



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL

July 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, Chief of Staff, Caiti Busch, Deputy County Attorney

Present: Supervisor Noelia Corzo, Elisa Kuhl, Michael Callagy, Adam Ely, Ruben Abrica (arrival 3:55pm), Kathy Anderson, Stephanie Bilinski, Noelle Bruton, Trish Erwin, Karen Ferguson, Robert Foucrault, Keri Kirby, Lisa Maguire, Lindsay Marum, Jeniffer Alcantara, Theresa Dah, Kelly Keene, Nicole Reyes, Erin Orum, Chief Maria Sarasua, Kris Shouse, Bob Spencer, Selina Toy-Lee, Tanya Beat, Jacki Rigoni, Lena Silberman, Caiti Busch, Mylene Janoras, Sherry Golestan, Charles Cavallino, Melissa Gibbs, Linda Wolin, Tanya Both, Marisol Escalera, Casey Gwinn, Reina Sandoval

Absent: Sheriff Corpus (zoom), Sean Frost, Cynthia Hunter, Rose Mukhar, Hon. Lisa Novak, Lori Smiley-Klingler (zoom)

Call to Order	<i>Action</i>	Supervisor Corzo
1. Roll Call & Round Table Introductions (DVC Members & Partners)		Supervisor Corzo
2. Opportunity for Public Comment - Parameters for public comment are provided by Vice-Chair. - Written public comment has been provided to the DVC and is available on the DVC Meetings webpage.		Members of the Public In Person: Martin Fox Rhonda Reyna Theresa Raisbelk David Khan Laila Flores Albena Goulisheva Maggie Woods Brenna Garre Lisa Members of the Public on Zoom: Jenny Michel, San Mateo County District 4
3. Action to Set Agenda & Approve Consent Agenda	<i>Action</i>	Supervisor Corzo motions to approve; Keri Kirby seconds the motion. Approved.
CONSENT Agenda 4. Approval of April 2024 Minutes		
REGULAR AGENDA		
5. NEW BUSINESS a. Sherry’s Story		Shared her personal story, a self reflection of her past relationship and who she is now. Poem: “This Girl”

<p>6. Legal Process Committee Presentation from DVC Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation</i> 	<p>Public Comment: Rhonda Reyna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to presentation included with Minutes Nicole Reyes, Bay Area Legal Aid Erin Orum, Bay Area Legal Aid Melissa Gibbs, CORA Charles Cavallino, CORA Stephanie Bilinski, Legal Aid Society of SMC Tanya Both, Family Court Services\ <p>Public Comment In Person: People did not state their names and no speaker cards were turned in. Rhonda Reyna? David Khan? Unidentified person Public Comment on Zoom: Renata DeMello Kamila Malinowski</p>
<p>7. Family Justice Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation & discussion</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance for Hope International, President – Casey Gwinn <p>Beginning a process to assess for a Family Justice Center in San Mateo County. Casey will think about a process/way to have dialogue with survivors and their needs. This Brown Act body is limited. A Family Justice Center can be a place to belong and have a way to communicate frustrations. Casey Gwinn: casey@allianceforhope.com</p>
<p>8. OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>a. Survivor Advisory Group</p> <p>b. DV Task Force Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Batterer Intervention ○ Data-Data Annual Report ○ Education & Awareness ○ Co-Responder Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Action</i> • <i>Written Reports</i> 	<p>Approve a Survivor Advisory adhoc group from the DVC who would create the Survivor Advisory who would advise on establishing the Family Justice Center & policy recommendations. Suggest to invite Process Circulo, El Concilio and other providers in North Fair Oaks for collaboration. All core agencies. Veterans organizations. Additional change: Survivor member be an appointed member, not categorical. Please refer to meeting materials for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Mike Callagy. Seconded by Selina Toy Lee. Approved. <p>Public Comment in Person: Martin Fox David Khan? Public Comment on Zoom: Renata DeMello</p>
<p>9. Announcements</p> <p>a. VOCA Funding Cuts update (see written report)</p> <p>b. October 10 – next DVC mtg</p>		

<i>Adjournment</i>		Supervisor Corzo
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COORA

COMMUNITY OVERCOMING
RELATIONSHIP ABUSE

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Melissa Gibbs

Senior Manager of Legal Services

Charles Cavallino

Senior Staff Attorney

CORA Services

- 24 Hour Hotline
- Emergency Response Program
- Emergency Safe Housing
- Supportive Housing
- Mental Health Services
- Legal Services
- Community Advocacy
- Community Education
- Prevention

Legal Specific Services

Legal Services

- Family Law
 - Restraining Orders
 - Divorce/Separation/Annulment
 - Parentage Actions
 - Child Custody and Visitation
 - Child and Spousal Support
- Victim's Rights
 - Marsy's Law
- Pro Bono Collaborative
- Community Education and Training

CORA Legal Department Staffing

- 3 legal advocates
- 2.5 staff attorneys
- 1 managing attorney

Levels of Service

Information and Referrals

Brief Advice and Counsel

Advocacy

Representation

How to Reach Us?



Legal Advice Line (not answered live)
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Bay Area Legal Aid

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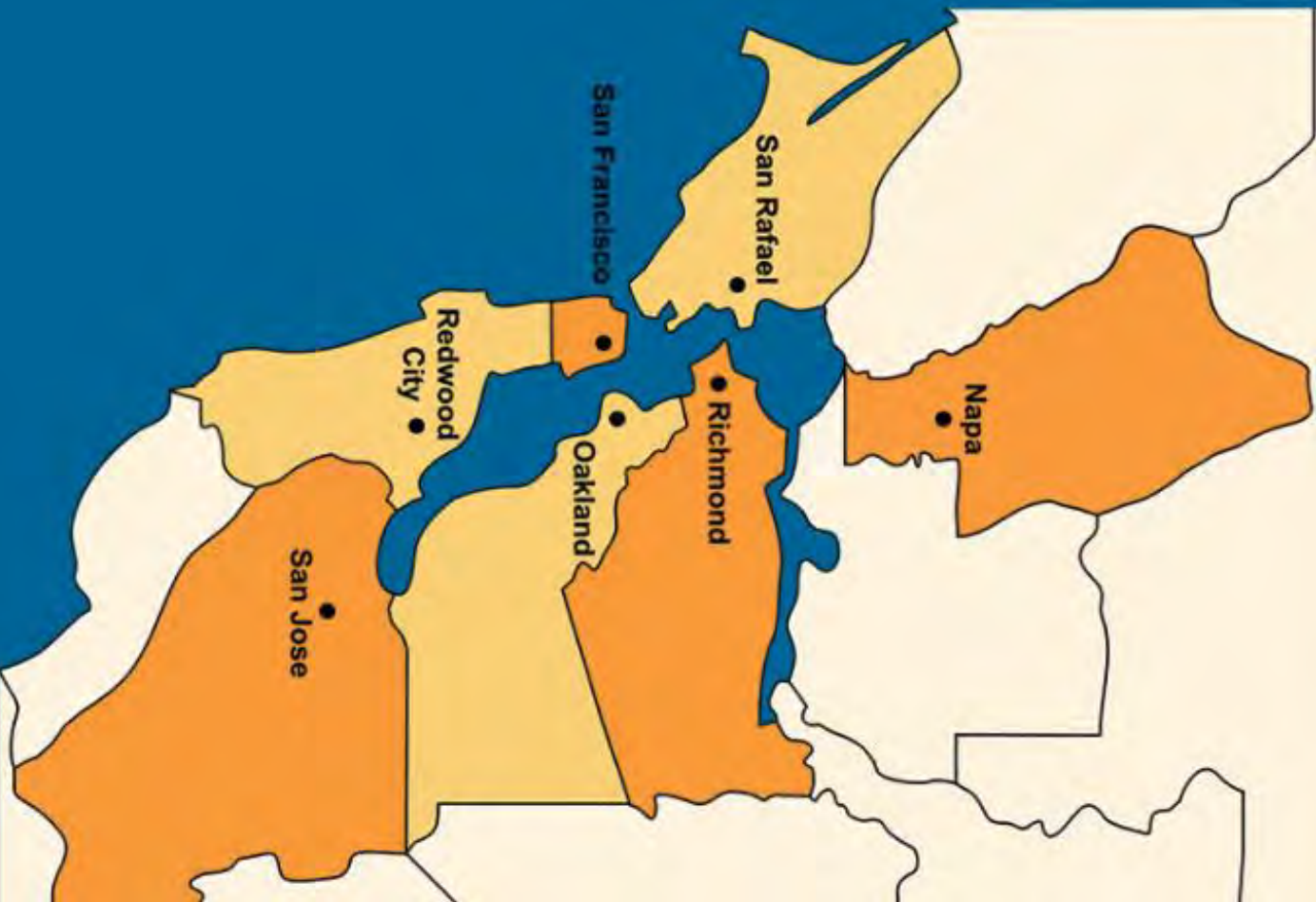
Erin Orum

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County Regional Office

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Bay Area Legal Aid Services

- Housing Preservation/Homelessness Prevention
- Economic Justice
- Health Access
- Consumer Protection
- Youth Justice Project
- Re-Entry Project
- Veterans Project
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking Prevention



San Mateo County Specific Services

Services Available for Survivors in San Mateo County

- Family Law
 - Restraining Orders
 - Divorce/Separation/Annulment
 - Parentage Actions
 - Child Custody and Visitation
 - Child and Spousal Support
- Immigration
- Public Benefits
- Housing
- Health Access
- Consumer Law (clinics available to general public)
- Community Education and Training

San Mateo County Staffing

- 2 staff attorneys
- 1 managing attorney
- 2 legal advocates
- Legal Advice Line Attorneys

Pro Se Services

- 2-3 weekly one-on-one appointments
- Monday – Thursday walk-in assistance
- Friday Daly City Clinic @ Daly City Community Service Center
- Monthly Zoom Clinic
- Filing Assistance
- Legal Information
- Referrals

All services are free

Restraining Order Assistance

Levels of Service

Information and Referrals

Advice and Counsel

Limited Scope Services

Full Representation

How to Reach Us?



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What We Do

- Located in Redwood Shores, Legal Aid SMC has served San Mateo County residents since 1959
- We were created by members of the San Mateo County Superior Court and the San Mateo Bar Association to provide services in housing, domestic violence and benefits
- We now have 17 attorneys along with 18 supporting staff members. We serve more than 2000 clients a year.



LEGAL AID SOCIETY
OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

San Mateo Domestic Violence Collaborative

CORA

COMMUNITY OVERCOMING
RELATIONSHIP ABUSE

- Bay Area Legal Aid:
 - Refers cases out of DV Clinic
 - Mentors Pro Bono Attorneys
- CORA
 - Coordinates Collaborative
 - Refers individual cases
 - Mentors Pro Bono Attorneys
- Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County
 - Screens Cases and Refers to Pro Bono Attorneys
 - Recruits Pro Bonos/Trainings
 - Provides Mentorship and Insurance Coverage



Other Legal Services for DV Survivors

- Immigration
 - U Visa Applications for victims of crime
 - Violence Against Women Act Petitions
- Housing
 - Fighting evictions due to domestic violence
 - Advocating for survivors dealing with public housing issues
- Benefits
- Teen Parents Project
 - DVROS and family law for teen parents

Family Court Services (FCS) and Family Law Facilitator's Office (FLF)

Tanya Both, ADR Programs Managing Attorney



FAMILY COURT SERVICES

OUR REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING

FC § 1815: Minimum Qualifications

- (1) A master's degree in psychology, social work, marriage, family and child counseling, or other behavioral science substantially related to marriage and family interpersonal relationships.
- (2) At least two years of experience in counseling or psychotherapy, or both, preferably in a setting related to the areas of responsibility of the family conciliation court and with the ethnic population to be served.
- (3) Knowledge of the court system of California and the procedures used in family law cases.
- (4) Knowledge of other resources in the community that clients can be referred to for assistance.
- (5) Knowledge of adult psychopathology and the psychology of families.
- (6) Knowledge of child development, child abuse, clinical issues relating to children, the effects of divorce on children, the effects of domestic violence on children, and child custody research sufficient to enable a counselor to assess the mental health needs of children.
- (7) Training in domestic violence issues as described in Section 1816.

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

OUR REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING

FC § 1816 and CRC 5.210 (f)

(f) Training, continuing education, and experience requirements for mediator, mediation supervisor, and family court services director

As specified in Family Code sections 1815 and 1816:

- (1) All mediators, mediation supervisors, and family court service directors must:
 - (A) Complete a minimum of 40 hours of custody and visitation mediation training within the first six months of initial employment as a court-connected mediator;
 - (B) Annually complete 8 hours of related continuing education programs, conferences, and workshops. This requirement is in addition to the annual 4-hour domestic violence update training described in rule 5.215; and
 - (C) Participate in performance supervision and peer review.
- (2) Each mediation supervisor and family court services director must complete at least 24 hours of additional training each calendar year. This requirement may be satisfied in part by the domestic violence training required by Family Code section 1816.

(Subd (f) amended effective January 1, 2005; previously amended effective January 1, 2003.)

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

DV PROTOCOLS

- 1) Assigning Appointments in Court**
- 2) Intake Process**
- 3) Background checks**
 - CLETS
 - CPS if any allegations of child abuse or neglect.
 - Police reports
- 4) No negotiation of violence**
- 5) Support persons**
- 6) Separate sessions**
- 7) Community Resources**
- 8) Remote (Zoom) sessions**

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

HOW PARENTS PREPARE FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT

1. Parent Orientation

- Includes information about Domestic Violence and the impact on their case.

2. Information Forms

- Specifically inquires about Domestic Violence to ensure that DV protocols are offered, and to ensure that the CCRC has the information they need to maintain appropriate dynamics during the session.

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

WHAT WE DO

BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD

FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR'S OFFICE (FLF)

WHAT WE DO / WHAT WE DON'T DO

OTHER RESOURCES FOR LOW INCOME LITIGANTS

- SMALL CLAIMS ADVISOR
- LANDLORD CLINIC
- TENANT ASSISTANCE

FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR'S OFFICE (FLF)

- WALK-IN HOURS – TUESDAY & THURSDAY
- RESTRAINING ORDER CLINIC – MONDAYS
- LIVECHAT – WEEKDAYS
- SCHEDULED
 - Divorce Judgment
 - Financial Disclosure Workshop
 - Language/ADA Requests
- NON-DV COURT ASSISTANCE
 - DCSS calendar
 - Status Conference Assistance
- Family Law Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAHs)

FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR'S OFFICE (FLF)

RESTRAINING ORDER ASSISTANCE

- Types of cases
- Mode of assistance

REFERRALS

- Best match of services.

FAMILY LAW FACILITATOR'S OFFICE (FLF)

▪ DV COURT ASSISTANCE

- Connect to FCS
- Preparation of Continuances
- Instructions on Service
- Preparation of Restraining Orders

Restraining Orders are reported to the Sheriff's office daily (via the clerks office) so they are available to law enforcement.

Questions?

Thank you!