

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Sheriff's Posse House
2127 Ocean Street Extension, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Wednesday, October 10, 2001, 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Christine McGuire, Chair
Steve Belcher
Melissa Berrengé
Jane Brune
Amy Christey
Anita Henri, Vice Chair
Loretta Kuechle
Jim McMillan for Larry Biggam

Laurie McWhorter
Francine Nickell
Celia Organista
John Rhoads
Mary Simon
Heidi Simonson
Linda Starn
Mark Tracy

Commissioners Absent:

JoAnn Allen (Excused)
Lisa Gifford
Evelyn Hall (Excused)
Lynn Harrison
Alan Hiromura (Excused)
Heather Morse (Excused)

Dee O'Brien (Excused)
Francesca Raphael (Excused)
Barbara Schaller
Sam Stevens (Excused)
Maria Isabel Vargas (Excused)

Others Present:

Kate Canlis
Lynn Coyle
Zoe Elizabeth
Lori Feldstein
Paula Gammell
Jennifer Gardera
Nicole Ellen Jones
Kelli Kopeck
Paul Marigonda
Steve Moore
Linda Perez

David Rabow
Renee Rios
Jim Ross
Jennifer Rose
Ariana Sarris
Julie Schneider
Christine Silva
Brita Wilder Ross
Elizabeth Voorhees
Allison Woodman
Nicole Young

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Chair Christine McGuire.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

There were no deletions or additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2001

On the motion of Steve Belcher and second by Laurie McWhorter the minutes of September 12, 2001 were approved as submitted with Commissioners Organista and Simoni abstaining.

4. Oral Communication from the Community

There was no oral communication from the community.

5. Letter of Intent (Organista)

Commissioner Organista reported that the Executive Committee has discussed the need for the Commission to set goals and objectives. To that end the Executive Committee recommended that the Commission seek a funding source to obtain the services of a facilitator in order to achieve their goal. She suggested that the Community Foundation had funds available to hire a facilitator and asked Commissioners if they would agree that a letter of intent be sent to the Community Foundation to seek funds for the services of the facilitator. On the motion of Celia Organista and second by Anita Henri the motion passed.

6. Guest Speaker

Christine McGuire introduced Ariel Hand, RN, Coordinator of the Violence Intervention Program at Valley Medical Center in Santa Clara County who spoke on Valley Medical Center's innovative new program in identifying and assisting victims domestic violence. The web site for their project is, www.growing.com/nonviolent.

7. Awards Ceremony

The following individuals received awards for their contributions:

***Commission for the Prevention
of Violence Against Women***

Linda Lemaster

District Attorney's Office

David Rabow
Raul Castellanos
Lorena Delatorre
Dawn Dominguez
Tom Gilbertson
Paul Marigonda
Steve Moore

	Carol Sutherland
Family Court Services	Christine Silva
Human Resources Agency	Kelli Kopeck Raven Harris Carmen Soto
Probation Department	Jennifer Carrera Lori Feldstein Paula Gammell Marshall Jaurigi Linda Perez Renee Rios Sarah Sturm Karla Vandenberg
Santa Cruz County Sheriff	Jim Ross
Santa Cruz Police Department	Jose Alvarado
Survivor	Loretta Kuechle
Walnut Avenue Women's Center	Lupe Rodriguez Zoe Elizabeth Elizabeth Voorhees
Women's Crisis Support/ Defensa de Mujeres	Barbara Burkhart Nicole Young
Special Award	Jeanne Rodriguez

8. Announcement of Winner of Poster Contest

Commission Organista stated that Jesus Felix Albor was the winner of the poster contest. Posters were distributed and Commissioners were encouraged to place them in their offices.

9. Oral Communications from Commissioners

No oral communications were offered.

10. Announcements (Commissioners)

Celia Organista invited everyone to attend the Women's Crisis Support~Defense de Mujeres Prevention Center Open House on Friday, October 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 220 E. Lake Avenue Watsonville. For more information, please call 722-4532.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be November 14, 2001 at the Santa Cruz County Governmental Center, 701 Ocean Street, cafeteria (please note that the cafeteria is located in the basement of the building).

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Jeanne M. Rodriguez, Secretary
Domestic Violence Commission