

Legal Process Committee of the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council

Meeting Minutes

April 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), Lisa Bergman (Superior Court/FCS), Jeffrey Carr (SMC Sheriff), Charles Cavallino, Co-Chair (CORA), Melissa Gibbs (CORA), Jenny Horne (Legal Aid Society), Elisa Kuhl, Co-Chair (DA Victim Services), Lindsay Marum (Justice at Last), Becky Powers (Probation), Alessandra Robleto (Superior Court/FL Clerks), Maggie Woods (BALA), Brooke Murphy (ADZ Law), Yvonne Lieu (ADZ Law).

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

ISSUES	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Adopt/Approve Agenda	Melissa Gibbs moved to adopt the agenda. Jenny Horne seconded the motion. No opposition, Lindsay Marum abstained, rest in favor.	Approved
Introductions and Updates	<p><u>CORA:</u> CORA is holding its fundraiser tonight at La Honda Winery. The Co-Response model project is launching this year, with hiring anticipated in May.</p> <p><u>Family Court Services:</u> Lisa Bergman is retiring in June, successor will likely be an internal promotion. A new CCRC has recently been hired.</p> <p><u>Courts:</u> In the process of testing e-service, which will be mandatory July 1st. The Governor’s revised May budget is coming out soon and there will be more information at the July meeting. Family Law Facilitator’s office has opened a new restraining order clinic on Mondays and it is going well. The clinic will continue operations into May and longer as long as there is a demand for services. New flyers will be sent out.</p> <p><u>BALA:</u> The Daly City in person TRO clinic is suspended due to the space not being available due to construction. Updates will be sent out if another space is located.</p> <p><u>Keller/Medical Center:</u> The hospital is retooling their information system, reviewing the way that encounters are coded for DV and looking at using screenings. They are seeking feedback on the design. If anyone is interested, please contact Robert Spencer.</p>	
Review/Adopt Minutes from 7/13/23 meeting	Jenny Horne moved to adopt the minutes from the January 11 th , 2024 meeting. Jeffrey Carr seconded the motion. No opposition, Lindsay Marum abstained, rest in favor.	Approved
Carry Over Items	a) DV Training for Judges (Elisa Kuhl): The general areas of training identified in Piqui’s Law likely meet the training goals we have identified. Strangulation is covered, though tech abuse is less clear. Jeniffer A. reported that the JCC provides the training and she will follow up regarding specific curriculum. Judges are required to take the training but not sure what the turnaround time is.	Jeniffer A. to follow up w/JCC regarding curriculum of training.

New Business	<p>a) Local Form FL-8 (Tanya Both): This form is now optional rather than mandatory for DVTRO filings. The DVTRO coversheet has been updated to remove language about cases being denied without a hearing to avoid confusion as a hearing is required.</p> <p>b) 2024 Meeting Locations (Everyone): Room 402 will not be available for the rest of the year. Jeniffer A. has reserved the 7th floor conference room at the Hall of Justice for the July meeting.</p>	
Work Plan Reports	<p>a) Civil-Criminal Crossover (Melissa Gibbs/Morris Maya): CORA hosted the Deputy District Attorneys of the DV unit and the victim advocates for a tour of CORA and an overview of services CORA provides. Training presentations have completed at Redwood City PD and Sheriff’s Office, with Negeen Abrishamcar taking lead. Melissa G. suggested nominating Negeen for the Barbara Hammerman award.</p> <p>b) DV Firearms Compliance Unit (District Attorney’s Office): Compliance rates remain good. Approximately one third of granted restraining orders have a firearm and they are seeing 100% compliance after the detectives follow up. When a case is transferred out of jurisdiction, there is a process that includes notifying the local police department of the proper jurisdiction. Detective Josh Puga has left and Detective Carmen Choice has stepped in.</p> <p>c) Judicial Bench Card (Jenny Horne/Jessica Dayton): Judicial bench card has gone out, no feedback noted.</p> <p>d) Law Enforcement DV Protocol Update (Jeffrey Carr/Morris Maya/Elisa Kuhl/Paula Vielman-Reeves): Hope is to have a new draft ready to discuss by the next meeting as the police chiefs are also reviewing and discussing possible edits.</p> <p>e) Protective Orders:</p> <p>f) Allocation of Court Resources:</p> <p>g) Courtroom Safety: 8th floor courtroom is working well for DVPA hearings.</p>	<p>Draft to be ready to discuss by the next meeting.</p>
Public Comment	<p>Martin Fox provided public comment, stating the county is adopting the CARE court. July 1st is when it is anticipated to start. SB 43 was not adopted. This is being adopted on a county by county basis and there appears to be a delay with the Board of Supervisors.</p>	

Next Meeting: July 11th, 2024
11:45am-1:15pm

Hall of Justice, 7th Floor Conference Room
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