



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL**

**April 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, Stephanie Bilinski, Noelle Bruton, Trish Erwin, Karen Ferguson, Robert Foucrault, Sean Frost, Cynthia Hunter, Keri Kirby, Lisa Maguire, Hon. Lisa Novak, Becky Powers, Nicole Reyes, Erin Orum, Chief Maria Sarasua, Bob Spencer, Selina Toy-Lee, Tanya Beat, Jacki Rigoni, Caiti Busch, Mylene Janoras, Erica Pullido  
**Absent:** Ruben Abrica, Sheriff Corpus, Rose Mukhar, Kris Shouse, Lori Smiley-Klingler

<b>Call to Order</b>	<i>Action</i>	Supervisor Corzo
<b>1. Roll Call &amp; Round Table Introductions (DVC Members &amp; Partners)</b>		Supervisor Corzo
<b>2. Opportunity for Public Comment</b>		Members of the Public: James Ewing Whitman (in person) Rhonda Reyna (in person) Martin Fox (in person)
<b>3. Action to Set Agenda &amp; Approve Consent Agenda</b>	<i>Action</i>	Elisa Kuhl motions to approve; Lisa Maguire seconds the motion. Abstentions: Lisa Novak. Approved.
<b>CONSENT Agenda</b>		
<b>4. Approval of January 2024 Minutes</b>		
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>		
<b>5. Survivor Story</b>	<i>Update</i>	Karen Ferguson introduction of Erica Pullido Has worked for CORA for many years. Survivor, 3 children. She shared her story of survival from a vicious attack by her husband. She also shared the services from CORA and other local organizations (911, law enforcement, victim services, legal services) in her journey through her experience.  Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna
<b>6. Data Annual Report</b>	<i>Update</i>	Data Report PPT presentation by Karen Ferguson, Elisa Kuhl - Please refer to the 2023 Annual Data Report included in meeting materials.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Robust demographic information; however there are gaps in data around language needs/usage and special classifications and still need data from legal services and law enforcement.</li> <li>- Persons Doing Harm: Information from Batter Intervention Program was extremely helpful.</li> <li>- Prevention and Education (TDAH, YEA! Speak Up – all CORA but surely there are others around SMC).</li> <li>- Recommendations are based on the current data but with more data, comes revised recommendations.</li> <li>- AB2279 (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Justice Program) by Assemblymember Cervantes; brought up by Lisa Maguire.</li> <li>- This is a draft report. Data from roundtable participants. We ask for your feedback for revisions that will be provided at July DVC meeting. Send to Elisa Kuhl or Tanya Beat.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comment: unidentified person  Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna  Public Comment: James Ewing Whitman  Public Comment: Martin Fox  Public Comment: Ren DeMello (on Zoom)</p>
<p><b>7. High Risk Case Review Team</b></p>	<p><i>Action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to establish a multi-disciplinary team.</i></p>	<p>Overview by Lena Silberman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Background: Visit to the Central Family Justice Center in Concord in Contra Costa County. There we learned about a Multidisciplinary team that works on complex cases of domestic violence or any partner abuse.</li> <li>- Complex Cases – defined as cases that are very high risk and/or “plus criteria.” That means the person may not be able to access services as easily as others.</li> <li>- Goal of the Program is to have a monthly meeting with all partners to go over cases and ideally have resolved within the next month or so.</li> <li>- Example: Contra Costa County high risk team looks at five (5) metrics or five areas of need. They look at the civil legal needs, mental health needs, law enforcement concerns and safety concerns, etc.</li> <li>- Based on section of penal code that allows for the creation of multidisciplinary teams. Must have written consent from the survivor.</li> <li>- Questions include: how many cases in a year? What does it mean to “resolve” a case? Nomination of cases can happen outside of this group?</li> <li>- Suggestion to look at the Geiger Institute (harm reduction model] from Member at large Cyndi Hunter.</li> <li>- Remaining questions are outstanding: organization of the group; results of the group.</li> </ul> <p>Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna  Public Comment: James Ewing Whitman  Motion by Elisa Kuhl. Seconded by Karen Ferguson. Approved.</p>

<b>8. Survivor Advisory Group</b>	<i>Recommendation</i>	<p>Discussion on the recommendations for creating a Survivor Advisory Group in San Mateo County. Members who volunteer to develop recommendations: Kathy Anderson, Cynthia Hunter. Tool: Voices Toolkit available.</p> <p>Motion by Adam Ely to create a small group to research and recommend how to form a Survivor Advisory Council. Second by Karen Ferguson. Approved.</p> <p>Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna Public Comment: Ren DeMello</p>
<b>9. Victims of Crime Act cuts/impact</b>	<i>Update</i>	<p>Karen Ferguson with comment from Elisa Kuhl</p> <p>Victims of Crime Act fund is diminishing federally and now there is a significant shortfall for sexual assault and DV services. CORA Services impacted: mental health, rental assistance, hotline, safehouse, community education, data systems support. Please see VOCA Funding Crisis handout in meeting materials for details.</p> <p>Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna</p>
<b>10. DV Task Force Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batterer Intervention</li> <li>• Family Justice Center</li> <li>• Legal Services</li> <li>• Data</li> <li>• Education &amp; Awareness</li> <li>• Co-Responder Advocacy</li> </ul>	<i>Summary Report Out</i>	<p>No questions. No discussion.</p>
<b>11. Committee Reports</b> <p><i>a.Domestic Violence Awareness Committee</i></p> <p><i>b.Legal Process Committee</i></p>	<i>Summary Report Out</i>	<p>Nicole Reyes: Healthy Relationships Art Contest has concluded. Elisa Kuhl: nothing significant to report from the LPC</p>
<b>12. Announcements</b> <p><i>a. July 11 – DVC Meeting</i></p> <p><i>b. Storytelling volunteer for July meeting</i></p>		<p>b.If you know of a person with the storytelling piece, please email Tanya Best or Jacki Rigoni.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<p>Supervisor Corzo</p>

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