

Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council

Children's Issues Committee Minutes

Date: March 11, 2014

Time: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Place: FIRST5 Santa Clara County, 4000 Moorpark Avenue, Room 140, San Jose, CA 95117

Committee Members Present:

Jonee Donnelly, Marla Allen, Maureen Lowell, Andrew Cain, Debbie Licurse and Neena Mand

Committee Members Absent:

Natalie McKelvey, Saozinha Restorick, Cindy Spencer

Interested Parties Present:

Richard Garcia, Fabian Castaneda, Sheila Badon and Marie Mauboussin

I. Call to Order at 7:42am.

Quorum requirement was met.

II. Approval of Minutes

February 11, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Cain made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms Donnelly seconded the motion. All voting members affirmed the motion; no abstentions.

III. Public Presentations: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers will be requested to complete their presentations within three minutes. No action can be taken on public presentations.

None.

IV. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Fabian Castaneda and Ms. Sheila Badon joined the meeting and are new interested parties. Mr. Castaneda is an intern working with Mr. Garcia at his agency. Ms. Badon has her own agency HURTNO1 which provides intimate partner violence education to schools, juvenile hall and colleges.

V. New Business

A. FY2015 Work plan development

- Approve membership roster.

Membership as reflected on work plan for FY2015 is approved. Ms. Bodan is added as Interested Party.

This issue was moved to next month's agenda.

- Discuss and articulate plan to align with DVC strategic focus:

Obtain information and feedback from the larger stakeholder community (e.g. service providers, consumers and residents of Santa Clara County) and use that information to strengthen the Domestic Violence Council's role in advising the Board of Supervisors, advocating for systems change and educating the community.

Enhancing safety for all through a family focus that acknowledges the impact of domestic violence on the family system including survivors, offenders and children within these families and helps identify the distinct needs of these families.

- Review draft work plan for FY2015.

Ms. Lowell led the group in a discussion of the FY2015 work plan. Items from FY2014 were carried over as previously stated if not indicated differently below.

Regarding item I., bullet three, the group decided to remove i. Activity identify relevant literature for school personnel on DV and youth and update annotated bibliography.

Regarding item I., bullet four, Collaborate with legislative and policy committee of the Child Abuse Council(CAC) to present a focus group dedicated to DV and children's & youth's issues.(Lead: Andrew Cain). Mr. Cain discussed how the CAC held two community forums to obtain feedback on how best to utilize state funding. Ms. Peggy Cathcart facilitated the forums which reportedly went very well. This process could be replicated by CIC to support the overarching goal of the DVC. Getting this type of feedback could then be directed back to BOS. Ms. Lowell stated that the Office on Women's Policy (OWP) could support this project. Committee approved this addition to the 2015 Work Plan.

Regarding item II. Ms. Donnelly suggested that a. and b. be combined. Discussion on how to obtain emails that will allow Ms. Donnelly to successfully distribute the CIC newsletters to the schools. Mr. Garcia indicated he will work on getting the best connections via the County

Office and SJUD in particular. Ms. Mand stated that introductory emails are needed to obtain easy access to the schools' directories.

Regarding item III., language was modified to **Improve linkages between resources and schools**. Ms. Allen is updating the CIC resource guide. Ms. Lowell directed members to send updates to Ms. Allen on related resources. The CIC resource guide will be posted on the DVC website. The CIC newsletter will also be posted on DVC website. Ms. Lowell reported that OWP staff Ms. Julie Ramirez has made a dramatic improvement to the functionality of the DVC website; much more user friendly.

Regarding item IV., Ms. Lowell recorded language suggested by Mr. Cain to enhance this goal.

- Discuss and approve FY2015 work plan

Ms. Lowell asked for a motion to approve the FY2015 as discussed. Ms. Donnelly made the motion to approve and Mr. Cain seconded the motion. All voting members affirmed the motion; no abstentions.

B. Discuss timeline for completion of FY2014 work plan items.

Group determined the following deadlines for FY2014 carryover goals: Goal I, June 2015, Goal II, June 2015, Goal III, April 2015 and Goal IV, February 2015.

VI. Old Business & Updates

A. Education Collaboration

- Policy group update (Andrew)

Mr. Cain reported that he met with Ms. Ruth Patrick regarding establishing a contact with Los Altos school board. Ms. Patrick has pledged to get the CIC education resolution on the school board agenda.

- o Initiative update (Maureen)

Ms. Lowell reported that the CIC four year education resolution project will be presented to the DVC Executive Committee for review and approval. This will take place at the April meeting.

- Resource Guide: updates from committee members (Marla)

Committee was reminded to send to Ms. Allen resources for the guide. The CIC guide is being reviewed and updated.

- o Discussion and possible action to approve updates

- Literature Review (All)

Nothing new reported.

B. Newsletter (Jonee)

Ms. Donnelly reported that the next CIC newsletter will go out in May. Articles for the newsletter need to be sent to her by 5/7/2014. Mr. Cain indicated he will provide an article on pending legislation. He has a connection with a graphic designer who might be able to upgrade the presentation of the CIC newsletter at the DVC website with links to videos and related articles. Ms. Lowell and Ms. Licurse indicated that will provide articles for the May newsletter. Ms. Mauboussin suggested it would be a good idea to get children's experiences into the newsletter. General discussion on how to get this populations stories without compromising their confidentiality. Ms. Bodan indicated she too might be able to provide this type of information for the newsletter.

C. Local Data: Updates

Ms. Licurse stated she can write an article on youth offenders of teen dating violence and family violence. Ms. Lowell indicated she will follow up with Ms. Gina Sessions of SSA to find out how to obtain CWS data on children exposed to IPV. Mr. Cain asked if anyone is collecting on the abuse of animals/pets. Group members acknowledged that there is a significant overlap between animal abuse and family violence in general.

D. Stakeholder & Provider Presentations

Mr. Cain reported that Ms. Ruth Patrick has a connection with Palo Alto University. She has a person in mind from the faculty who might be a good trainer for the children exposed to IPV therapist's guidelines.

VII. Report out/Updates

A. DV Council Update

B. Death Review (Cindy or Marla)

On 2/13/14 Ms. Lowell spoke at the annual SCC Death Review press report regarding the impact of IPV exposure on children. In 2013 10 children lost both parents due to IPV death. Ms. Perla Flore, from Community Solutions, presented information on the Latino/Latina deaths that occurred in 2013; that community had the largest number of IPV related deaths. Mr. Steve Dick, Deputy DA, presented the annual report as he was head of the committee. Mr. James Gibbons-Shapiro is now an Assistant Deputy in the DA's office and he taking over management of the Death Review committee.

Ms. Allen noted that Mr. Dick emphasized at the press conference that all of the family members, including the dominant aggressor, need to be helped if we are going to stop these types of deaths. Group members agreed the community needs to establish more effective ways to reach all family members including the violent one. Mr. Garcia shared that Jennifer Seibel Newsom, has a new documentary out on the impact of male socialization on boys called "The Mask You Live In". It is a powerful account of the adverse outcomes of the male socialization process. Ms. Mand reported that there is new funding in the United Kingdom to address teen dating violence. While Ms. Licurse stated that Australia is tackling teen dating violence on a national level.

C. Agency updates and other related youth issues as they relate to CEDV and Adolescent Relationship Abuse. (All)Nothing reported.

VIII. Announcements (Training, Conferences and Special Events)

None.

IX. Next Meeting: April 8, 2014

X. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10am.

Meeting Schedule:

The Second Tuesday of the Month from 7:30-9:00 a.m.

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(downstairs meeting room) San Jose, CA 95117