



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council

Batterer Intervention Committee

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Tuesday, January 17th, 2016 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 November 15th, 2016 Minutes

4. Public Presentations: 5 minutes
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5. Old Business:
 - a. Voting to adopt "Principles of Collaboration" (Jill, Carmen)
 - b. Ad Hoc committee for DVAP and PWOV recourse; ramifications (Jim, Linda, John)
 - c. IPVTF update: BIP survey results, survivor focus group results, workgroup focus report (Cindi)

6. New Business:
 - a. 16 week vs. 52 week program information (Cindi)
 - b. Discussion of FY'17-FY'18 workplan; revising BIP progress report (Jill, Carmen)

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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MINUTES

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1. Call to Order: 12:19 PM Quorum Meet
2. **Members and Interested Parties Present – Jill Howard-Maher (Family & Children Services), Mica Fuller (AAA Approach), John Nieman (Family Court), Geraldine Foley (Adult Probation Department), Carmen Vargas (Adult Probation Department), Zohreh Gharratti (A Better Choice at WAVES), Luis Quinones (Family First-Una Familia Segura), Kathy (Dependency Advocacy Court) Sallie Danenberg (A Balanced Approach To Counseling) Lindsey Mansfield (YWCA) Stephanie Rivas (SJSU Intern with APD), Jim Demertzis (District Attorney's Office) Linda Hsiao (Dept. Of Children & Family Services)**
3. Minutes for 10/18/16 Approved –Motion Approved: Linda H. Second: Geraldine Foley
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Lindsey introduced the pilot program www.safechatsv.org a new program set up by the county, YWCA Silicon Valley and other organizations. The program focuses on providing survivor advocates through a chat program to make it easier for victims by giving them more ways to reach out.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion on Domestic Violence Reviews-
 - i. Programs would like clarification as to how the courts will relay information to them regarding program completion "deemed satisfied" or "past credits awarded"
 - ii. Agencies (BIPS) will be provided current DV email address for progress report submissions.
 - b. Voting to adopt "Principles of Collaboration" (Jill/Frank):
 - i. Two key agencies missing, discussion will be added onto next year's agenda only one more time, for final discussion.
 - c. Ad Hoc committee for DVAP and PWOV recourse (Jim, John, Brenda, Linda):

- i. Group will meet to discuss sanctions, communicating with providers and what matters/issues to bring to the BIC committee due to conflict of interest with dual providers.
- ii. Issue of "failure to benefit" terminations was brought up as this can be subjective and not clear within agencies.
- iii. New affidavit should be mailed out within the next few weeks as per last directive from Hon. Judge Teresa Guerrero-Daley. Linda takes on task.

6. New Business:

- a. BIPS share sections of the current 52 week certified progress report are redundant and need modifications. Group agrees this is a task that will be added into next years work plan.
- b. Group agrees progress report template will be modified for the 16 Week DVAP since there are no certification requirements for this program. Group will review template of-line and bring suggestions to the group for review.
- c. Family Court referrals to BIP services, programs unclear as to what information is being evaluated. There is no "crime" committed therefore sometimes there are no police reports. Custody evaluation reports (with a 3044 finding) are often available but not quite useful for BIP services.

7. Announcements:

- a. DFCS announces new supervisor for the unit- Ms. LaRue, however dept. continues to face understaffing and heavy work loads.
- b. A Balanced Approach To Counseling announces Dr. Brian Salinas clinical psychologist will be providing services at her agency and Sallie D. will be taking a step down to focus on personal health matters.
- c. YWCA will be working in conjunction with SJPD to provide an advocate for resources and support to DV and sexual assault victims. The Family Violence Center will be providing immigration resources as well as a program "*promotoras*" which provide DV awareness to Latino families.
- d. A Better Choice at WAVES shared they are providing additional services to the public in the areas of yoga, meditation and services for victims of sexual abuse and/or assault.
- e. AAA Approach shares concerns related to defendants on Formal Probation with no testing orders who would benefit from substance abuse services. Probation reminds group condition can't be ordered if there was no "nexus in the offense."
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