

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009, 5:30 P.M.
WATSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 11 voting members present, Quorum not met.

Alisha Favorite	Larry Biggam
Jo Ann Allen	Laura Garnette
Jodi Harvey	Laura Kirby
John Salazar	Laura Segura
John Wilson	Sherra Clinton
Kristin Long	

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Bob Lee	Kymberly Lacrosse
Candace Atkins	Susan Pearlman
Charles Molnar	

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:

Heidi Simonson	Kay McGraw
Kathy Agnone	Luanne Hult
Dee O'Brien	Phil Wowak
Valli Barrioz	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angie Garcia	Lisa Ramos
Esther Beckman	Steve Moore

1. **Call to Order.**
Chair Allen called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**
Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**
Commissioner Harvey asks to add Section 7B. Batterer's treatment provider standards.

4. Approval of June Minutes.

Tabled

5. Oral Communications from the Community.

None

6. Old Business.

New Calendar for 2010: meetings and locations: We will alternate between Watsonville and Santa Cruz for our meetings. The next meeting will be in Santa Cruz.

7. New Business.

A. Funding for Walnut Avenue and Defensa de Mujeres/Women's Crisis Support: Commissioner Segura informs us that Women's Crisis has lost \$414,000 and Walnut Avenue has lost \$400,000, that means that we now have to close on Fridays (walnut avenue closes on Wednesdays). This means that a lot of programs will have to be slashed. They will need help from the commission in terms of the clients.

Bill SX313 is taking money from Victim Compensation Fund in order to restore all the money taken from the shelters. The bill will be revised by the Assembly of Public Service Committee tomorrow 9/10/09. Commissioner Segura will send an update to the commissioners. Commissioner Segura would like to convene a task to discuss the funding force once more information comes is.

B. Batterers treatment provider standards- changes to the standards provided regarding enrolment guidelines, guidance for VIP program professionals, limits for facilitators, if a group is cancelled (the facilitator will let probation know, leave of absences will be capped at 4 weeks. Commissioner Harvey or Lisa Ramos will send the updated standards to the commission for input and feedback.

Task Forces and Committees

A. Executive Committee Report- no report yet

B. Report to the Community- no report yet. they talked about doing an informational pamphlet but are not sure what data will be collected; every sector will need to decide which data will be collected and recorded. Maybe we can have one commission meeting focus on this data, each agency bring their data and have a discussion on what will

go in to the report. We can have a standing agenda item to bring a quarterly update. Community data and Policy data are two good points. Commissioner Clinton will send out information to commissioners by October 1st.

C. DV Survivors Task Force ~ Our goal was to bring the victim's voice back to the commission. Commissioner Alisha read four different statements from victims to the commission regarding housing, courts, children, and restraining orders. Still working on getting , more information.

8. **Announcements from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Allen announces that she would like to partner up with the Children's Network for DV awareness month and hopefully they can come meet with the commission.

Commissioners Agnone, Segura and O'Brien would like to partner up with the DA's office to have a press conference if there is a big case coming up.

Esther Beckman announces that the Sheriff's Office will be having a training in October for DV update training.

9. **Adjournment.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.