

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**First National Bank
Community Room
655 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076
Wednesday, April 10, 2002, 5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

Christine McGuire, Chair
JoAnn Allen
Melissa Berrengé
Amy Christey
Mark Garver for Larry Biggam
Lisa Gifford
Anita Henri, Vice Chair

Francine Nickell
Celia Organista
Jennifer Rose for Dee O'Brien
Francesca Raphael
Mark Tracy
Marybeth Varcados

Commissioners Absent:

Lynn Harrison
Alan Hiromura
Loretta Kuechle
Ernesto Lopez Molina (Excused)
Charles Molnar (Excused)
Laurie McWhorter (Excused)
John Rhoads

Mary Simoni (Excused)
Heidi Simonson
Sam Stevens
Linda Starn (Excused)
Maria Isabel Vargas (Excused)

Others Present:

Kim Austin
David Rabow
Jennifer Rose

Julie Schneider
Michele Snyder

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair Christine McGuire.

2. Introductions

Commissioners and community members introduced themselves.

3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Supervised Visitation Program --Berrengé. Berrengé report that the supervised visitation

program is in need of a site to conduct supervised visits. Commissioners presented some suggested sites.

4. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2002 Meeting

On the motion of Anita Henri seconded by Amy Christey the minutes of March 13, 2002 were approved as submitted.

5. Oral Communication from the Community

Kim Austin stated that she has had contact with individuals wishing to volunteer their time to assist victims of domestic violence. She asked Commissioners to compile a list of their needs so that volunteers could be referred to their agency.

6. Report from Law Enforcement Committee (Tracy)

Mark Tracy distributed the revised Santa Cruz County Law Enforcement Chief's Association's Domestic Violence Protocol. A discussion followed. Francine Nickel will meet with Mark Tracy and David Rabow to discuss issues affecting CPS. Commissioners were asked to review the protocol and to contact David Rabow by April 24 with suggested changes.

7. Report from Task Forces

JoAnn Allen updated the Commission on the work of her task force. Allen will bring the task force procedure to the Commission for a vote at its May 8th meeting.

Julie Schneider updated the Commission on the work of her task force.

David Rabow updated the Commission on the work of his task force.

8. Distribution of Commission Pamphlets

Christine McGuire distributed Domestic Violence Commission pamphlets to all Commissioners present.

9. Presentation of Orientation Packet to Commissioners

Christine McGuire distributed Domestic Violence Commission orientation packet to all Commissioners present.

10. Mentoring of New Commissioners (Henri)

Anita Henri discussed the need for mentoring newly appointed Commissioners in order to provide assistance to them in understanding how the Commission operates. A discussion

followed. It was determined that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

11. Collection of Biographies from Commissioners

Christine McGuire asked that Commissioners submit their written biographies to Jeanne Rodriguez as soon as possible.

12. Presentation by Michele Snyder of Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mureres

Michele Snyder, Community Action Team Coordinator made a presentation on her newly created position with Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mureres. She invited Commissioners to attend their meetings. Their next meeting is Monday April 15 at noon at the Watsonville Community Hospital, Conference Room 1.

13. Picture Taking of commissioners for Biographies Prior to Meeting

JoAnn Allen will be taking pictures of all Commissioners so that he can be included with their biographies.

14. Announces from Commissioners

Celia Organista announced that Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mureres will have to move their offices. She asked for their suggestions for another site. She also stated that they will soon be hiring a Director for their legal department.

Mark Garver announced that the Mexican Womens National Soccer team is running a clinic at Soccer Central on Saturday April 13. All proceeds from the clinic will benefit Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mureres.

Francine Nickel announced that there will be a program on April 11 in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Prevention month. It will be held on the Courthouse steps.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to May 8, 2002 at the Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room.

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Jeanne M. Rodriguez, Secretary
Domestic Violence Commission