

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

AGENDA

DATE: November 28, 2018

TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Monterey County District Attorney's Office, San Antonio Valley Conference Room-Victim's Unit,
1st Floor, Salinas, CA

1. DVCC Meeting 3:30 – 3:45

- a. Call to order and Introductions Robin Ledford, Chair

Meeting called to order at 3:41 p.m.

Present: Dr. Valerie Barnes, Phrani Diksa, Sharon Gold, Robin Ledford, Linda McGlone, Pam Patterson, Al Vicent, Sorangel Tinajero and Deborah Licurse (guest speaker).

Approval of the minutes for October 2018:

Dr. Barnes motioned, seconded by Phrani Diksa. The September minutes will be approved at the January 2019 meeting. (Lauren DaSilva will have September minutes completed by January meeting).

Treasurer's Report-update: Daniel Gonzalez resigned as the Treasurer.

- b. Public comments and oral communications: No members of the public present.

2. Updates and Announcements 3:45-4:15

- a. Robin Ledford reported a free domestic violence fatality review team training – the information will be emailed to all members. The council feels a fatality review team is needed in Monterey County. The training is in the Bay area. We would need approval from the Board of Supervisors to initiate a review team. By attending the training, we would be able to determine what is necessary for a DV fatality review team. Every homicide case attributed to DV is reviewed by the team. The review team identifies gaps in services, trends, opportunities for prevention, how DV deaths are categorized, other children affected by the incident and whether support systems have been put in place for the children of the victim. Suggestion would be to invite a representative of the Coroner's office to also attend the training.

b. Education and Information:

Deborah Licurse from "Peace it Together"(PIT), made a presentation on the agency's services to address teen dating and adolescent violence. 1 out of 3 dating relationships experience DV. In 1999 Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Court noted that teen dating violence was not recognized or acknowledged. PIT was formed to provide counselling to adjudicated youth on issues related to teen dating violence and family violence. They provide separate groups for boys and girls, ages 14 to 19. Teens' parents participate in the program orientation. The organization works with the County's Probation Department.

Their goal is to stop recidivism and increase victims' safety. To achieve attitude change, they use cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, art, and the Duluth Model which is a program developed to reduce domestic violence against women. They work to increase self-awareness, identify cues for anger and triggers; and teach de-escalation strategies and conflict time out.

In terms of success, an evaluation of the District Attorney data base comparing program graduates to others, showed no recidivism for a 2-year period. Ms. Licurse expressed a willingness to come to Monterey County to implement the program.

3. **New Business:**

4:15– 4:45

- a. Cal OES FJ grant-\$400,000 for Family Justice Center (Not discussed because necessary materials were not available. This item will be moved to the January 2019 agenda.)
- b. 2018 DVCC Conference
 - i. Overall impressions: We had a good turnout and received praise for keynote speaker, Mark Wynn. Robin mentioned that Mark can continue to work with us on the DV Protocol.
 - ii. Evaluation results: (Robin will provide) Overall the results were positive, except for negative comments regarding the parking and that the venue was cold. 83% of participants liked Sgt. Gibbons' presentation on removing guns from DV abusers who have been served with a restraining order. Respondents talked about the value of the collaborative activity, in which attendees broke into small groups. Additionally, the organization booths were well received and should be included next year. There was a wide variety of suggestions for future education. Comments were received that Pacific Grove was too far away. There was a suggestion that we try to reserve the UFW Hall on Gavilan for next year's conference. Participants also appreciated the ample time provided for lunch, but others suggested that we consider pre-orders from restaurants.
 - iii. Registration fees and cost reimbursement: The amount of money paid in registration fees has not been calculated. It was suggested that we ask Lauren who

initiated the Eventbrite invitation and payment mechanism. Robin reported that our costs were minimal since the venue was free. The inconvenience of the early morning set-up by DVCC members was raised as the downside of not using a hotel or facility that would build those costs into their fee.

Reimbursement for those who paid for food was not possible at this meeting because we did not have a second signature for checks, without a Treasurer or Pam. Linda will go to Union Bank to sign the signature card, authorizing her to sign checks.

4. **Old Business:** 4:45 – 5:00
- a. Secretary and Treasurer positions are vacant: Sharon said that she is willing to become the Secretary, but currently has shoulder problems. It was suggested that we post these vacancies on the website to aid in recruitment.
 - b. DV Community Protocol – UPDATE: There was a discussion about opening the process to the community or to continue to work with the Chief’s to finalize the current draft. There has been some push back from law enforcement agencies who have their own protocol and believe that to be sufficient. By involving Mark Wynn, we could encourage broader participation in the protocol. However, some police departments have concerns about protocols, fearing that these documents expose them to litigation.

5. **Adjourn** 5:00
- There is no December meeting. Robin mentioned that a new calendar of meetings was needed. A discussion followed on the advantages and disadvantages of meeting at the District Attorney’s Office. One disadvantage is the lack of parking. Parking at the Californian Building was not considered advantageous. Sharon will check on the availability of the room at the Life Foundation Building. We also discussed a Spring meeting in South County. Al suggested that we consider holding next year’s conference at the Kinship Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.