

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

Salinas, CA

Meeting Minutes May 23, 2018

Members/Alternatives Present: Linda McGlone, Dr. Valerie Barnes, Deacon Warren Hoy, Sharon Gold, Archie Warren, Lauren DaSilva, Phrani Diksa, Daniel Gonzalez, Jason Ledford, Robin Ledford, Helen Childers, Sorangel Tinajero, Allison Yant

1. Introductions
2. DVCC Meeting
 - a. Call to order and introductions. The meeting was called to order by Robin Ledford, DVCC Chair, at 3:33 PM
 - b. Approval of the April 2018 Meeting Minutes with two amendment - Section 3(a)(i)(1) to read "We can try to find a venue that will not charge anything." Amend Section 3(a)(ii)(2)(a) to read "Archie Warren mentioned someone who was extorting homeless women in the Pajaro River area."

Deacon Warren Hoy moved to approve the April 2018 Meeting Minutes and Dr. Valerie Barnes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously, with two amendments.

- c. Treasurer's Report – Daniel Gonzalez, Treasurer, provided an updated report indicating no changes in income or expenses since February 2018 report. DVCC has account at Union Bank with balance of \$599.25. DVCC also has restricted funds available through the All US Credit Union via a CD. DVCC would need to go through the Action Council to access these funds. The maturity date of this CD is 3/16/2018, however, it renews automatically every six months, with approval. DVCC also has funds with the Action Council and Savings Accounts with Union Bank and All US Credit.

Group discussed other options or agencies that can control the DVCC funding without having to pay a fee/percentage as with the Action Council. Action Council often supports those entities without a 501(c)(3) classification, but they charge a percentage of the earnings and must approve all DVCC projects. Considered pursuing 501(c)(3) status, but would need to have a separate entity known as "Friends of the DVCC" to manage the funds. Would need to request Board approval as the DVCC is a Board designated council. Could be possible to place the DVCC as a line item within the County budget, like it was prior to 2008, when the DVCC budget was removed as a line item.

Report approved with one correction to the section marked “expenses.” Requested correction is to remove the P.O. Box indicated under the Source column. Phrani Diksa moved to approve the report and Lauren DaSilva seconded the motion. Approved unanimously with the one amendment.

- d. Public Comment and Oral Communication – June is Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. Allison Yant provided ribbons and information cards, as well as flyers for the Elder Justice Summit on June 29th, 2018.

Lauren DaSilva announced a position available at the Rape Crisis Center for the “My Strength” facilitator.

Phrani Diksa indicated she would be sending a flyer to the DVCC Secretary to disseminate. Flyer announces the June 16th seminar on Positive Parenting put on by the Monterey County Office of Education.

Sharon Gold announced the “Papas” program, a 16-week support program for fathers in Salinas.

Archie Warren shared the recent discovery and clean-up of poppy fields throughout Salinas and Las Lomas.

Sorangel Tinajero announced that Lideres Campesinas now has 13 chapters and is moving closer to 15 chapters in the State.

Jay Ledford announced that he is in the planning stages of an event covering the topic of young women suffering from post-partum issues. He is looking for a speaker.

Robin Ledford announced upcoming DV training at the YWCA for volunteers. It is offered three times a year and is being held June 11th – 15th. It is a 40-hour training. The YWCA is also currently seeking to fill the position of Human Trafficking Advocate. As part of the Cal OES grant, a DV advocate is co-located with the Monterey PD, starting in June. New and interesting way to reach out to the victims of DV and trafficking are being developed.

3. Old Business

- a. 2018 October Conference - Group discussed a full-day training with breakouts with possible topics such as DV Restraining Orders and gun control, DV and Mass Shooting, and DV Protocol with Mark Wynn. Mark Wynn known for working with counties to engage agencies and execute protocol. His website is www.markwynnconsulting.com

Group watched video featuring Mark Wynn. VA grant has funds available to pay for a DV protocol facilitator. Think of having keynote at end of day to integrate the protocol.

Discussed complications around serving in the military and receiving a restraining order. If any member of the military receives a RO, it can ruin the individual's career. Exemptions are sometimes made so that an officer can still carry a weapon. Important to involve individuals such as staff judge advocates to either provide a presentation or attend the conference so that military and civilian DV advocates can understand each other.

County offices at Schilling are of no cost and may be available. The UFW Foundation on Gabilan St. was also suggested, but it may not be ready to be utilized.

Chief Amy Christey was going to discuss the protocol at the next Chiefs meeting. DVCC hopes for an update soon.

Other potential topics could include:

- Reducing intimate partner homicide. Wife of DC Shooter, Mildred Mohammed, may be an option.
- Homeless women as potential victims of violence.

Target dates are either October 11th or 12th.

Important to consider having resource tables again, as well as offering bilingual interpretation. Behavioral Health has headsets available.

4. Old Business
 - a. DV Protocol – Cal OES VA Grant discussed above.
5. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM

Next meeting is June 27th starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Monterey County Department of Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Suite 110, Salinas.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Allison Yant, DVCC Secretary