

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009, 5:30 P.M.
SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 13 voting members present, Quorum met.

Alisha Favorite	Kymerly Lacrosse
Bob Lee	Larry Biggam
Candace Atkins	Laura Garnette
Charles Molnar	Steve Robbins
Irwin Joseph	Susan Pearlman
Jo Ann Allen	
Kathi Loughlin	

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Jodi Harvey	Laura Segura
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COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:

Bob Campbell	Kristin Long
Dee O'Brien	Luanne Hult
Edna Williams	Martina O'Sullivan
Heidi Simonson	Sherra Clinton
Jamie Gauthier	Sherri Stout-Torres
Jo Anna Goodman	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angie Garcia	Lisa Ramos
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1. **Call to Order.**
Chair Allen called meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**
Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**
Deletion of item 6.B. because it was voted on in the 1/14/09 meeting.
Addition of Batterers Treatment Standards as New Business item number A. i.
Commissioner Lee motions to approve the deletion/addition to the agenda
Vice Chair Robbins seconds the motion, motion passes unanimously.

4. Approval of January Minutes.

Commissioner Molnar motions to approve the January minutes
Commissioner Biggam seconds the motion
The motion passes with one abstention from Commissioner Pearlman.

5. Oral Communications from the Community.

None

6. Old Business.

A. **Follow up from April Retreat: Vote-**

i. **Approve establishment of task forces-**

1. **Death Review-** A death review would give us the opportunity to review cases involving a DV Death and check if anything could have been done to prevent it. Commissioner Irwin suggests that commissioners interested in a Death Review get together to survey other counties' Death Review Programs to test out their effectiveness. Commissioner Lee motions for a DV Feasibility task force, Commissioner Garnette seconds the motion, motion passes by unanimous vote.

7. New Business.

A. **Commissioner Assignment to Committees and task forces.**

- i. **Batterers Treatment Standards-** Commissioner Harvey would like to introduce this as a possible task force/committee. She would like to get one member from each provider to sit on the task force/committee. Probation will contact each of the providers to see if they are interested. Voting is tabled.

- B. Marsy's Law, Prop 9 -** The Victim's Bill of Rights took effect on November 5, 2008. It recognizes that victims have the right to be noticed and to be heard. There are 16 individual rights that the victims should receive in their first contact with a police officer, they include:
The right not to talk to a defense attorney
The right to be noticed and heard at every stage in adult or juvenile court
The right to get a copy of the probation report.
The right to a conference with the prosecution.
Please see Marsy's Card attachment for full details.

Commissioner Robbins informs us about the Sheriff's Office Vine System which notifies the victim if/when a suspect will be release. You may access the vine system by calling **1- 877- 331- 8463**, or by registering electronically on the sheriffs website <http://www.scsheriff.com/> click on "Who's in Jail".

Task Forces and Committees

- A. **Executive Committee Report-** We need to take the Bylaws to the Board of Supervisors. We may have to adjust the date for the retreat
- B. **Report to the Community-** None
- C. **DV Survivors Task Force ~** We had one more meeting. We came up with ways to entice people to take the survey. The Survey is in Spanish and English and can be confidential.

8. Announcements from Commissioners.

Commissioner Allen announces that she will not be able to provide food for this year's retreat

9. Adjournment.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.