

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009, 5:30 P.M.
SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 15 voting members present, Quorum met.

Alisha Favorite	Irwin Joseph
Bob Lee	Kristin Long
Dee O'Brien	Laura Garnette
Heidi Simonson	Laura Segura
Jamie Gauthier	Luanne Hult
Jo Ann Allen	Martina O'Sullivan
Jo Anna Goodman	Sherra Clinton
Jodi Harvey	

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Candace Atkins	Larry Biggam
Charles Molnar	Steve Robbins

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:

Bob Campbell	Kathi Loughlin
Edna Williams	Sherri Stout-Torres

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angie Garcia	Laura Kirby
Barbara Rice	R. Bach (illegible signature)
Kimberly Lacrosse	Zach Schwarzbach

1. **Call to Order.**
Chair Allen called meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**
Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**
Commissioner Lee asks to add 2009 *Legislations* as item B under new business.
Commissioner Simonson motions to approve the addition to the agenda,
Commissioner Long seconds the motion, motion passes by unanimous vote.

4. **Approval of September, October and November Minutes.**

Commissioner Lee motions to approve September minutes, Commissioner Segura seconds the motion, motion passes by unanimous vote.
Commissioner Simonson motions to approve October minutes, Commissioner Long seconds the motion, motion passes by unanimous vote.
Commissioner Simonson motions to approve November minutes, Commissioner Long seconds the motion, motion passes by unanimous vote.
5. **Oral Communications from the Community.**

Letter from Patricia Ramon~ Commissioner Garnette informs us that Barbara Lee from the Probation Department met with the Director of the program in question and we can expect changes in the protocol to come soon.
6. **Old Business.**
 - A. **Approval of LE-DV guidelines: Vote-** Commissioner Simonson motions to approve the LE-DV guidelines, Commissioner O'Sullivan seconds the motion, motion passes unanimously.
 - B. **Executive Committee report- follow-up on commission recommendations from September/ October meeting-** The Executive Committee's recommendation is to submit the first draft of the bylaws as last reviewed to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Lee motions to submit new bylaws to the Board of Supervisors, Commissioner Irwin seconds the motion, and the motion passed with one opposition from commissioner Segura.
 - C. **Follow up from April Retreat: Vote-**
 - i. **Approve establishment of task forces-** Should the report to the community committee be changed to a task force? Rahn Garcia informed us that it needs to be a sub-committee not a task force, subject to the Brown Act.
 1. DV Survivors- Commissioner Simonson motions to approve the establishment of the DV Survivors Task Force, Commissioner Goodman seconds the motion, motion passes unanimously.
 2. Death Review- Tabled, need further discussion.
 3. Other- none
 - D. **Commissioner assignments to committees and taskforces- all members must participate on at least one, as per bylaws-** Set as New Business in February agenda.
7. **New Business.**
 - A. Re-approve bylaws to take to the Board of Supervisors- See 6B
 - B. 2009 Legislatures (see website for details)
CV1946.7
CP 1219
GC 6103.3
GC 13957

PC 653.2

PC 653m

PC 1463.27 (set as new business for February agenda)

8. Task Forces and Committees

A. **Executive Committee Report-** See 6B

B. **Report to the Community-** Commission recommended not to publish the report (put on hold) but encouraged to continue collecting the data. Feedback is needed on what to do with the data. The commissioners propose to put together a one-page fact sheet with key information regarding domestic violence. The data could be collected by your agency and then presented to the commission, it does not need to be done on website. Commissioner Joseph recommends that the report be driven by resources instead of by numbers. He also proposed that each group report to the commission in April.

C. **DV Survivors Task Force** – The group is happy with the questions and data they have received. Commissioner Favorite will survey 50 people and report the results back to the commission. She will also have a number score for each question about how well they were assisted. The task force created a Yahoo group for the survivors, there will be a moderator each week checking the information.

9. Announcements from Commissioners.

Commissioner Segura informs us that the Santa Cruz office for Defensa de Mujeres is closed temporarily. Everyone is in Watsonville but they continue to serve the Santa Cruz area.

Commissioner Harvey announces that Simply Tour Best will be having a training on substance abuse. The training will be on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

10. Adjournment.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.