

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room  
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Wednesday, June 12, 2002, 5:30 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:**

JoAnn Allen  
Kim Austin  
Melissa Berrengé  
Jim McMillan for Larry Biggam  
Anita Henri  
Alan Hiromura  
Christine McGuire  
Laurie McWhorter

Francine Nickell  
Jennifer Rose for Dee O'Brien  
Francesca Raphael  
Paula Gammell for John Rhoads  
Mary Simoni  
Linda Starn  
Marybeth Varcados  
Charles Molnar

**Commissioners Absent:**

Steve Belcher (Excused)  
Amy Christey  
Evelyn Hall (Excused)

Loretta Kuechle  
Lynn Harrison

**Others Present:**

David Rabow  
Julie Schneider

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Chair, Christine McGuire.

**2. Introductions**

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

**3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

There were no deletions or additions to the agenda.

**4. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2002**

On the motion of Anita Henri and seconded by Mary Simoni, the minutes of May 8, 2002 were approved as submitted.

**5. Oral communication from the Community**

There were no oral communications from the community.

**6. Continuation of current Executive Committee to serve until December 31, 2002.**

Laurie McWhorter made a motion to extend the current officers until December 31, 2002, seconded by Kim Austin and approved.

**7. Amendment of by laws to agree with the ordinance reducing the number of judges from two to one.**

Anita Henri made a motion to amend the bylaws to reduce the number of judges on the commission from two to one, seconded by Melissa Berrengé and approved.

**8. Eliminate subcommittees and establish evaluation of Domestic Violence Services Committee and Research and Development/Annual Report Committee**

JoAnn Allen discussed the idea of having only two committees. The first committee would be the Evaluation of Services committee and the second would be the Research and Development/Annual Report committee.

Jennifer Rose (for Dee O'Brien) proposed a third committee which would focus on bringing together direct service providers. The goal would be to bridge gaps in services, connect and communicate amongst the different groups, with an ultimate goal of providing seamless services to victims and their children and perhaps working toward state and national advocacy.

The commission discussed these proposals.

JoAnn Allen made a motion to form three committees:

1. The Direct Services Integration Committee
2. The Evaluation of Domestic Violence Services Committee
3. The Research and Development/Annual Report Committee

The motion was seconded by Laurie McWhorter and approved.

**9. Proposed ordinance and bylaw change: Change election date of officers from April to November to serve from December to November**

Anita Henri made a motion that the election date for officers and the term for officers be modified, with elections to occur in November and the term to run from December to November. Francesca Raphael seconded, motion approved.

**10. Establish Agenda Review Committee comprised of Chair, Vice Chair, and two Commissioners**

Anita Henri made a motion to establish an Agenda Review Committee comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, and two commissioners. This committee will replace the Executive Committee. Seconded by Melissa Berrenge and approved.

**11. Announcements from Commissioners**

Francesca Raphael expressed concern over the lack of newspaper publication of meeting notices. Laurie McWhorter volunteered to handle.

**12. Next Meeting**

There is no July commission meeting

**13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Christine McGuire, Chair  
Domestic Violence Commission