

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

MINUTES

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 16 voting members present, Quorum met.

Alisha Favorite	Larry Biggam
Bob Lee	Laura Garnette
Candace Atkins	Laura Kirby
Charles Molnar	Laura Segura
Heidi Simonson	Luanne Hult
Jo Ann Allen	Sherra Clinton
John Salazar	Susan Pearlman
Kymberly Lacrosse	Valli Barrioz

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Dee O'Brien	Phil Wowak
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COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:

Jamie Gauthier	Kay McGraw
Jodi Harvey	Kristin Long
Kathy Agnone	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angie Garcia	Lisa Ramos
Esther Beckman	Patricia Fouell
Henry Martin	

1. **Call to Order.**
Chair Allen called meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**
Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**
Commissioner Lee requests that item 7C, Victims refusing to testify in court, be added to the agenda. Commissioner Simonsons motions for the addition, Commissioner Garnet seconds the motion, motion passes unanimously.

4. **Approval of April Minutes.**
Commissioner Lee motions to approve the April minutes
Commissioner Simonson seconds the motion
The motion passes unanimously.
5. **Oral Communications from the Community.**
None
6. **Old Business.**
 - A. **Update on bylaws approval-** The new bylaws were approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2009.
 - B. **Follow up from April Retreat**
 1. **Update from Sheriff Wowak-** Esther Beckman reports that the Sheriff's Office will be receiving funding for a Domestic Violence Detective. She will also do in house training to help deputies get information in domestic violence cases with children.
 2. **Discuss Actions: New Calendar/Committees/Meeting Structure-** Domestic Violence awareness month may be changed to April or may. Commissioner Lee motions to have two meetings in South County, Commissioner Segura seconds the motion. Commissioner Segura volunteers to look for a location to hold the meetings. Commissioner Segura amends the motion to have two meetings in Watsonville and to hold the November meeting on November 4, 2009. Commissioner Lee seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
7. **New Business.**
 - A. **Rose Foundation Grant**
Watsonville Law Center- Henry Martin from the Watsonville Law Center spoke about the services offered by the organization. They would like feedback from professionals to see what is needed. The DV survivors task force will review a survey for the family law center and advice.
 - B. **Video Presentation: First Impressions-** The commissioners watched the video regarding children exposed to domestic violence. Commissioner Lee asked that someone contact Dr. Perry to see if it would be possible for him to speak to the DV community. Commissioners will email Chair Allan and Angie to give them information on possible Doctors/Councilors to speak to the commission.
 - C. **Victims refusing to testify in court-** Tabled

Task Forces and Committees

- A. **Executive Committee Report-** Tabled
- B. **Report to the Community-** Tabled

C. DV Survivors Task Force ~ Tabled

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 7:05 p.m.