



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL

**January 11, 2024**  
**3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Chair: Supervisor Noelia Corzo  
 Vice-Chair: Elisa Kuhl  
 Staff: Tanya Beat, staff liaison; Jacki Rigoni, Senior Legislative Aide, Caiti Busch, Deputy County Attorney

**Present:** Supervisor Noelia Corzo, Elisa Kuhl, Michael Callagy, Adam Ely, Kathy Anderson, Tanya Beat, Stephanie Bilinski, Asst Sheriff Ryan Monaghan, Karen Ferguson, Robert Foucrault, Trish Erwin, Sean Frost, Cynthia Hunter, Keri Kirby, Rose Mukhar, Bob Spencer, Geri Archibald, Jeniffer Alcantara, Becky Powers, Theresa Dah, Chief Maria Sarasua, Selina Toy-Lee (HSA), Nicole Reyes, Lori Smiley-Klingler, Noelle Bruton Jacki Rigoni, Lena Silberman, Caiti Busch

**Absent:** Ruben Abrica, Sheriff Corpus, Hon. Lisa Novak, Kris Shouse, Wesley Liu

<b>Call to Order</b>	<i>Action</i>	Supervisor Corzo
<b>1. Roll Call &amp; Round Table Introductions</b>		Tanya Beat
<b>2. Opportunity for Public Comment</b>		Members of the Public: Rhonda Reyna (on Zoom) Renata Mello (on Zoom) Martin Fox (in person) Joan Collins (in person)
<b>3. Action to Set Agenda &amp; Approve Consent Agenda</b>	<i>Action</i>	Mike Callagy motions to approve; Keri Kirby seconds the motion. Abstentions: Lori Smiley-Klingler, Lisa Maguire, Becky Powers. Approved.
<b>CONSENT Agenda</b> <b>4. Approval of Oct 2023 Minutes</b>		
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>		
<b>5. Family Justice Center Survivor</b>	<i>Update</i>	Audra, North Caroline FJC; Slide 3 of FJC presentation Three days after the violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Installed \$800 security system</li> <li>- Retained lawyer for \$7,500</li> <li>- Filed an Ex-Parte Restraining Order</li> <li>- Purchased pepper spray</li> <li>- Spent the night on couch with knife &amp; pepper spray</li> <li>- Feared that all this wouldn't be enough to stop him</li> <li>- Filled out Nine forms</li> <li>- Told story eight times</li> <li>- Slept in three different beds</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made at least Seven phone calls (not including friends &amp; family)</li> <li>- Was given pamphlet with thirty referrals</li> <li>- Missed three days of work</li> <li>- Didn't eat or sleep</li> <li>- Cried</li> <li>- Tried not to let daughter see her do all this</li> </ul> <p>Chief Sarasua, Pacifica Police Dept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DV incident at end of Dec 2023 (homicide, suicide)</li> <li>- Have a more trauma-informed approach</li> <li>- Great support and intersectional services from around the County</li> <li>- Were able to provide high quality support; with restraining order we were able to take 25 firearms from suspect.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comment: Nate Smith Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna</p>
<p><b>6. Task Force Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batterer Intervention</li> <li>• Legal Services</li> <li>• Data</li> <li>• Education &amp; Awareness</li> <li>• Co-Responder Advocacy</li> </ul>	<p><i>Update</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview by Supervisor Corzo: the Adhoc DV Committee started meeting three months ago. Able to move projects forward more quickly with this adhoc group.</li> <li>- Batterer Intervention Program: Keri Kirby (see meeting materials written report)</li> <li>- Legal Services: Nicole Reyes (see meeting materials written report)</li> <li>- Data: Karen Ferguson (see meeting materials written report)</li> <li>- Education &amp; Awareness: Nicole Reyes (see meeting materials written report)</li> <li>- Co-Responder Advocacy: Adam Ely (see meeting materials written report)</li> <li>- Member at Large Cynthia Hunter offers information from Arizona and an Institute there.</li> <li>- Supervisor Corzo will ask for a report out of the Death Review Team at a future DVC meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comment: Nate Smith Public Comment: Renata Mello Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna</p>
<p><b>7. Family Justice Center Presentation</b></p>	<p><i>Presentation</i></p>	<p>Presented by Elisa Kuhl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback on FJC &amp; History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Not a new model; 15 centers opened nationally from 2003-2007.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Best Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Colocated; multidisciplinary services</li> <li>o Pro-arrest/mandatory arrest policies</li> <li>o Policies incidental to arrest/enforcement reduces revictimization</li> <li>o Victim safety is highest priority</li> <li>o Victim confidentiality must be a priority</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Offenders must be prohibited onsite</li> <li>○ Community history of DV specialization</li> <li>○ Strong support of local leadership</li> <li>○ Strategic planning</li> <li>○ Strong/diverse community support</li> </ul> <p>- Examples: Contra Costa County FJC; Alliance for Hope</p> <p>- Next Steps: moving forward with a contract for a strategic planning process with Alliance for Hope. Research more about incorporating a Children’s Advocacy Center.</p> <p>Public Comment: Renata Mello Public Comment: Nate Smith Public Comment: Rena G. McNabb</p>
<p><b>8. Committee Reports</b></p> <p>a. <i>Domestic Violence Awareness Committee</i></p> <p>b. <i>Legal Process Committee</i></p>	<p><i>Summary Report Out</i></p>	<p><b>Nicole Reyes, DVAC</b></p> <p><b>Elisa Kuhl, Legal Process Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updating the Judicial Bench Card</li> <li>- Discussed rotation of judges and commissioners</li> <li>- Revise the DV protocol review process</li> </ul> <p>Public Comment: Renata Mello on behalf of Giselle Schmill Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna Public Comment: Nate Smith</p>
<p><b>9. Announcements</b></p> <p>a. <i>April 11 – DVC Meeting</i></p> <p>b. <i>Storytelling volunteer for April meeting</i></p>		
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>		Supervisor Corzo

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