

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Santa Cruz Police Department
Community Room
155 Center Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Wednesday, May 8, 2002, 5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

Christine McGuire, Chair
JoAnn Allen
Kim Austin
Melissa Berrengé
Larry Biggam
Lisa Gifford
Lynn Harrison
Anita Henri, Vice Chair
Ernesto Lopez Molina

Jennifer Rose for Dee O'Brien
Celia Organista
John Rhoads
Mary Simoni
Heidi Simonson
Linda Starn
Sam Stevens
Mark Tracy
Mary Beth Varcados

Commissioners Absent:

Amy Christey (Excused)
Alan Hiromura (Excused)
Loretta Kuechle
Laurie McWhorter (Excused)
Charles Molnar (Excused)

Francine Nickell (Excused)
Francesca Raphael (Excused)
Maria Isabel Vargas (Excused)

Others Present:

Hope Anderson
David Rabow
Britta Wilder Ross

Julie Schneider
Erica Wood

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 April 10, 2002 Meetings

On the motion of Starn and second by Austin the minutes of April 10, 2002 were approved as submitted.

5. Oral Communication from the Community

Erica Wood from Applied Survey Research (ASR) spoke to the commission about the project which the commission had written a letter in support of. The Packard Foundation has funded this project which will collect data on children witnessing domestic violence. A letter and work plan was handed out. Organista voiced concern over the commission supporting projects that compete with commission member organizations for limited funds within the same community. McGuire suggested a task force could address the issue raised by Organista. Wood pointed out that ASR's project is about data and not services

6. Consideration of Approval of Revised Law Enforcement Protocol

Tracy explained the proposed amendments he and Nickell agreed on. Henri made a motion to approve the revised Law Enforcement Protocol, Allen seconded, motion approved. The revised protocol will be presented to the Chiefs' Association.

7. Consideration of Approval of Task Force Procedure (Allen)

Allen presented to the commission the Task Force Procedure for approval. Organista made a motion to approve the form and procedure Starn second, approved.

A discussion was held about the formation and disbanding of existing sub-committees. This will be on the next months agenda for approval. Allen will provide McGuire with the proposal and it will be distributed with the agenda.

8. Report of Task Forces

Rabow reported that the "annual report group" has not met. Rabow reported the "group" needs to be a sub-committee since the project is longer than six months.

Schneider reported that the "group" which will evaluate domestic violence services did not meet, however, she will distribute information to members of that "group."

9. Distribution of Remaining Domestic Violence Commission Pamphlets (McGuire)

The pamphlets were distributed.

10. Consideration of Approval of Mentoring of New Commissioners Procedure by Commission's Vice Chair

Henri recommended that the Vice Chair be the mentor of new Commissioners. Harrison made a motion to have the Vice Chair responsible for mentoring, Organista second, approved.

11. Collection of Biographies from Commissioners (E-mail to Jeanne Rodriguez at dat015@co.santa-cruz.ca.us)

Commissioners are requested to complete their biographies as soon as possible, and mail to Rodriguez.

12. Picture Taking of Commissioners for Biographies (Allen)

Allen volunteered to come to Commissioner's work place to take photo for the Commissioner biographies.

13. Consideration of Approval of Procedure to Share Domestic Violence Statistics with Commissioners (McGuire)

After discussion it was agreed that this item will be referred to the "annual report committee."

14. Announcements from Commissioners

1. McGuire announced the Commission needs to hold its annual elections. The Commission agreed to vote at its next meeting to hold elections in November with new officers to take over the following January.

2. McGuire announced the current composition of the Executive Committee is not set forth in the bylaws and ordinance and recommended the Commission vote to change the bylaws and ordinance should the Commission wish to continue to have an expanded Executive Committee.

3. Organista announced Julie Hoffner is the new Legal Services Director for Womens Crisis Support~Defensa de Mujeres. She also announced there are still some seats available for the Annual WCS/DDM auction dinner.

4. Austin announced there is a DV conference scheduled in Las Vegas July 29-31.

10. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Christine McGuire, Chair
Domestic Violence Commission