

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Minutes

DATE: October 23, 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: Karlette Anderson, Helen Childers, Jeff Hoyne, Lauren DaSilva, Warren Hoy, Elaine McCleaf, Linda McGlone, Pam Patterson, Al Vicent, Kenya Burton, Naudia Velarde, Christine Duncan, Ashley Walden, Marlene Ramirez, Ryan Bone.

1. Opening 3:30-3:40

a. Call to order and Introductions

Called to order at 3:33

b. Approval of minutes for September 2019

Linda will work with Willow to add clarifying content to minutes- motion to approve minutes as corrected, all in favor.

c. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report

d. Public comments and oral communications

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

AB 22 Mandatory testing of all Sexual Assault kits in CA, within 20 Days for law enforcement to send kits to DOJ and crime lab has 120 days to test them.

3. Education and Information

Elaine McCleaf: Deputy District Attorney assigned to DV cases for 20 years. Now the training attorney and assigned to child sexual assault cases and animal cruelty.

History of DVCC

Deputy DA assigned to DV in 1998 when the Council was launched. Now training attorney assigned to adult/child sexual assault and animal cruelty.

In DA office since '94 in Monterey County (MC). In 1995 received a grant to vertically prosecute DV.

Initiated by OJ Simpson case due to priors on his record that had been ignored.

Started training statewide and the DA was going to prosecute regardless of if the victim wanted to pursue that course of action.

Hired a coordinator to create a community response to DV. The Council was well attended.

DVCC began in 1996- see handout on history and org chart.

DV court created in 1998. One judge hearing all cases that came through the system.

Elaine was part of the Council from 1998-2013/14, and is still an alternate for the elected DA.

DVCC had projects, an executive committee and working groups.

1995 Grand Jury made DV a topic and mandated that MC needed a coordinated response. MC was already doing so.

Resolution passed by BOS that all BOS would have a delegate present.

There are two present currently.

Had working groups that consisted of about 40 people. The people weren't necessarily part of the DVCC but those that wanted to contribute to the court response to DV.

Every person convicted of DV must get to 52-week program and ensure compliance.

Community Education: Public Service Announcements

Created Speakers Bureau whereby people could request speakers. Many panels held on teens, DV.

Created a DV local service brochure. Still updated on the website.

Law mandated that all police agencies had local resources for DV in their lobby and the Community Education working group would conduct spot checks on to ensure information was there that reflected services throughout the entire county.

Victim Services Working group: DV Response Team effort to send an advocate after the scene was safe.

Data Collection: to collect stats from law enforcement and probation and offender intervention groups.

Medical Services: Sheree devised protocol for identifying and engaging with those in the medical field.

Annual Conference Committee

DV Services Response Community Committee: Ombudsman

Some victims were complaining about the system so this was created to mitigate that.

Budget Committee

Private donor gave 20k to set up vine system (an automated system that would alert the victim if someone was being released from jail).

Switched to victim services and the money is still there. Earmarked for victims. Used it for victim waiting rooms in the DA's office.

By law the court houses must now have a waiting room for victims (if courthouse is being refurbished or built).

Creation of goals: Every year they had a survey that identified goals, did a retreat to prioritize annual goals for the working groups.

Gave awards at annual conferences ie: Good Citizen Award to bystanders.

Currently: No more DV dedicated court in MC.

Every judge in the court house would take annual turns. Court was overwhelmed with cases and wanted to split it up to make it more manageable.

Split between three judges. Questioning why there was a special court for this and now every court does DV.

Judges are, for the most part, educated but the court still sees victims going through the system without proper support.

Civil court is in Salinas and waiting room is in Monterey Court-so victims who are in civil court do not have access to the waiting room.

At some point they brought DV cases from Monterey to Salinas to try to ensure same treatment of victims.

DV and animal abuse: there are strong correlations. For example, if youth were violent to animals, there are statistics that demonstrate a propensity towards DV when they are older.

Several years ago, RO added a line to protect the animal in the RO, naming the animal.

Often times can charge DV and animal cruelty at the same time. So the perpetrators are exposed to DV penal code section for DV.

DA needs to educate jury's about DV and common characteristics. Has about 4 DV experts that can testify about common characteristics such as delayed reporting, staying because of children. "Generic Education Expert".

If there is a trial, they will call an expert. Need more witnesses groomed. If anyone is interested, contact Elaine.

4. Policy/Advocacy

a. New or pending legislation 4:15- 4:30

Corporate Transparency Act: Every business would have to have a beneficiary name on contract:

Illicit Cash Act: The name in the senate: 2563- vote in support of.

Opportunity for individual advocacy will be sent to DVCC.

5. New Business 4:30- 4:50

a. Revision of bylaws and quorum pending actions

CHS: will fill the batterer category of bylaw mandates. Kelsey will be the appointed for CHS.

Clergy: Group of inter-faith clergy in Salinas attempting to gather around family ministries

issues. Not formally formed as of yet. If they do form a group, can appoint someone.

Working with interfaith outreach of Carmel and Clergy Association of Monterey.

Linda Sent email to MCOE.

Contacted Maria Pacheco from DSS to represent Latino Network.

DSS is still waiting for resolution to determine who will be the Appointed.

Commission on the Status of Women: Dionne and Glorietta said they would send someone.

Still confusion on who can represent the Armed Services.

Karlette will check on Armed Services appointed but also Jane Parker doesn't have a representative.

Bylaws state Military Police should be present.

We think we could have a rep from all branches of military. Who would we contact from Presidio to get a designated appointee? Karlette will do some research.

Linda to email Jillian from Army Presidio to get the process started.

Linda to check with County Council about changes in and interpretations of the bylaws.

Adding the term "in attendance"- should we set a minimum if only 5 ppl show up.

What's 80% of average- possible 10-12 this could be the minimum.

d. Sample letter reminder and results

Linda to resend letter and those that are not appointed can go to supervisor to become appointed.

e. Access to services continued discussion

Linda hands out diagram regarding accessing services. Mapping the most typical and effective pathways for victims that are trying to access services for DV or/and Sexual Assault.

Part of the mission is to improve the coordination of services to victims.

Does CALOES Form include School and Medical Providers. Ask Sheree for clarification.

6. Old Business:

4:50-5:00

a. The Chair position is open, Elect Chair

Motion to nominate Linda McGlone- second and all in favor.

b. Advancing the Community Protocol with Mark Wynn

c. 2020 DVCC Conference

d. 2020 DVCC Goals

Vote on October 2020 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 November 20, 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.