

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008, 5:30 P.M.
SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 15 commissioners present, quorum met.

Alan Hironura	Kathi Loughlin
Alisha Favorite	Larry Biggam
Bob Campbell	Laura Segura
Bob Lee	Luanne Hult
Charles Molnar	Scott MacDonald
Irwin Joseph	Sherra Clinton
Jo Ann Allen	Steve Robbins
Jo Anna Goodman	

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Candace Atkins	Dee O'Brien
Kristin Long	

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:

Edna Williams	Martina O'Sullivan
Heidi Simonson	Sherri Stout-Torres

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristi Clemens	Barbara Rice
JoD Harvey	Laura Garnette
Angie Garcia	

1. **Call to Order.**
Commissioner Robbins called meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**
Each Commissioner introduced him/herself. Guest introduced themselves
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**
Tabled

4. **Approval of May and June Minutes.**
Commissioner Hiramura moves for approval of May and June Minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Irwin.
Motions passed by unanimous vote.

5. **Oral Communications from the Community.**
JoD Harvey is here to present herself to the commission and to tell us about Simply Your Best's 40 hour DV intervention Training. Phone number 464-2378.

Laura Segura-Gallardo – October 16th there will be an Opportunity and Responsibility Training for health care providers.

Scott MacDonald introduced Laura Garnette who might take his position on the commission in the future.

6. **Old Business.**
- A. **Nomination and Election of Officers-** Commissioner MacDonald motions to elect commissioner Allan as Chair, Commissioner Hiramura seconds the motion, Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- B. **Follow up from April Retreat-**
1. **Reconstruction-** Committee recommends a change in scheduling. They would like to get news form the community and reports form the commissioners, mostly electronically. Recommends going forward with rough plan. Commissioner Segura likes the idea but would like longer more effective meetings, she would like to add an amendment to hold one of the meetings in South County. Commissioner Hiramura suggests working with a webmaster to get news from the community. Commissioner MacDonald suggests adding emergency and/or special meetings as needed. Commissioner Segura motions to approve the format with three meetings per year, with emergency/special meetings as needed and holding one meeting in South County, Commissioner Macdonald Seconds the motion, the committee will move forward in concept to address the concerns.
 2. **Community Report-** The committee recommends doing something smaller like a one page facts sheet or annual brochure, the bylaws would have to be amended for a task force. Commissioner Lee proposes to invite Rahn Garcia and Bill Atkinson to give Brown Act legal advice. Commissioner Robbins motions to approve proposal, Commissioner Hiramura seconds, motion passes by unanimous vote.
 3. **Small Task Forces-** Tabled

7. **New Business.**
 - A. **Discussion about information and resources going out to the community/victims-** See 7C
 - B. **Follow-up regarding Ms. Hoefs' concerns-** See7C
 - C. **Report from new task force on DV survivors-** Task force hopes to have very simple data limited to battered women. They will send out more information and questions to commissioners. They would like to bring a portfolio of anonymous letters addressing problems like CPS, housing and health in order to understand their situation. Maybe having a chat-room linked to our website to help victims share experiences.
 - D. **DV awareness Month-** Walnut Avenue Women's Center is putting together a Unity Day on October 6th. CPVAW will have banners hanging throughout the community and will offer self-defense classes. Commissioners are to email Allan Hiromura regarding events in October.

8. **Task Forces and Committees**
 - A. **Community Report-** See 6B2
 - B. **Policy and Protocol-**
 1. **Medical-** Commissioner Goodman motions to approve Medical Protocol, Commissioner Joseph seconds the motion, motion passed by unanimous vote.
 2. **LE-DV Protocol:** Tabled
 - C. **Education Committee:** Commissioner Lee motions to abolish education group, Commissioner Hiromura seconds the motion, motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. **Announcements from Commissioners.**

See 5

10. **Adjournment.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.