

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

MINUTES

DATE: **May 27, 2020**

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

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Linda McGlone, Ashley Walden, Jeff Hoyne, Kelsey Hansen, Lauren DaSilva, Christine Duncan, Joan Crenshaw, Deneen Guss, Sheree Goldman, Marlene Ramirez, Deacon Warren Hoy, Dr. Valerie Barnes, Pamela Patterson, Jillian Santillanez, Mariela Arreola, Al Vicent, Priscilla Ortega, Kathy Palazzolo, Karlette Anderson

1. Opening 3:30 - 3:40

- a. Call to order and Introductions
- b. Quorum is 9 members – Quorum met 14 seated members present
- c. Approval of minutes for April 22, 2020 - Motion Val Barnes, 2nd Christine Duncan, All approved
- d. Treasurer’s Report – Shared the excel spreadsheet showing quarterly report Jan-Mar, bring any potential donations to the meeting for approval and to be added to the accounts.

\$21882.28 originated from a donation from Shelter Outreach plus. It was originally used to pay for the expense of creating VINE (Victim Identification Notification Everyday). Changes allowed the funding to be used for victim waiting rooms in the courthouse; one was built in Salinas. Planning to use the remaining money to furnish waiting rooms in other/new courthouses in the county.
- e. Public comments and oral communications - None

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

Community Human Services batterers classes will begin next week online or in person, waiting for confirmation. YWCA starting face to face engagement end of next week. Family Violence Appellate Project 2020 compendium of all DV laws has been released.

3. Education and Information

3:45 – 3:55

- a. Presentation by Linda McGlone on Safe Dates Program in Salinas high schools - 6 session curriculum, students make a poster or PSA video, winning video will be placed on Facebook. PSA Video provides information on how to get help with Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Abuse. To include hotline numbers for: Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, (831) 375-4357 and YWCA is (831) 757-1001. Deneen Guss requested to play the PSA on the local educational TV station.
- b. June meeting presentation: Elaine McCleaf to present a case study for June meeting – opportunity to see how the local domestic violence system is working.
- c. July meeting presentation: Coalition for Homeless Service Providers

4. Policy/Advocacy

3:55 - 4:05

- a. Board discussed the housing 1st model. This model is a more effective approach for clients in need of housing. Allows for longer, more sustainable assistance (24 months) and also allows clients flexibility and more funds for expenses that may be holding them back from finding employment (gas, groceries, etc.). This model is currently being used at the YWCAMC for the past 18 months and is now more successful than the previous “Intervention Project”. This model is shown to better help people secure long-term housing. The client and the landlord are both screened to make sure everyone qualifies for services, and the landlords are more willing to participate knowing that the agency using the model has screened the clients ensuring a more secure tenant. The agency provides case-management and support with first and last month’s rent. In 2019 the YWCA supported 71 women and children, as of April all 71 are still living in the same tenancy. This model is still being offered and the YWCA is looking to develop the program further with federal funding for Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking survivors.

Community Homeless Solutions has turned to permanent housing with Section-8, instead of temporary housing. Families in their DV shelters can be transitioned as well.

5. New Business

4:05 - 4:20

- a. COVID Updates and Challenges:
 1. Al Vicent: DV providers within probation services have not been able to operate due to the shelter in place order, working on ways to meet virtually or offer services in person while still social distancing, have been sanitizing their offices so that programs can get

back into operation (Ex: Batterers programs). Not seeing a decrease in domestic violence cases.

2. Christine Duncan: The YWCAMC has doubled the number of [redacted] groups,???
 - each with 4 clients and the facilitator
 3. Linda McGlone: The County will move into Stage 2 of the Governor's Road Map to reopening businesses safely. Social Distancing and masks are still required.
 4. Jillian Santillanez: 2 cases pending, clients are not regularly being notified of the changes of court dates and appearances. The number for updates via Victims Witness Unit is (831)755-5072. The restraining order process has been going great with the courts by allowing remote appearances.
 5. Sheree Goldman: Sexual Assault Response Providers now offer home collection for victims once pre-screened. The police deliver supplies, nurse, police, and advocate speak with the victim remotely and the nurse guides the individual through the collection. In order to offer this option, it must be medically and socially safe in home. Doing interview remotely even with in the hospital.
 6. YWCA is seeing an increase in DV related calls, Salinas Police has noted an increase in reports but a decrease in prosecution.
 7. Jeff Hoyne, Chief of Del Rey Oaks Police is seeing a decrease in calls for services overall, waiting to see research once shelter in place order is over.
 8. Lauren DaSilva: Research shows that child abuse reports go up when children return to school due to having access to a mandated reporter, so numbers may increase once children return to school.
 8. Jillian Santillanez seeing a decrease in [redacted] cases?? the military population but are preparing for a higher caseload once shelter in place is lifted; seeing flare ups but overall slowed down.
 9. Karlette Anderson is expecting an increase in reports once children go back to school and also suspects that events are occurring and not being reported
 10. Kathy Palazzolo planning to see an uptick in cases once shelter in place is lifted and cases will be difficult due to lack of evidence.
- b. Resolution to Board of Supervisors to update membership - Waiting to hear about invitation extended to the Coalition for Homeless Service Providers to make a presentation at DVCC meeting.

6. Old Business

4:20 – 4:30

a. 2020 DVCC Conference - Virtual

Established a committee to begin organizing – Christine Duncan, Lauren DaSilva, Joan Crenshaw, Priscilla Ortega, Pam Patterson volunteered, will report at next meeting

Should we create “swag bags” representing the DV agencies, for people wanting to join / to bid on them at the conference????

b. 2020 DVCC Goals - Next meeting

7. Adjourn

4:30

Next Meeting is scheduled for **June 24, 2020 through Zoom or 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.