

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Minutes

August 28th 2019

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

PLACE: Monterey County Department of Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Room 110

at 3:30 p.m.

Present

Dr. Valerie Barnes, Helen Childers, Lauren Da Silva, Sharon Gold, Sheree Goldman, Warren Hoy, Linda McGlone, Pamela Patterson, Willow Aray, Sorangel Tinajero, Al Vincent, Garrett Sanders, Adriana Santos, Jeff Hoyne, Kenya Burton, Marlene Ramirez

1. Opening 3:30-3:40

a. Call to order and Introductions

Called to order at 3:33

b. Approval of minutes for July 2019

Dr. Barnes motioned to approve, Willow 2nd, all in favor

c. Treasurer's Report

No report as of yet

d. Public comments and oral communications

None

2. Updates and Announcements 3:40-3:55

MCRCC: 9/17 Sexual assault training for MCRCC, application on website.

3. Education and Information

Presentation: Adriana Santos, Lideres Campesinas 3:55-4:15

Provide trainings and information to farmworkers so that they know their rights

Started as Mujeres Mexicana in Coachella Valley, now has 14 chapters throughout CA. They discuss issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault with minors, housing and labor laws, native plants.

Topic: How to work with Indigenous women

Women don't come to US speaking Spanish well. Some take Spanish classes. Testimony shared from a client.

Many don't feel like they're getting the help they need when visiting organizations. They don't speak Spanish well.

They don't want to speak out about DV happening to them in America because they are concerned about their families in Mexico getting harmed.

Many times, they remove restraining orders because of fear of repercussions on family.

Advocates try to create a safety plan but women don't want to move forward with that.

Since they were kids- they were told that if they married, it's for life.

They think they have to obey husbands. It's part of their culture.

LC attempts to educate them with information about agencies and they provide transportation.

October will be an art event, designing aprons with the topic of DV.

Some women will be speaking indigenous languages to the Triqui and Mixteca communities.

The group does community events.

Sheree: Educate communities to know they can come to report and it will not involve the police.

There are issues with translations/ translators regarding closeness with family (confidentiality/ protection) and correct interpretations.

Language Line app can help, Natividad has a program as well.

Careful about assuming it was cultural- it was a para military groups that is extorting the community. MULT is the political party controlling the community.

DA has prosecuted several of the leaders here.

Police would like to figure out how to interrupt the violence. Requested that LC continues to connect with them to build trust and relationships.

They will try to get them on the Chiefs meeting schedule.

Drama teatro for October in honor of DV.

Date: TBD

Organizations could have resource tables there.

4. Policy/Advocacy

New or pending legislation

4:15- 4:30

5. New Business

4:30- 4:50

a. Review of DVCC structure and policies

There is a need to understand the organization better

Pam: History

1996: BOS created DVCC and with the cited agencies that would be involved (look on website)

States that the quorum 50% +1

Attendance is important. Appointees used to come and now Alternates usually come.

Three unexcused absences within a year constitutes an auto resignation.

Subcommittees used to be active.

How do we want to move forward, what would help people feel motivated to attend.

Possibly meet with Supervisor Alejo.

DV decreasing among youth in Salinas but not overall.

We can pursue adding your agency to the list if you are interested in having more of a voice.

New sign-in sheet being shown; who is consistently coming and what agency is represented.

DVCC will send a letter to everyone letting them know to appoint an Attendee/Alternate so that we can reach quorum.

There were 25 members from the different organizations.

Next step- letters to remind them of membership and status and ask organizations to fill vacancies.

Amend definition of quorum?

Amend definition of member?

DVCC draft resolution number that would be an amendment to the bylaws.

Perhaps add court self-help center? Add SART as a member?

We must follow Brown Act and look at how Councils can amend structure under brown act.

Jeff asked for bylaws, he will review.

Fine tuning who is eligible to attend as BOS representatives so that BOS are kept in the loop.

Seems like changing the by-laws would be the best.

We have what we need to draft an amendment.

Attendance rules on the bottom of agenda- please see

If you are not able to come just respond to the agenda emails, otherwise it is an unexcused absence.

b. Accessing DV and Sexual Assault Services

Linda shared map of how to access services to help agencies understand where they should refer clients. Access points for referrals.

This does not represent all the pathways but represents some of the most frequent ways to access services.

Help with coordination of DV services- need to understand the flow.

Willow discussed the points of entry for Y clients.

6. Old Business:

4:50-5:00

- a. The Chair position is open, Elect Chair
- b. Advancing the Community Protocol with Mark Wynn
- c. 2020 DVCC Conference

Vote on October event planning conference dates and ideas

- Youth and Prevention: Trauma and brain development, sexting, early intervention, teen dating violence
- Serving Offenders: ACES, 52 Weeks, Lessons for Law Enforcement
- Changing Face of DV: Women as Perps, LGBTQ+, Serving Offender, homeless

7. Adjourn

5:00

Next Meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2019 at Monterey County Department of Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Suite 110 at 3:30 p.m.

FYI: Quorum: Fifty (50%) plus one of the seated Council members, in attendance, shall constitute a quorum, but in no case shall a legally constituted meeting be held without a quorum.

Missing meetings: Three unexcused absences within a twelve-month period will constitute an automatic resignation.