

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Minutes

DATE: September 25, 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:** Linda McGlone, Willow Aray, Jeff Hoyne, Helen Childers, Ashley Walden, Mariela Arreola, Marlene Ramirez, Dr. Valerie Barnes, Sheree Goldman, Deacon Warren Hoy, Lauren DaSilva, Kelsey Hansen, Jillian Santillanez.

1. **Opening** 3:30-3:40

- a. Call to order and Introductions

Called to order at 3:33

- b. Approval of minutes for August 2019

Dr. V Barnes makes a motion to approve minutes and Warren Hoy seconded

- c. Treasurer's Report – none available

- d. Public comments and oral communications – no public present

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

Community Homeless Solutions having event at Wave Studio- Evening of Hope 10/4

\$65/Person. Look at website for more information.

3. **Education and Information**

Presentation: Kelsey Hansen, Community Human Services. 3:55-4:15

Provide services for homeless, substance abuse and mental health

Talked about Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and what it means to be an advocate.

CHS has a program for abusers.

Role as advocate is to provide support alongside the Social Worker. They use different tools as a way to identify at-risk individuals.

Sample lesson plan handed out from the abuser program.

Advocate conducts intake and implements the class: There is one female class and 4 male classes, each are 52 weeks in length.

As the class continues, participants begin to make connections regarding intergenerational trauma and coping strategies for stress etc.

Their awareness grows over time and participants learn how they can make changes and develop coping skills.

Many clients are court ordered. The cost of the class can be based on a sliding scale, if necessary and ranges from \$20 to \$50 per session.

Counseling can be provided through Beacon House or the County's Behavioral Health Division, if the client has MediCal.

The class leader sees a lot of no call - no shows, which they find occurs when they lose contact with participants. To increase retention, they send out reminders in the evening the day before.

CHS also provides free parenting classes, with a new curriculum coming in 2020.

#### **4. Policy/Advocacy**

New or pending legislation

4:15- 4:30

There was a discussion about the California Court Look up System. You can't see the actual case number unless you go into the courthouse and look it up. I would be helpful to have that number in advance.

Some clients bring up that when they have to go to court and have a restraining order, the police are not aware of the order and bailiffs are allowing the victim and the accused to be around each other.

It is the restrained person's responsibility to vacate the premise - regardless of if it is civil or criminal.

Probation has them file for Petition for Peaceful Contact if they are going to be in court together.

The violation of orders happens often.

## 5. New Business

4:30- 4:50

### a. Review of DVCC structure and policies

We can't change the bylaws or add new agencies until we have a quorum.

Definition of quorum in bylaws makes reference to 'Seated' members.

We have 8 vacancies- leaving us with 15 'seated' members- Quorum = 50% +1 of seated members, so we need 9 people that are the official 'Appointed' or the official 'Alternate'. It would be easier to achieve a quorum if we added "in attendance" to the bylaws.

Linda will send out a sample letter that can be used to designate an official Alternate so the person attending can vote. Attendees are to take it to their supervisor for approval.

Need clarification on who would sign off on 'Appointed' or 'Alternate' for the military.

2001 added 9 members per Civil Grand Jury Report. It was suggested that Linda contact County Counsel to review any revisions that we propose to make to the by-laws.

A discussion followed about whom to contact for various organization vacancies:

Ask Commission of Status of Women to designate someone.

Glorietta Roland- Department of Social Services.

Kelsey/ Mariela/ Lauren to check with her.

Pam and Linda to reach out to the Board.

Do we need Business community representation? Potential businesses include: bar owners, property management companies, County Office of Education, Housing Authority, Newspaper, Latino network, Agricultural community, Taylor Farms.

Could we have someone as a speaker from Housing Authority regarding housing and DV? Helen will reach out to them.

Linda will contact Allison Yant, to represent the Elder Abuse Consortium.

### b. Accessing DV and Sexual Assault Services

A draft handout illustrating access to services was distributed, showing the addition of Mandated Reporters. Reporters need to call and fill out the CPS form, not just do one or the other.

Report form CAL OES 920- Suspicious injury- goes to Police.

Child abuse and neglect report goes to CPS.

If doctors or nurses are treating someone for a physical injury and you become aware of a crime-then must report.

Clients should be referred to the District Attorney's Victim's Unit for assistance in applying for California Victim Compensation benefits. When clients are referred to the Victim's Unit an advocate will assist the client in completing the application and submitting the application with the client's medical expenses. In most cases a crime report is required. If a crime was not reported to law enforcement in cases of sexual assault and domestic violence other avenues can be used, such as; a statement from a friend of the victim stating the victim disclosed the SA to them; a statement from a domestic violence case worker indicating the client disclosed domestic violence incidents; a CPS report

In terms of sexual assault, the Monterey Rape Crisis Center will support victims in calling the police, if that's what the victim chooses to do. This the best way to receive services form the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

Unless there are emergent injuries, going directly to the hospital will be the slowest way to receive SART services.

VAWA Compliance exam can be conducted without law enforcement involvement. This is called a non-investigative report. (NIR)

The CAL OES 2- 502 Form is the "Forensic Medical Report: DV Examination" and the Cal OES 2-920 Form is filed with the police when health care workers observe a suspicious injury.

Advocates are encouraged to ask DV survivors if sexual assault occurred.

Jacqueline Campbell, PhD., created a Danger Assessment that screens for risk of domestic violence. There is on-online course in the use of this tool with clients, at <https://www.dangerassessment.org/>

Sexual Assault: Survivors have three years to decide if they want an investigation. Law enforcement has to keep the rape kits sealed for three years, can only open if there is suspicion of serial rapists.

**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

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 October 23, 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.