

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY

MINUTES

DATE: January 27, 2021

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

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/5646607570>

Meeting ID: 564 660 7570

Dial in: (669) 900-6833 (San Jose)

Members attended: Linda McGlone, Christine Duncan, Ashley Walden, Kelsey Hansen, Pamela Patterson, Elaine McCleaf, Priscilla Ortega, Mariela Arreola, Marlene Ramirez, Kenya Burton, Deacon Warren Hoy, Herendida Delena, Jillian Santillanez, Lee Garland

Others attended: Zoe Carter (looking to represent the business community), Teri James (sitting in for Dr. Deneen Guss, MCOE), Ryan Bone (attending on behalf of Heriberto Estrada, Probation), Kathleen McConahy (Community Human Services Senior Program Officer)

Excused: Amber Wasson, Lauren DaSilva, Kathy Palozzolo, Sheree Goldman, Joan Crenshaw

1. Opening

3:30 - 3:40

- a. Call to order and Introductions – 3:36pm
- b. Quorum is at least 9 designated members present – 11, met
- c. Approval of minutes for November 18, 2020
 - i. Motioned by Christine Duncan, 2nd Kenya Burton, Approved by all
- d. Treasurer's Report – Kelsey Hansen, Treasurer
 - i. Last quarter: No income. Spent \$106 to re-up the PO Box for this year. Beginning balance of \$28954.71-\$106=\$28848.71 Ending balance.
- e. Public comments and oral communications
 - i. None

2. Updates and Announcements

3:40 - 3:45

- a. CHS – hired a new senior program officer Kathleen McConahy
- b. YWCA awarded money from the Allstate grant. It is a 3 yearlong grant focused on women’s economic empowerment. Focuses on helping survivors of domestic violence with their financial position, presenting on financial awareness, etc.
- c. Jillian Santillanez – February is teen dating violence awareness month. She is putting together a video geared towards parents (red flags to look out for, healthy relationships, etc.). It will be approximately 10 minutes long. Will be posted on Facebook and she would like to share with on the DVCC website. Will be ordering giveaway promos (Masks, pens, etc.) and is offering to deliver to any agencies interested.
- d. Lee Garland – March 6th and 20th will be facilitating effective communication workshops at the Center for Spiritual Living. This workshop is offered about 5 times per year.
- e. Christine Duncan – The YWCA’s OPPA program delivers presentations and workshops about healthy dating relationships. Offered to do a presentation for teen dating violence awareness. Linda and Christine to get together to discuss further.

3. Education and Information

3:45 – 4:15

Presentation: California Partnership to End Domestic Violence Policy Priorities,
by Christine Duncan, YWCA

The recognized DV coalition in California representing over 1000 advocates, groups, and allied organizations. Based in Sacramento.

Vision: A California free of domestic violence. Advocate for social change, help shape public policy, increase community awareness.

Their goals for 2021-22:

1. Funding & Program requirements: Advocate for COVID-19 relief funding. Ensure ongoing, stable funding. Advocate for increased funding thru VAWA, VOCA, FVSPA. Works with CCASA for prevention funding (currently geared more towards sexual assault than domestic violence). Begin planning for a shift away from reliance on fines and fees from perpetrators. Support increased funding for legal aid services.
2. Housing and Homeless: Increased funding for hotel beds, looking for more long-term stable housing. YWCA-MC was able to keep shelter at capacity (unlike many other counties). A percentage of all DV money dedicated to DV clients rather than other things such as salaries, supplies, etc. Ensure increased impact on state homeless planning. State awareness of intersection between DV, homelessness, mental health, & substance abuse. Increase eviction protection for survivors. Promote DV housing first model; YWCAMC has begun implementing this with the current restructuring of programs.

3. Economic Justice: Remedies for survivors facing financial abuse and incurred debt. Mitigate impact of poor credit. Review and update safe-at-home program, offering confidential addresses for DV victims (This program is also currently being utilized for public health officials due to threats to their safety during the COVID-19 pandemic). Advocate for better access to childcare. Better access to public benefits, some related to immigration status.

a. Kenya Burton – many people who apply for cash aid are required to file child support which can be a deterrent. Kenya’s program can help clients file waivers to avoid the child support requirement.

b. Marlene Ramirez – Would like to present on the benefits and their relation to DV at a future meeting.

4. Addressing the criminal legal system: Alternatives to 911 response (Mental health providers, chaplains, advocates, etc. rather than arrests. Some areas are calling it a 911 Triage process). Restorative and transformative justice. Examine memorandums of understandings between community services and law enforcement. Advocate for VAWA reauthorization. Move away from the cash bail system: consider survivor safety when facilitating pretrial release and detention. Monitor batterers programs and provide technical assistance.

a. Elaine McCleaf – Laws have changed since COVID regarding detention and bail.

5. Prevention: Elevate the issue of prevention and need for legislative support and funding. Collaborate with CCASA to seek funding opportunities.

6. Immigration: Advocate for survivors’ access to the public purse to include increasing number of U-Visas. Oppose policy which creates additional barriers for immigrant survivors seeking legal status. Support for de-link between immigration and law enforcement collaboration.

a. Herendida Delena – Working to expand resources for immigrants. Make sure they know they aren’t alone, have resources available to them.

4. Policy/Advocacy (open discussion)

4:15 – 4:25

See presentation above

5. New Business

4:25 – 4:40

COVID Updates and Challenges – update

a. 38713 cases, 279 new cases yesterday (expected spike may have hopefully been reached, 4-500 cases per day in the last few weeks). 175 hospitalized, 274 fatalities. Vaccines have begun. There are a number of clinics for healthcare workers. Expanded priority group to 75 years or older. Check health dept website for clinics and vaccine info. Stay at home order was lifted; return to tier system. Monterey County is still in the purple tier

6. Old Business

4:40 – 5:00

Discuss how member responses contribute to DVCC goal for 2021,
Led by Christine Duncan, YWCA

a. Last meeting a goal was written and voted on. It was proposed and voted on that we develop a charter presenting how each DVCC organization will be responding to that goal. Plan is to look at the charter semi-annually to see how the goals were met by the agencies that are part of the DVCC.

i. Kelsey – Have each agency answer what their contribution will be. These will be emailed out so executive committee can keep track. Created a broken-down version of the goal into an excel spreadsheet that committee can use to keep track.

b. Marlene – Would like to update/create a DV brochure for more info on additional agencies and services available in Monterey County. Would like to expand conversation on this at the next meeting. Pamela mentioned that there is one posted on the DVCC website, but we can all look at it and go from there.

c. Linda – Possibly pursue the legal area related to DV as an area of interest for further discussions. Many members had questions or statements in this area during the discussion.

7. Adjourn

4:55

Next Meeting is scheduled for **February 24, 2021 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. An unexcused absence is defined as no email message prior to the meeting and subsequent absence from the meeting.

Need further information or if you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact:

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