the National Fatherhood Initiative. The services are free and fully bilingual.

This is an evidence based program that started as a research program. Research shows that when dads or other father figures participate in children's lives, those children do better in school, have less legal troubles, better problem-solving skills and reduced teen pregnancy, among many other positive outcomes. Dads learn age appropriate ways to engage children. Without a supportive father, families experience stress which can lead to domestic violence. Mr. Bruckner emphasized however, that they are not a parenting or anger management program.

The program begins with dinner, provides free child care and a program for dads from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is also a values based communication segment offered to couples. Unfortunately, the "Daddy and Me" play group component lost funding and is discontinued. Case management is provided. Personal and professional growth is encouraged to improve financial stability.

Fathers between the ages of 14 and 25 are a focus, so they are working with MCOE, SUHSD, including Mt. Toro. They are beginning a new program with mentor or "master" dads, to strengthen fathers' connections with their children.

Dads can start the program during any of the early sessions and receive incentives at certain intervals. For more information call 226-3478 or go to their website at <http://papassfi.org/index.php> To make a referral go to <http://papassfi.org/Referralsforms.html> All father figures are welcome!

4. New Business

a. DVCC Conference:

- i. Workshop update – Chief Christey is working on the POST credits because of the amount of time they take for approval.
- ii. Post/CEU update – Phrani offered to look into the CEU process
- iii. Save the Date update – a draft save the date flyer was shared with the group. Feedback on the flyer included the lack of a contact person.
- iv. Registration update - The group agreed to use EventBrite which does not have a fee on credit card charges; and to build the fee charged to the DVCC into the participant registration fee. Registration fees could be collected by the Sheriff's Advisory Council. Mark Caldwell will check with Archie to ask the Advisory Council about accepting the registration fees; and brief the Sheriff on the agenda of the Conference, including presentation by San Mateo Sheriff's Department. Additionally, it was suggested that the \$40 cost of the registration could be added to the save the date flyer.
- v. Pam will check to see if the DA's Office has table cloths for participant tables, as well as the registration and vendor tables. Robin is planning to visit Chautauqua Hall to check on the logistics of the site.

5. Old Business:

a. DV Protocol – Cal OES Grant: Chief Christey mentioned that the old DV Protocol was on the Chief's agenda, which could be untimely. The Chiefs didn't receive a presentation of the new protocol, indicating that they prefer the old one. Chief Hoyne of the Airport PD is the Chair of the Chiefs' Meeting. The old protocol was never approved and doesn't include the new requirements. The updated protocol was included in the "Other Information" section of the agenda by the External Coordinator. Mark Wynn will describe the new protocol to the Chiefs during his visit for the Conference. The DVCC members were reminded that local agencies have their own internal protocols, but that a County Protocol goes above and beyond the local response, and includes outside agencies. Elaine McCleaf was invited to the next DVCC meeting to discuss the process of approving the Community Response Protocol.

b. Bylaw amendment to add the role of historian is in process

5. Adjourn

a. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

Next meeting is September 26, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Monterey County Department of Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Suite 110, Salinas.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda McGlone, DVCC Vice-Chair