

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Santa Cruz Police Department  
Community Room  
155 Center Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Wednesday, August 13, 2003, 5:30 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:**

JoAnn Allen  
Kim Austin  
Larry Biggam  
Amy Christey  
Gillian Greensite  
Lynn Harrison  
Anita Henri  
Tom Kelly  
Bob Lee

Dixie Mitchell-Clow  
Charles Molnar  
Francine Nickell  
Dee O'Brien  
Celia Organista  
Francesca Raphael  
Mary Simoni  
Heidi Simonson  
Linda Starn

**Commissioners Absent:**

Melissa Berrengé (Excused)  
Michelle Finch (Excused)  
Lisa Gifford  
Alan Hiromura

Loretta Kuechle  
Ernesto Lopez Molina  
Mark Tracy (Excused)

**Others Present:**

JoAnne Myall  
Beth Rees  
Jennifer Rose

Julie Schneider  
Roberta Valdez

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Celia Organista.

**2. Introductions**

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2003 Meeting**

On the motion of Dixie Mitchell-Clow and seconded by Anita Henry the June 11, 2003 minutes were approved as submitted.

### **4. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

On the motion of Anita Henri and seconded by Gillian Greensite there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### **5. Oral Communication from the Community**

Beth Rees and Roberta Valdez of UCSC Women's Center are interested in meeting with people in the community working with the issue of domestic violence to determine if there is interest in collaborating on a grant offered by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 3 at 10:00 a.m. at UCSC Baytree Conference Room. Anyone interested in this project should attend.

### **6. October--Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Posse House Awards Ceremony, International Women's Day, etc.) (Organista)**

Celia Organista announced that Women's Crisis Support~Defensa de Mujeres theme this year for Domestic Violence Awareness Month is--Build a Safer Community and Family Violence. They also will be doing public service announcements. They are looking for places to put banners and yard signs.

District Attorney Bob Lee announced that his office will be scheduling some events for Domestic Violence Awareness month, and that they will be announced at a later date.

Dixie Mitchell-Clow asked the Commission to be one of the sponsors of an event the Women's Commission is calendaring. The Women's Commission is featuring a photo exhibit of the works of Lucille S. William Houston who was a photojournalist for the San Jose Mercury News, and a victim of domestic violence. The event will be held at the Cabrillo Extension, 318 Union Street, and Defensa Prevention Center, 406 Main Street. A reception to begin 6:00 p.m. at the Cabrillo site on September 5th. On the motion of Dixie Mitchell-Clow, and seconded Lynn Harrison the Commission voted to sponsor this event with Anita Henri voting no.

A Casino Night benefitting the organization, Family Matters, is scheduled for October 25, 2003. For more information call 430-0899.

The Domestic Violence Commission Awards banquet is scheduled for October 8 at the Sheriff's Posse House. Those wishing to nominate individuals for an award should submit the information to Julie Schneider at the Santa Cruz Police Department by September 10. You may either fax to 420-5821 or e-mail the information to Julie at [jschneider@ci.santa-](mailto:jschneider@ci.santa-)

cruz.ca.us.

The Walnut Avenue Women's Center and Women's Crisis Support~Defensa de Mujeres are collaborating on a north county south county march to commemorate international Women's Day on October 11 at 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Walnut Avenue Women's Center or Women's Crisis Support~Defensa de Mujeres.

#### **7. Fiscal Report (Hiromura)**

No report was made due to the absence of Alan Hiromura.

#### **8. Resource Cards (Appoint Ad Hoc Committee to Update Card Information) (Organista)**

Joann Allen will chair an ad hoc sub-committee to determine if the information cards need updating. Gillian Greensite and Celia Organista will also serve on the sub-committee.

#### **9. Reports from Committees**

##### **A) Evaluation Committee**

The Evaluation Committee met with two batterers' treatment programs. They will be scheduling time to meet with the remaining four treatment programs.

Preliminary information indicates that Pajaro Valley is overwhelmed with clients.

##### **B) Annual Report**

A template for the annual report was distributed outlining the form and content. Commissioners were asked to be prepared to submit a description of the services they provide.

##### **C) Direct Services**

There was no meeting scheduled for the Direct Services Committee. A meeting will be scheduled in September.

#### **10. Announcements from Commissioners**

Gillian Greensite reported on a study from John Hopkins University citing unemployment as an indicator in domestic violence cases.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. to **September 10, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at the**

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***County Office of Education, 809 Bay Avenue, Capitola.***

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Jeanne M. Rodriguez, Secretary  
Domestic Violence Commission