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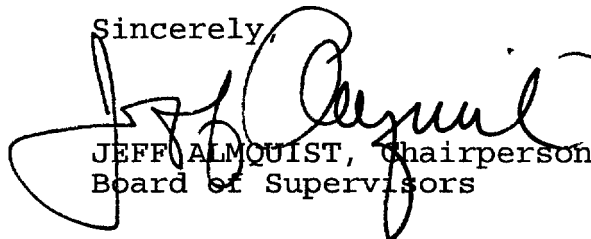
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County of Santa Cruz
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Domestic Violence Commission for calendar year 1998. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,



JEFF ALMQUIST, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Domestic Violence Commission

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**1998 Annual Report
of the
Santa Cruz County
Domestic Violence Commission**

Submitted by:

Mark Tracy, Chairperson

THE SANTA CRUZ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

1. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION

- A. The role of the Commission is to help increase coordination between agencies, departments and the courts and with victims of domestic violence and abuse.
- B. Promote effective accessible education, prevention, intervention and treatment techniques which will be developed based upon research and data collection.
- C. Seek to improve the response to domestic violence and abuse to reduce the incidents of domestic violence.
- D. Examine issues relating to domestic violence and make recommendations in regard to administrative and legislative action to be taken by the Board of Supervisors,
- E. Establish a committee from among its membership, with the addition of a representative from the Office of the Santa Cruz County Counsel, as specified by Penal Code Section 853.6(a) to develop protocols for use by law enforcement officers and recommend the adoption of said protocols to the Board of Supervisors.

2. MEETING DATES. TIME AND LOCATION

Meetings of the Commission are held quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month. The meetings convene at 5:30 p.m. at various locations.

During the 1998 calendar year, the Commission met on the following dates:

February 11, 1998
 March 11, 1998
 April 8, 1998
 May 13, 1998
 June 10, 1998
 August 12, 1998
 September 9, 1998
 October 14, 1998
 November 11, 1998
 December 9, 1998

3. COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The Commission is comprised of 27 Commissioners. They are as follows:

The County Administrative Officer, or his/her designee

The Sheriff-Coroner of the county, or his/her designee

A Chief of Police agency, designated by the Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association of the county, or that police chiefs designee

The District Attorney of the county, or his/her designee

Two judges, one familiar with domestic violence cases, one familiar with family law, to be chosen by the courts

The Chief Probation Officer of the county, or his/her designee

The Superintendent of the County Office of Education, or his/her designee

One representative of each of the following, as appointed by the Board of Supervisors, upon nomination by the identified agency:

The Human Resources Agency of the county

The Health Services Agency of the county

Women's Crisis Support

Defensa de Mujeres

Walnut Avenue Women's Center

The Family Mediation Service

A certified batterer's treatment provider approved by the County Probation Department pursuant to Penal Code Section 1000.94

The Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

The Santa Cruz County Senior's Commission

The Commission of the Prevention of Violence Against Women

Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital

Battered Women's Task Force

A representative from the Community Clinic Coalition

A representative of the Family Law Bar of Santa Cruz County

The following at-large representatives, as appointed by the Board of Supervisors:

A survivor of domestic violence

A representative of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Community

A representative of the Latino Community

4. 1998 ATTENDANCE REPORT

1998 Domestic Violence Attendance Report

Commissioners	February	March	April	May	June	August	September	October	November	December
Barton, Michael									A	E-A
Belcher, Steve	E-A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Benitez, Mary						X	X	X	A	X
Biggam, Larry	A	X	X	X	X	X	E-A	A	X	X
Carr Gordon, Nancy		X	A	X	X	A	X	X	A	X
Danner, Art	X	X	X	X	X	X	E-A	X	X	E-A
Draughon, Laurie						X	X	A	X	E-A
Ellerby, Pat	X	X	X	X	X	E-A	X	X	E-A	X
Espinola, Celia	G-X									
Flores, Rita							G-X	G-X		
Henri, Anita	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E-A	X
Hilberman, Eleanor	X	X	X	X	X	E-A	X	X	E-A	X
Kelsay, Wm.	A	E-A	X	E-A	X	A	A	A		
Kuechle, Loretta					X	X	X	X	E-A	A
Lane, Mark							A	A	A	A
Lee, Barbara	G-X	G-X	G-X		G-X	G-X	G-X		G-X	G-X
Lopez, Beatrix	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
Lopez, Peggy									G-X	
Maynez, Dianne	X	X	E-A	X	X	X				
McCarty, Betsy			G-X		G-X					
McWhorter, Laurie	E-A	X	E-A	X	X	X	X	X	E-A	X
Morse, Heather	A	E-A	X	A	E-A	A	E-A	A		
Norman-Terrance, M.	X									
O'Brien, Dee	X	X	X	X	E-A	X	E-A	X	E-A	X
Organista, Celia	X	X	X	X	X	X	E-A	A	A	X
O'Sullivan, Martina	A	X	E-A	A	A	X	A	A	A	A
Parry, Vicki	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Pohle, Terry	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Rabow, David	G-X		G-X	G-X	G-X	G-X			G-X	G-X
Raphael, Francesca	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rhoads, John							X	A	A	A
Samis, Michelle	X	X	X	E-A	X	X	X	X	A	X
Schaller, Barbara	X	X	X	E-A	X	X	X	X	X	A
Schneider, Julie	G-X	G-X	G-X				G-X	G-X	G-X	G-X
Simonson, Heidi	G-X	G-X								
Shirchild, Jan	E-A	E-A								
Simoni, Mary	X	X		X	X	A	X	X	X	A
Siri, Diane	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Stevens, Gail	X	E-A	X	X	X	E-A	E-A	A	X	X
Stevens, Sam										X
Tracy, Mark	X	X	X	X	X	E-A	X	X	X	X
Whitt, Sheri						G-X	E-A	X	X	X

Key	
Present:	X
Absent:	A
Excused Absence:	EA
Guest:	G-X
Not a Member of the Commission:	

5. ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The goals and accomplishments for the Santa Cruz County Domestic Violence Commission for 1998 were as follows:

- GOAL #1:** Amend the County Ordinance to include Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center as part of the Commission.
- RESULTS:** Dr. Laurie Draughon was appointed to serve on the Commission to represent Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center.
- GOAL #2:** Revise the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Protocol
- RESULTS:** Completed and approved by the County Chiefs' Association.
- GOAL #3 :** Provide services/resource information for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Community (GLBT).
- RESULTS:** Task force formed to address the needs of GLBT community.
- GOAL #4:** Work with the Walnut Avenue Women's Center and the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women to introduce the "Hands are not for Hitting" pilot program in school classrooms.
- RESULTS:** Introduced "Hands are not for Hitting" program at Shoreline Middle School.
- GOAL #5:** Work with Family Court to-improve timely support orders for children, equal services for Watsonville and improve communication between family court and criminal court involving domestic violence cases.
- RESULTS:** Several meetings were conducted with judges to identify and analyze issues of domestic violence cases when they intersect with family court, and how they can be better merged.
- GOAL #6:** MOSAIC Software - This software is used for threat assessment identification.
- RESULTS:** Number of Commissioners attended the MOSAIC software demonstration hosted by the Santa Cruz Sheriffs Office. Sheriffs Office purchased software, which is now in use.

GOAL #7: Amend the County Ordinance to include a Latino Member-at-Large as part of the Commission.

RESULTS: Mary Benitez was appointed to serve on the Commission.

GOAL #8: Medical Sub-Committee began the process to develop a medical reporting video.

RESULTS: Committee located one funding source, the Santa Cruz Medical Society, who has agreed to donate \$2,000. The project cost is estimated at \$6,000.

GOAL #9: Develop accounts with the Auditor's Office.

RESULTS: With the assistance of Nancy Carr Gordon, treasurer for the Commission, accounts were developed with the Auditor's Office.

GOAL #10: Contact the Santa Cruz Sentinel to discuss the way they publish domestic violence articles.

RESULTS: The Chair contacted the Santa Cruz Sentinel asking that their articles be sensitive to domestic violence.

GOAL #11: Domestic Violence Month: Increase public awareness through newspaper articles on domestic violence.

RESULT: The Sheriffs Office, the District Attorney's Office and various Commissioners participated in getting feature stories published in the Santa Cruz Sentinel and The Valley Press.

GOAL #12: Purple Ribbon Month Activities

RESULT: Formed a ribbon cutting party to distribute over 10,000 purple ribbons throughout the county and press coverage for the Purple Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

GOAL #13: Awards Barbeque - October 14, 1998

RESULT: Awards barbeque was held at the Sheriffs Posse House to recognize line staff who work in the field of domestic violence prevention and intervention.

6. FUTURE GOALS

- Complete Medical Reporting Video;
- Develop Services for the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Community, and improve treatment programs for the batterer;
- Re-exam Mission Statement and Bylaws of the Commission;
- Address Family Court Services and explore the need for Domestic Violence Court.