

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Santa Cruz Police Department
Community Room
155 Center Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Wednesday, June 11, 2003, 5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

Mark Tracy, Chair
Melissa Berrengé
Michelle Finch
Gillian Greensite
Lynn Harrison
Alan Hiromura
Anita Henri

Tom Kelly
Dixie Mitchell-Clow
Francine Nickell
Dee O'Brien
Celia Organista
Francesca Raphael
Mary Simoni

Commissioners Absent:

JoAnn Allen
Kim Austin
Larry Biggam
Amy Christey
Julie Hopfner
Lisa Gifford

Loretta Kuechle
Bob Lee
Ernesto Lopez Molina
Charles Molnar
Heidi Simonson
Linda Starn

Others Present:

Jennifer Rose
Julie Schneider

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Mark Tracy.

2. Introductions

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 9, and May 11, 2003 Meeting

The minutes for April 9 and May 11, 2003 were approved with the following correction. Gillian Greensite asked that the May 11 minutes reflect that the Santa Cruz City Council

reduced the hours of the coordinator from 30 hours to 20 hours per week, not the Commission for the Prevention of Violence against Women. The minutes were approved with the following corrections with Celia Organista abstaining.

4. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None.

5. Oral Communication from the Community

None was offered.

6. Impact on recent budgetary constraints upon providers, agencies probation, etc. What are some of the strategies agencies/providers are employing to address the crisis. What can agencies/providers assist each other.

Alan Hiromura advised that the budget hearing for the Domestic Violence Commission was scheduled for June 19 at 1:30 p.m.

7. What projects are the organizations/agencies represented on the commission working on. Please share them briefly with the Commission.

The Women's Commission were will featuring the photographs of the slain Mercury News Photographer. More details to following in August.

The Walnut Avenue Women's Center has formed a support group for monolingual Spanish speakers to be held at the same time as the English speaking group. They are also forming support groups for young girls and boys.

Women's Crisis Support~Defensa de Mujeres now has a mobile crisis response person providing services to outlying community agencies. They have also begun preparation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

8. Reports from Committees

a. Evaluation

They met the batterers programs. Program coordinators answered questions around types of services, length of services, average completion rate, measurement of success and adjunct services. During the process additional questions were addressed. Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14 at noon at WCS~DDM in Santa Cruz.

b. Annual Report

A meeting is scheduled for July 11. JoAnn Allen will provide a template for the Commission to review. Statistics are being gathered.

c. Direct Services Committee

The Direct Services Committee held the community forum which was very well attended. A list of five areas of focus were identified, and will be presented to the Commission.

10. Announcements from Commissioners

Same Sex Domestic Violence Task Force had their first open forum. The turnout was very good. The task force will be looking at services needed. Their next meeting is July 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Walnut Avenue Women's Center.

Julie Hopfner will be leaving the Commission due a decrease in hours, and Sonya Patton Drottar will be appointed to the Commission.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to **August 13, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Police Department, Community Room.**

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Jeanne M. Rodriguez, Secretary
Domestic Violence Commission