

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Monterey County

Salinas, CA

Meeting Minutes October 24, 2018

Members/Alternatives Present: Linda McGlone, Sharon Gold, Daniel Gonzalez, Robin Ledford, , Pam Patterson, Phrani Diksa, Dr. Valerie Barnes, and Rev. Warren Hoy.

1. DVCC Meeting:

- a. Call to order and introductions. The meeting was called to order by Robin Ledford, DVCC Chair, at 3:47 p.m.
- b. Approval of the September Meeting Minutes will be addressed at the next meeting in November.

Treasurer's Report – Daniel Gonzalez, Treasurer: No report this meeting – same as reported at last meeting except for the \$300 from the Diocese.

- c. Public Comment and Oral Communication – none

2. Updates and Announcements:

Lauren DaSilva reported MCRCC completed volunteer training – 14 members, community training in the winter – one day twice per year. Lauren reported she was contacted by Debbie of Peace it together. Debbie would like to present to us.

Jay Ledford reported his agency will make a push educating L.E. of the ability to call directly to the on-call victim advocate program in reference to any military member involved in a DV incident in Monterey County. Possible conversation with the Monterey County Sheriff/Coroner regarding the possibility of adding to the category of 187, DV related. Jay stated he is willing to put on a training at his building (General Stillwell Center), he'd like to get all of the partners and LE involved for a one day training where each agency gets 45 minutes to present to LE so LE knows what's available in our community. Jay added that there would be no charge. Jay will contact MPC POST and offer the presentation from the helping agencies in Monterey County.

Linda McGlone reported that homicides are increasing in Salinas and Monterey County. Statewide, gang homicides are down and DV homicides are increasing. Nationally, the CDC reported that ½ of female homicides are related to DV: one third of all DV homicide victims are 18-29 years old and one in 10 experience some type of violence in the month before their murder as a result of domestic violence.

Robin Ledford reported that Monterey County doesn't currently have a DV fatality review team, something to think about and possibly contact agencies i.e. coroner's office, DV agencies, Prosecution, L.E. for interest. Penal Code indicates what disciplines should be involved. Robin suggested we invite the medical examiner to discuss the process of determining the cause of death for DV and the possibility of changing the process to add DV to 187. Suggestion is to make contact with Archie Warren at MCSO to invite the medical examiner. Robin reported the Y event for Friday, October 26 is coming up and they are busy working on finalizing it. The Y will be opening a Monterey Office, 2100 Garden Road, near Monterey Herald, it will have counseling and legal services and donation drop off (clothes, kitchen items, etc.) and workshops for safe house clients. Monterey PD advocate is busy case managing 35 clients. Monterey Y can service the peninsula homeless clients easier than requiring them to receive services from Salinas. Y is working close with Gathering for Women.

Sharon Gold: Eladia Romero has been appointed as DV Social Worker starting the beginning of November. Pam suggested Eladia present at an upcoming DV meeting. Sharon stated she'd like to give Eladia a couple of months before she presents.

Dr. Barnes reported she agrees with the concept of a death review team.

Phrani Diksa: suggested we have more members representing education. Phrani suggests a rep from the foster youth (MCOE).

3. New Business:

- a. Secretary for October and November meeting – Pam Patterson volunteered to cover November as Secretary
- b. Cal OES FJ grant-\$400,000 for Family Justice Center
- c. 2018 DVCC Conference 52 registered – volunteers needed. PGPD volunteered to bring food items. It was suggested PGPD provide the coffee/bottled water et al. Dr. Barnes has purchased cups, plates and napkins. PGPD is providing sound system and POST credits. Robin will ask Chief Christey about podium. Pam will provide copies of the Agenda (Robin will provide final) and table cloths. Lauren will provide registration list for the conference. Linda will release the press release 10/25/18.
 - i. Volunteers needed – 7:00 a.m. volunteers agree to meet.
 - ii. Number of registrations to date 52 as of 10/24/18

4. Old Business:

- a. DV Protocol – UPDATE – will address at November meeting.

b. Bylaw amendment to add the role of historian is in process – will address at November meeting.

4. Adjourn:

a. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

5. Next Meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2018 at Monterey County Department of Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Suite 110 at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Patterson, DVCC member