

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 27, 2019

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

PLACE: Monterey County Department of Social Services, Room 110, Salinas, CA

Present:

Kelsey, Robin Ledford, Linda McGlone, Kelsey Hanson, Lupe Biruete,, Dr. Valerie Barnes, Helen Chiders, Phrani Diksa, Jessica Hair, John Wizard, Cheryl Camany, Nana Knight (DDA), William Sims, Archie Warren, Jeff Hoyne, Willow Aray

1. DVCC Meeting

3:30 – 3:45

- a. Call to order and Introductions

Robin Ledford, Chair

Call to order at 3:35

Have 2 presenters instead of one.

- b. Approval of minutes for February 2019

Adding attendees to minutes Linda Dr. Barnes

Minutes approved

- c. Treasurer's Report

Sharon Gold, Treasurer

Sharon is unable to attend, she will next meeting and report.

- d. Public comments and oral communications

No public comments

In EX committee meeting, decided to add place holders to agenda

Want to have place to share policy advocacy if there is legislation that they need to share, let us know so we can add it to the agenda.

Want to add case studies to the agenda.

2. Updates and Announcements

3:45-4:00

- a. DV and HT First Responder trainings coming up in May

Invite will be extended.

First responders are: LE, probation, parole, paramedic, fire fighters and dispatchers.

Grant notification for homelessness for youth. Phrani to send to those interested

3. Policy/Advocacy

a. New or pending legislation 4:00 - 4:15

4. **New Business:** 4:15– 4:45

a. Presentation by:

Monterey County District Attorney's Office

Nana Knight, Deputy District Attorney.

"Prosecution and Domestic Violence Trends this Year"

Prosecutes DV and other violent felonies

Up-tick in strangulation with no explanation as to why

Difficult to prove strangulation, credibility of victim that is an issue when prosecuting.

Other trends and patterns- criminal protective orders- different from civil RO

Trend is judges are more willing to grant modifications on CPR- allow for contact, especially when victim comes to court.

Case came out last year that required court to modify or rescind order if victim came to court to ask for modification.

Supreme court decision that repealed that legislation, now at the judge's discretions.

Recent case: 1109 Evidence: character evidence for DV offenders, provision allows prosecution can bring in prior charged and un-charged.

Case that expands definition of DV-if it is committed against the family member not the victim- part of definition of DV.

Expect to make more motions in future if there is a record of violence towards family.

Bad news- mental health diversion- legislation that came into effect in January- violent offenders may be eligible for diversion

establish that they have mental health disorder- they can be placed in in or out patient program and can be dismissed after 2 years. There is no limit to the amount of times they could qualify.

AB1810

Judges are hesitant to grant these motions.

Chief of police stated that it is because of CA's increasingly lenient approach to decriminalizing behavior (cites Prop 47- AB 109)

Legislation efforts were to reduce prison populations, decriminalizing, lowering non-violent to misdemeanors.

Factors to qualify: show defendant suffers from mental disorder

Court must be satisfied that the disorder played a significant role

Qualified mental health expert must testify.

Defendant must consent to diversion and wave right to trial and comply with treatment.

Court has to be satisfied they will not pose risk to public safety
Change in rules of professional responsibilities new law that prevents
prosecutors from having direct contact with victim who has
representation.

This makes their cases more challenging to prove, it is an
expansion of preexisting rule.

b. Presentation by:

Cheryl Camany:

Homelessness and Women

Educators becoming social workers

Family Homelessness on rise, their district

Has 3300 homelessness youth.

In a class room of 30 kids- 10-12 are homeless.

Department of SS- inductees go through 2-3 month trainings to cross-
refer and help homeless families.

Definition of homeless includes rehabs, shelters, motels, garages, closets-
different than HUD.

Homelessness is not a reason to call CPS.

Work to reduce barriers through referrals to help child succeed in
education to break the cycle.

Family resource center- gets referral from agencies.

From 11 up child is responsible for actions not parents.

They have 2 centers with supplies and can
give them resources.

Provided a description of services and testimonials.

Sheriff's Office: Rosie Silva is second DV advocate bi-lingual

Training in Sacramento for trafficking

Want to start HT unit/ division

Deputy Sergeant Hoskins is the point person.

DVRT- second advocate funded could be at Sheriffs department.

Robin mentioned that HT clients would be willing to serve as confidential
informants.

Del Rey Oaks police inquired about how that could move forward.

MCOE board of trustees number one topic for the next few years is
Human Trafficking.

All the rest will be pushed for the next meeting

Please review case review protocol sent in email.

c. Introduction of Case Review-draft confidentiality form and protocol

5. **Old Business:** 4:45 – 5:00

a. Update on play at the Pink Flamingo Theater on March 7th

b. Cal OES VA grant – update

-Should we engage further assistance from Mark Wynn this year?

6. **Adjourn** 5:00

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019 at Monterey County Department of Social Services, 1000 S. Main St., Suite 110 at 3:30 p.m.