



## COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

### Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council

#### Batterer Intervention Committee

This document serves as notice of the Batterer Intervention Committee meeting

Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 12:15pm

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, Conference Room 135

55 West Younger Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approve February 21st, 2017 Minutes
  
4. Public Presentations: 5 minutes  
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5. Old Business:
  - a. Ad Hoc committee for DVAP and PWOV recourse (Jim, Linda, John, Brenda)
  - b. 16 week vs. 52 week program updates (all)
  
6. New Business:
  - a. Discussion of FY'17-FY'18 workplan
    1. Revising BIP progress report (Jill, Carmen)
    2. 16 week DVAP alternatives research (all)
  - b. Assessment of recommendation to complete DVAP vs. 52 week; risk assessment (Sallie)
  - c. DV referrals post plea, but prior to sentencing (Geraldine)
  - d.
  
7. Announcements:
  - a. BIC meetings for 2017: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, September 19, October 17, November 21. No July, August, or December meetings
  
8. Adjournment

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Batterer Intervention Committee  
MEETING MINUTES**

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12:15pm-1:15pm

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1. **Members Present:** Jill Howard-Maher, Jim Demertizis, Mica Fuller, Geraldine Foley, Carmen Vargas, Zohreh Gharaati, Luis Quinones, Frank Del Fiugo, Linda Hsiao, Sallie Danenberg  
**Interested Parties Present** –John Nieman, Lindsey Mansfield, Pat Cibart, Kathy
2. Call To Order: 12:24PM
3. Introductions: Roundtable
4. Approve Minutes
  - a. Motion by: Linda Hsiao      Second: Luis Quinones
5. Public Presentations: 5 minutes  
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6. Old Business:
  - a. Voting to adopt “Principles of Collaboration” (Jill, Carmen);
    - i. Matter has been on the agenda for several months. In the interest of fairness committee has continued to pass the matter on to upcoming meetings in an effort to allow related parties a chance to vote, however parties have failed to attend meetings. Committee voted to remove item from agenda.
  - b. Ad Hoc committee for Domestic Violence Accountability Program (DVAP) and Parenting Without Violence (PWOV) recourse (Jim, Linda, John, Brenda);
    - i. New affidavits were recently sent out to all providers with new protocols. Ad Hoc Committee meet with Honorable Judge Wilson to discuss current issues and will meet again on May 23 for additional updates.
    - ii. Ad Hoc expects more agencies to be attending BIC as part of new protocol, failure to do so will result in removal of court list.
  - c. 16 week vs. 52 week program updates;
    - i. Group discusses batterer treatment outcomes and the issues with the CAP program since 2000.
    - ii. Discussion on having an independent group look at legality of and how other counties across the state are applying DV practices.

- iii. Is a tier system or other factors such as mental health considered? Group grapples with challenges of current legislation.
- iv. Committee discusses real/unreal expectations of a defendant in a 52 Week BIP.

7. New Business:

- i. DV Retreat discussion;
  - 1. Discussion regarding county's current outlook that 52 Week Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPS) don't work.
  - 2. Conversation over victim vs. perpetrator dynamic as well as reality that this is a family violence problem since most parties want to remain in the relationship.
  - 3. Frank suggests group establish talking points that counter what works and doesn't work.
- b. Discussion of FY'17-FY'18 Workplan;
  - i. Obtain research to vouch for success and benefits of BIPs.
  - ii. Committee considers asking Office of Women's Policy (OWP) for funding to bring training to Santa Clara County (SCC) Northwest Network Seattle Training on Power and Control.
  - iii. Victim education as well as DV advocates in criminal court.
- c. Revising BIP progress report (Jill, Carmen);
  - i. Item to be added onto work plan.
- d. 16 week DVAP alternatives research;
  - i. 415CAP wording to be distributed to group for consideration of wording for next month's discussion.

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9. Adjournment 1:26PM

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