

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008, 5:30 P.M.**  
**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Quorum Met**

Alan Hiromura	JoAnna Goodman
Alisha Favorite	Kathi Loughlin
Bob Lee	Kristin Long
Candace Atkins	Larry Biggam
Charles Molnar	Laura Segura
Dee O'Brien	Luanne Hult
Edna Williams	Scott MacDonald
Heidi Simonson	Todd Mayer

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:**

Steve Robbins	Sherra Clinton
Martina O'Sullivan	Sherry Stout-Torres

**COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:**

Bob Campbell	JoAnn Allen
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Irwin Joseph

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Phil Wowak- For Sheriff Steve Robbins	
Angie Garcia	Janet Windt

1. **Call to Order.**  
Chair Simonson called meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**  
Each commissioner introduced him/herself.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**  
Commissioner Lee adds Domestic Violence Courts to the agenda
4. **Approval of February Minutes.**  
Changes to Minutes: Larry Biggam was excused, Nancy De La Peña came in his place.  
Commissioner Hiromura Motions to approve February minutes, Commissioner Atkins seconds motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Oral Communications from the Community.**

None

6. **Old Business.**

- A. By Laws- Discussion about amended bylaws and if they should go to the board. Commissioner Lee Motions to submit bylaws to B.O.S. after review from Rahn Garcia, motion second by Commissioner Hironura. After Rahn's suggestion it goes to Heidi to correct/amend, then Submit to Board. Change bylaws to say "a minimum of four scheduled meetings per year" page 4 section C. Passed by unanimous vote.
- B. Annual Retreat- Commissioner Simonson reports that JoAnn, Charles, Luanne and she met on the Subject. Next meeting is set for April 17<sup>th</sup>. Need to check the time. Agenda was generated.
- C. Education Subcommittee- Tabled

7. **New Business.**

- A. New Member- Edna Williams representing the Women's Commission
- B. Domestic Violence In Courts- Recent Information: Watsonville Felony court opens Monday. All cases in Santa Cruz, whether they are North County or South County, if they involve children will be heard by Judge Guy in North County.  
Santa Cruz County cases (Felony and Misdo's) from Freedom Boulevard north will be heard by Judge Stevens in Department 7.  
South County will be in courtroom C. Felony and Misdo's will be heard by Judge Salazar.  
New Member to DV cases in the DA's Office is Jason Gill. There will be 5 attorneys on DV cases.

8. **Task Forces and Committees**

- A. Report to the community: There is difficulty getting '07 information. We need Harbor patrol, WPD, Civil Courts. Putting in a Public Records Request to the courts might help get some information. We might need some broader involvement to help get Information. It would be nice to come in to the annual retreat with some data from '07. They will try to restructure and bring the entire commission in to the project. We should all be tracking what all the questions and definitions mean. We should have all law enforcement agencies use the same form. All Commissioners should look at questions and bring your own questions to the retreat. Alan will send out questionnaire. Make questions and guidelines as simple as possible. Attendance to the retreat will be helpful.  
If there is any item you want for the retreat please let us know before the 16<sup>th</sup>
- B. Policy and Protocol
  - 1. LE-DV Protocol:

2. Medical: Made one revision to the protocol. Joanna Goodman Motioned to approve protocol. Heidi seconds Motion. Law enforcement protocol can be edited to mesh with medical. Todd Mayer Motions to table this item, Item tabled.

Approval of Medical protocol and Law Enforcement Protocol will be held for May's meeting.

- C. Educational Committee: (Laura, Michelle, Alisha, Kristi, and Joann) found a funding source for education re: teen dating. It is \$1,000,000 over four Years. The target is middle school. We need to apply for the grant; teens will be involved in writing for the grant as well as community partners. Application is due April 16<sup>th</sup>. The on-line registration is already done. We will be notified on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They will regroup and set some dates. Motion for support from the Commission for the grant process to the Robert D. Wood Foundation's grant on teen dating as it is consistent with the goals of the Commission. Joanna moves, Scott seconds. Motion unanimously passed. Subcommittee is meeting on March 28 (last Friday in march).

9. **Announcements from Commissioners.**

Sheriff's Office moved their sexual assault response room as a request from Dominican. The new room is behind the heliport behind Dominican.

Victims are always met and treated by a nurse then moved to a forensic examining room.

Scott knows a woman who has a passion for domestic violence and grant writing. She is very good at what she does. We might be able to use her.

WDAO Open house is tomorrow night 3/13/08.

Women's center is remodeling and renovating, they will be having their Ground-Breaking ceremony on Monday 11-12:30, lunch Will be provided.

10. **Adjournment.** The Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.