Domestic Violence Council of San Mateo County
July 14, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
455 County Center, Redwood City
Room 101 (first floor)

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Warren Slocum at 3:05PM.

2. Introductions/Roll Call


SMC Representatives: Deputy County Counsel—Monali Sheth, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Slocum—Maya Perkins, SMC Intern—Daniella Navarrete.

Public: Martin Fox.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

Marty Fox announced the launching of Laura’s Law in San Mateo County on July 1st. He also made an announcement for the Annual Mental Health Summit to be held by the VA Palo Alto Health Care System on Friday, August 19th 2016.

4. Adoption/Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mike Callagy and seconded by Selina Toy-Lee to adopt and approve the July 14, 2016 agenda. All council members present voted in favor. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of April 2016 Minutes

A request was made by Sylvia Baez to have her name removed under Item 10, Committee Reports. She was incorrectly listed as the speaker who gave the update for the Coordinated Response Committee at the April 2016 meeting. Lupe Oropeza was the
council member who had given the report-back. The mistake was noted and the Council voted to correct them. Afterwards, they would vote to approve the April 2016 minutes. A motion was made by Robert Foucrault and seconded by Mike Callagy to Amend and Approve the April 2016 Minutes. All council members present voted in favor. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Update on the Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Project (CCRP)

Melissa Lukin could not attend the DV Council meeting; No updates were given for the CCRP.

7. DV Council Report Back and Planning for the Future

Mike Callagy and Protima Pandey discussed connecting with Santa Clara County’s Domestic Violence Council to consult with them about their recent retreat and work plan. The Domestic Violence Council of San Mateo County is planning to hold their own retreat this September and will need to develop a work plan. The goal is to have these items completed by September, so that the DV Council may present its plans to the Board of Supervisors during the annual report-back.

8. Update on Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) 2016 Planning

Sylvia Baez gave an update on behalf of the Coordinated Response Committee (CRC) for the Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) 2016 event planning. The CRC plans to hold the DV Council’s Annual DVAM event on October 4, 2016 and has proposed holding a Resource Fair at the San Mateo County Center Courtyard from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The ideal date would coincide with the Board of Supervisors Proclamation and the Hammerman Awards. Re the event, the CRC has suggested providing food and beverages to the public, partnering with community agencies in the County to provide resource tabling, including activities such as coloring and face-painting for the children, and purchasing purple ribbons (used as a DV awareness symbol) for distribution.

Local Probation Officers have committed to doing outreach to DV impacted families from their caseload and inviting them to attend the event. The CRC is in the process of developing a budget and a targeted outreach goal for number of invitees and participants. The CRC also discussed reserving room 101 at 455 County Center on the day of the event for a potential workshop/other activity.

9. Committee Reports

Coordinated Response Committee

See item 8—Update on Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2016 Planning.
Legal Process Committee

Melissa Gibbs reported back for the Legal Process Committee. She informed the DV Council that the Legal Process Committee’s letter to the Presiding Judge urging the court to adopt a policy requiring written stipulations to Commissioners in Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) cases was well received. The Court decided to adopt such a policy, and created a written stipulation form and a new local rule. The new policy went into effect on July 1, 2016.

Death Review Team

Robert Foucrault gave the update for the Domestic Violence Death Review Team (DVDRT). They will be checking in with County Counsel on what documents the DVDRT can review. The DVDRT has two pending cases for review.

10. Announcements

   a. Next DV Council Meeting- Thursday 9/15/16, 3PM- Room 101

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Warren Slocum at 3:45 PM.