

Legal Process Committee of the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council

Meeting Minutes

January 11th, 2024

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Location: Room 402, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA

Present: Jeniffer Alcantara (Superior Court/Sr. Managing Attorney), Tanya Both (Superior Court/ADR), Jeffrey Carr (SMC Sheriff), Charles Cavallino, Co-Chair (CORA), Theresa Dah (Probation), Mitri Hanania (SMCBA Private Defender Program), Jenny Horne (LASSMC), Elisa Kuhl, Co-Chair (DA Victim Services), Irene Maxwell (Superior Court), Maggie Woods (BALA), Alessandra Robleto (Superior Court/FL Clerks), Brooke Murphy (ADZ Law), Yvonne Lieu (ADZ Law)

Also Present: Robert Spencer (San Mateo Medical Center/DV Council), Kathryn Anderson (DV Council), Martin Fox, Rhonda Reyna

ISSUES	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Adopt/Approve Agenda	Jenny Horne moved to adopt the agenda. Jeffrey Carr seconded the motion. All in favor. No opposition	Approved
Introductions and Updates	<p><u>CORA</u>: CORA has received funding from the county to begin a pilot project with law enforcement for a co-response model when dispatched to domestic violence calls. In the initial planning, partner agencies are San Mateo PD, Daly City PD, and San Mateo County Sheriff's Office at the North Fair Oaks substation.</p> <p><u>Probation</u>: Becky Powers will be taking over Theresa Dah's role moving forward.</p> <p><u>Family Court Services</u>: Currently hiring for a CRCC vacancy.</p> <p><u>Courts</u>: Governor's budget was released, anticipating the court will have a more restricted budget this year. Judge Franchi has rotated from the family law bench and is now a trial judge. The family law bench currently is Judge Holt as the supervising family law judge, Judge Cadet, Judge Reyna, and Commissioner Padilla have the family law direct departments. Commissioner Burdick has the DVPA calendar. Signage in the courthouse at County Center has been updated based off the DV Task Force recommendations.</p> <p><u>BALA</u>: Re-opening the Daly City restraining order clinic starting January 19th. It will be open from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM and a flyer will be distributed.</p> <p><u>District Attorney's Office/Victim Services</u>: Lupe Oropeza has retired and recruiting is ongoing for a new victim advocate. DDA Alex Rodriguez has left the office, DDA VJ Chetty is the new DV DDA.</p>	
Review/Adopt Minutes from 7/13/23 meeting	Jenny Horne moved to adopt the minutes from the October 12, 2023 meeting. Jeniffer Alcantara seconded. All in favor. No opposition.	Approved
Carry Over Items	a) DV Training for Judges (Elisa Kuhl): Nothing new to report. Jeniffer A informed the committee that there are additional training requirements included in Picqi's law (SB 331) that may meet the goals. Charles and Elisa will review and report back at the next meeting.	Charles C. and Elisa K. to review SB 331.

	<p>b) DV Police Reports Involving Minors (Charles Cavallino): Elisa K confirmed that the notice and order was sent out to the county records managers. Jenny H identified a case where EPA PD did not follow the order.</p> <p>c) 2024 Meetings Location (Everyone): Committee agreed that we will continue meeting in the 455 building for the 2024 meetings.</p>	
New Business	<p>a) AB 2791 (2022) Implementation/New Service Forms: The new SER services forms and information are on the Sheriff's Office website. Old form will no longer be accepted. Sheriff's office confirmed that e-mail submission of documents for service is available.</p>	
Work Plan Reports	<p>a) Civil-Criminal Crossover (Melissa Gibbs/Morris Maya): CORA and the District Attorney's Office had their cross over meeting. Law enforcement presentations with CORA and the DA's Office are continuing, Negeen Abrishamcar is presenting with various CORA staff throughout San Mateo County.</p> <p>b) DV Firearms Compliance Unit (District Attorney's Office): Everything is operating well in terms of compliance and follow ups.</p> <p>c) Judicial Bench Card (Jenny Horne/Jessica Dayton): The items from the previous meeting were added to the card. The plan is to discuss updates to the card again in July to include additional new legislation.</p> <p>d) Law Enforcement DV Protocol Update (Jeffrey Carr/Morris Maya/Elisa Kuhl/Paula Vielman-Reeves): No new updates, the protocol revisions do not appear to fit in with the ongoing work of the DV Task Force, so LPC should keep the project. Elisa will reach out to the team begin moving forward.</p> <p>e) Protective Orders: Charles C. asked for confirmation that if orders to be served are brought to other court hearings (such as criminal matters) that they can ask the deputy in court to serve the documents. Jeffrey C. confirmed that can be done.</p> <p>f) Allocation of Court Resources: Jeniffer A reported there will be a more detailed update on court resources when the Governor's May revised budget comes out.</p> <p>g) Courtroom Safety: DVPA calendar is now being heard on the 8th floor.</p>	<p>Elisa K. to reach out to the group to begin moving forward once again.</p>
Public Comment	<p>Martin Fox provided public comment, thanking Supervisor Slocum for recognizing two different communities, wealthy communities who can afford treatment and less fortunate communities who have less access to services and require going to the ER/medical</p>	

	<p>admission first. Raised SB 43 and asked that the committee examine the bill. Further concerns were raised regarding people going to San Francisco from San Mateo due to differing law enforcement cultures. Further concern raised regarding DV impact from those suffering from mental health issues coming here and issue on restriction to access to mental health to be diagnosed. Issue also raised with hospitals sending a memo to the Board of Supervisors without public comment. Long Beach co response model discussed when going out to calls involving veterans.</p> <p>Rhonda Reyna provided public comment, raising concerns and opposition to SB 43 due to possible hearsay issues. She discussed the impact of reunification therapy and concerns about protective orders being weaponized against protective parents. Concerns and issues raised regarding how law enforcement responds to situations. She discussed Piqui's Law and the need for criminal prosecution for abusers. Issues raised regarding law enforcement response to her own case and lack of investigation/accountability. Also raised issues with reunification therapist threatening children and how police handle child victims. Further concerns raised regarding Family Court Services, other mental health professional involvement, and hearsay issues. Called for further investigations in her case.</p>	
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April 11th, 2024
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