

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

MINUTES

DATE: July 22, 2020 TIME: 3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Ashley Walden, Linda McGlone, Lauren DaSilva, Ryan Bone, Joan Crenshaw, Amber Wasson, Kathy Palazzolo, Kenya Burton, Dr. Valerie Barnes, Jeff Hoyne, Esther Almas, Kelsey Hansen, Nykole Sakihara, Becky Sherwood, Marlene Ramirez, Mariela Arreola, Karlette Anderson, Dr. Deneen Guss

Excused: Al Vicent, Priscilla Ortega

1. Opening 3:30 - 3:40

- a. Call to order and Introductions – 3:37 pm
- b. Quorum – Reached
- c. Approval of minutes for June 24, 2020 – Motion Valerie Barnes, 2nd Ashley Walden, Approved
- d. Treasurer’s Report (quarterly) – Total deposits \$92, total expenses \$92, total ending balance \$25,215.74
- e. Public comments and oral communications – None

2. Updates and Announcements 3:40 - 3:45

Lauren- Community training mentioned in last meeting, 1st part is tomorrow, last 3 trainings still open to register for, Lauren will be offering the last one 9/24

3. Education and Information 3:45 – 4:15

Presentation by Nykole Sakihara, Program Manager, Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (20 minutes & QA)

- Coordinator of services in Monterey and San Benito counties
- Group pf non-profit and public organizations working together to address the complex issue of homelessness
- Serves as the continuum of care coordinator for federal funding
- CHS serves as the lead agency for the homeless management information system

- Lead agency for the Coordinated Assessment & Referral System (CARS) – Ensure those in highest need receive services first
- Coordinate Shelter & Unsheltered Point-In-Time (PIT) Census to determine the number of homeless individuals in the area
- Member Agencies: Housing Authority, Interim, Community Human Services, HRC, Community Homeless Solution, etc.
- Associate members: VRC, Eden Housing, YWCA, CHISPA< Gathering for Women, etc.
Community Advisors: Social Services, Harden Foundation, City of Marina, City of Salinas, etc.
- 2019 stats/results: Counted anyone living on the streets or in shelters, 2422 on that day in MC
76% of homeless live unsheltered in Monterey County, 50% San Benito County
95% 25+ age, range is increasing, 14% youth
Monterey County 4% currently experiencing Physical, Emotional, Substance abuse currently, expected that it is a higher percentage than what was reported
26% of singles homeless du to Physical, Emotional, Substance abuse
35% of families homeless due to Physical, Emotional, Substance abuse
- CARS: “The way home”, Assessment is used to prioritize needs, long wait list, work with the network of agencies to see how many beds they have so they can use the CARS list to see if the client would be a good fit for a program, higher priority given for chronically homeless over 1 year, once a good fit is found the client is called. They have 3 chances to get back in touch (3 days)
- DV survivors have separate procedures, Take the CARS with 2 specific questions about DV. If they confirm they are then connected to the YWCA or MCRCC. They are then required to complete the assessment on paper & fax it in. The name is changed on the master list for confidentiality and safety, standard procedure followed from there, emergency transfer can be requested if there is threat to imminent harm, must contact housing provider to file a formal request

4. Policy/Advocacy (open discussion) 4:15 – 4:25

5. New Business 4:25 – 4:40

a. Resolution to Board of Supervisors to update membership:

i. Approve Associate Member category (discussion) - Associate members are not counted towards quorum and cannot vote, but can continue attending meetings.
Motion Barnes, 2nd Joan, Approved

ii. Strike services of military police, add Representatives of Family Advocacy Program from Army and Navy. Vote to approve representatives of the Army and Navy – Motion Joan Crenshaw, 2nd Valerie Barnes, Approved

iii. Update membership

- Remove Women’s Crisis Center – Motion Joan Crenshaw, 2nd Valerie Barnes, Approved
- Change the names from Chief of Police to Monterey County Law Enforcement Officers Association; Shelter Outreach Plus, South County to Community Homeless Solutions; and Monterey Rape Crisis Center to Monterey County Rape Crisis Center– Motion Valerie Barnes, 2nd Joan Crenshaw Approved
- Add Community Human Services & Lideres Campesinas – Motion Barnes, 2nd Joan Crenshaw, Approved

b. COVID Updates and Challenges

i. EPO and TRO challenge with the courthouses being closed. The processes are taking longer causing some people to go uncovered. - Ashley

ii. Lower bails, released easily, could be increasing difficulty related to leaving their abuser, difficulty placing individuals on parole or probation – Kathy & Ryan

iii. Schools were working to put all plans together, due to spike in cases and being placed on the watch list the Gov required schools not open to on-site instruction. Watch list off for 14 days to begin modified plans that have been worked on following all proper protocols. If there is a breakout at the schools they may close the classroom or school depending on size, if 25% of district breakout the whole district will close – Deneen

6. Old Business

4:40 – 5:00

a. 2020 DVCC Virtual Conference (Committee Reports)

- i. Honorarium funding – Board discussed \$250 for lead speakers
- ii. Members may want to sponsor a speaker

- iii. Oct Thurs 12-130pm, 1,8,15,22,29
- iv. Donation or charge?
- v. Record presentations & put links on the website

b. 2020 DVCC Goals - Tabled for next meeting

- i. Housing
- ii. Data collection for grants

7. Adjourn – 5:06pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for **August 26, 2020 through Zoom** 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.