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AGENDA: 6/6/00

May 26, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
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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 1999. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chair to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Domestic Violence Commission

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# **Santa Cruz County Domestic Violence Commission**

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## **1999 Annual Report**

Submitted by:



Steve Belcher, Chairperson

# Santa Cruz Domestic Violence Commission

## 1999 Annual Report

### 1. **ROLE OF THE COMMISSION**

- Help increase coordination between agencies, departments and the courts and with victims of domestic violence and abuse
- Promote effective accessible education, prevention, intervention and treatment techniques to be developed based upon research and data collection.
- Seek to improve the response to domestic violence and abuse to reduce the incidents of domestic violence.
- Examine issues relating to domestic violence and make recommendations to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors concerning administrative and legislative actions.
- 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 853.5(a) to develop protocols for use by law enforcement officers and recommend the adoption of said protocols to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

### 2. **MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION**

Meetings of the Commission are held on the second Wednesday of the month. The meetings convene at 5:30 p.m. at various locations. During the calendar year 1999 the Commission met on the following dates:

- January 13, 1999
- February 10, 1999
- March 10, 1999
- April 14, 1999
- May 12, 1999

- June 9, 1999
- August 11, 1999
- September 8, 1999
- October 13, 1999
- November 10, 1999

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### 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 chief's 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 Seniors Commission
- The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

- Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital
- Battered Women's Task Force
- A representative from the Community Clinic Coalition 0147
- A representative of the Family Law Bar of Santa Cruz

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

# 1999 Attendance Report

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Commissioners	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Battered Women's TF Francesca Raphael	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
Batterers Treatment Mary Simoni-PTA	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	EA	X	X	X	NM
CAO Nancy Carr-Gordon	NM	X	X	X	X	EA	NM	X	EA	EA	EA	NM
Chief of Police Steve Belcher	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	EA	X	X	X	NM
Chief of Probation John Rhoads	NM	A	X	EA	A	A	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
County HRA Mark Lane	NM	A	A	X	X	A	NM	X	A	A	X	NM
County HSA Pat Ellerby	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	EA	X	X	NM
County Women's Com. Anita Henri	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
CPVAW Laurie McWhorter	NM	X	X	X	X	EA	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
WCS/DDM Celia Organista	NM	X	X	X	X	A	NM	X	X	A	X	NM
District Attorney Ron Ruiz	NM	X	X	X	N/A	N/A	NM	N/A	N/A	NA	N/A	NM
D-Christine McGuire	NM	N/A	N/A	X	X	X	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
Dominican Hospital Martina O'Sullivan	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	A	A	X	NM
DV Survivor Gail Stevens	NM	X	X	X	A	EA	NM	EA	EA	X	X	NM
Family Law Bar Vicki Parry	NM	A	A	A	A	A	NM	A	A	A	N/A	NM
Susan Myers	NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	NM
Family Mediation Serv. Michelle Samis	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
GLBT Community Sheri Whitt	NM	X	X	EA	X	X	NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NM
Judge Michael Barton	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	A	A	X	X	NM
Judge Sam Stevens	NM	A	X	A	X	A	NM	X	A	A	A	NM

Latino Community										0149		
Mary Benitez	NM	X	EA	X	EA	X	NM	X	EA	X	EA	NM
Planned Parenthood												
Loretta Kuechle	NM	X	X	X	X	EA	NM	X	EA	X	X	NM
Public Defender												
Larry Biggam	NM	X	EA	X	A	X	NM	X	A	X	X	NM
Seniors Commission												
Barbara Schaller	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	A	X	X	NM
Sheriff-Coroner												
Mark Tracy	NM	X	X	X	X	X	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
Superintendent-COE												
Diane Siri	NM	A	A	A	N/A	N/A	NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NM
D-Joanne Allen	NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
Sutter Hospital												
Dr. Laurie Draughon	NM	EA	X	X	X	X	NM	X	X	X	X	NM
Watsonville Hospital												
Eleanor Hilberman	NM	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NM
WAWC												
Dee O'Brien	NM	X	X	X	X	EA	NM	X	EA	X	X	NM

**KEY:**

**Present**

**X**

**Absent**

**A**

**Excused Absence**

**EA**

**Not a current Commissioner**

**N/A**

**No Meeting**

**NM**

## **ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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GOAL #1: Continue Work on the Santa Cruz County Medical Reporting Video and creation of resource card on reporting.

RESULT: The Commission has continued to look for funds to assist in creating a training video for the medical community. The Commission has created information cards on domestic violence and how to report. These informational cards can be found in medical centers/offices throughout the community

GOAL #2: Address the limited availability of services for the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender Community and improve treatment programs for batterers within this community.

RESULT: The Commission gathered together community members to identify issues faced by the GLBT community. A research project, undertaken at this forum used a survey to gather information on current services and their availability. The Commission compiled a list of the resources and researched program models in outlying counties. A master plan was developed and funding options explored for the GLBT community through the Santa Cruz County Community Foundation.

GOAL #3: Re-examine the Mission Statement and Bylaws of the Commission.

RESULT: The commission has been involved in re-writing our mission statement. It is pending approval. The commission will next review the by-laws and make recommendations for improving them.

GOAL #4: Address Family Court services and explore Santa Cruz County's need for a Domestic Violence Court.

RESULT: The Commission supported a move by the Santa Cruz County Courts to institute a Domestic Violence Court.



GOAL #5: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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RESULT: The Commission was host to a press conference in South Santa Cruz County to launch Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

GOAL #6: Annual Awards Banquet

RESULT: The Commission hosted its annual awards banquet. Several certificates of appreciation were presented to individuals who work in the field of domestic violence prevention and education.

### **GOALS FOR THE YEAR 2000**

Goal #1: Initiate activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2000.

Goal #2: Host the annual Domestic Violence Commission Awards Barbecue with special recognition of the Commissions 5 year anniversary.

Goal #3: Complete and approve the Domestic Violence Commission Mission Statement and review of bylaws and long-term goals.

Goal #4: Review and recommend approval of Santa Cruz County District Attorneys Domestic Violence Prosecution Protocol.

Goal #5: Explore creation of a Santa Cruz County Domestic Violence Commission Website.

Goal #6: Complete Medical Training Video.

Goal #7: Update Law Enforcement Protocol.

Goal #8: Facilitate educational training/forum on “victimless” prosecution of domestic violence.