

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 2009, 4:30 P.M.
Central Fire Station, 930 17th Ave. Santa Cruz CA 95062

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 14 voting members present, Quorum met.

Alisha Favorite	Larry Biggam
Bob Lee	Laura Garnette
Charles Molnar	Laura Segura
Dee O'Brien	Luanne Hult
Heidi Simonson	Sherra Clinton
Jo Ann Allen	Steve Robbins
Kathy Agnone	Susan Pearlman
Kay McGraw	

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Kymerly Lacrosse

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:

Candace Atkins	Kathi Loughlin
Jamie Gauthier	Kristin Long
Jodi Harvey	Sherri Stout-Torres

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angie Garcia Phil Wowak

1. **Call to Order.**
Chair Allen called meeting to order at 4:50
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**
Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**
None
4. **Approval of February Minutes.**
Commissioner Lee motions to approve the February minutes, Commissioner Robbins seconds the motion, the motion passes by unanimous vote.

5. Oral Communications from the Community.
None

6. Discussion from the April retreat.

Strengths

- Diversity (multiple agencies/voices)
- Training/Knowledge
- Political Power
- Access to Board of Supervisors
- Organization=Network

Weaknesses

- Members
- Loss of focus
- Red tape= stuck in process
- Clout/Profile
- Diversity
- Lack of Money
- Time Availability
- Community Input
- Lack of commitment

Opportunities

- Help People
- Healthier community
- Impact
- Change processes
- Save Money
- Increase dialogue about issues
- Increase of DV Prevention

Threats

- Failure
- Lose trust of community (fewer reports)
- Increase number of reports (perception of increase in incidents)
- Creating "fall out" for another agency
- Funding redirected

Two Identified Priorities:

Victim's Rights

Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

Suggested to narrow to one priority, incorporating desired outcomes of both.

Identified Priority:

Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

Ultimate Outcomes:

- All children feel loved
- Healthy Development throughout child's life
- Zero incidents of DV
- Prevent further DV Exposure

Awareness/Marketing/Education

- Every victim understands rights and exercised them for healthy outcome.**
- Parent education, community investment, good neighbors
- Adults knows how to talk to child in caring way**
- Public Awareness Campaign: Sensitize public and criminal justice players to this issue*****
- Health Care Providers educated in this issue and encouraged to report
- "Learn no to blame the victim" Campaign
- Clear expectations in the community "No More"
- Include Cultural considerations

Data

- Identify various traumas relating to children (ACE study)
- Review/refine protocol for data collection on CWS referrals on DV exposure
- Record the data

Protocols/Services

- Review/refine protocol for data collection on CWS referrals on DV exposure
- Team dispatched to respond to DV incidents involving children providing *****
- Each child would be offered opportunity to talk with trained professional**
- Video equipment for investigators/law enforcement to record statements**
- Wrap around services to serve the whole family unit
- County wide initiative to ensure children have the essential developmental assets

Victim's Rights

- Complete range of services and support for victim***
- Seamless access to services
- Create a safe environment to victims to accept help
- Victims have meaningful roles in planning programs
- Redefine it: Victim's privileges

*= duplicate submission

Action Steps/Commitments

Education of Commission Members on Children's issues

- Order DVD- Jo Ann Allen
- Possible Guest Speakers
 - Bruce Perry
 - Lundy Bancroft

Current SC County Model- Sheriff Wowack

Butte County Model- Sheriff Wowack

Look for model programs/services that will offer consistent and sustainable training

Meeting Schedule

June

September (prep for DV Awareness month)

November

February

April *Retreat*

7. **Adjournment.**

The Meeting was adjourned