



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL

April 8, 2021
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Supervisor Carole Groom
Vice-Chair: Elisa Kuhl
Staff: Christina Falla, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Groom’s Office
Jennifer Stalzer-Kraske, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel’s Office

Present: Elisa Kuhl, Becky Abens, Ruben Abrica, Becky Arredondo, Noelle Bruton, Sgt Joe Cang, Robert Foucrault, Jenny Horne, Cynthia Hunter, Lori Smiley-Klingler, Norah Cunningham, Chief Tony Psaila, Erin Orum, Rozeena Jhinu, Melissa Gibbs, Christina Falla, Jennifer Stalzer Kraske, Stephanie Bilinski, Morris Maya (DA), Christine Krolik, John Munsey, Chief Kristina Bell, Kathryn Anderson, Monroe Labouisse, Ally Hoppis, Tseada Berhani, Martin Fox

Absent: County Manager Mike Callagy, Supervisor Groom, Monali Sheth, Lisa Bergman, Molly Henricks, Rose Mukhar, Nicole Reyes, Bob Spencer, Sylvia Baez, Selina Toy-Lee, Anya Drabkin, Tanya Beat

Call to Order	<i>Action</i>	Elisa Kuhl
Introductions		Elisa Kuhl
Opportunity for Public Comment		Elisa Kuhl
Adoption/Approval of Agenda	<i>Action</i>	Melissa Gibbs (alternate for CORA) motions to approve; Ruben Abrica seconds the motion. All approved.
Approval of January 2021 Minutes	<i>Action</i>	Chief Tony Psaila motions to approve; Lori Smiley-Klingler seconds the motion. All approved.
Sheriff’s Office: Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team Program (ECIT)	<i>Presentation & Q&A</i>	<p>Captain Kristina Bell with Sheriff’s Office: Oversee PERT (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team) for the entire Sheriff’s Office; Commissioner on the Mental Health & Abuse Recovery Commission</p> <p>Presenters: Detective Cole Armando Program Specialist Clinician Jessica Zamora</p> <p>PERT overview, including What PERT Does</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews: W&I 5150 rpts, referrals, and reports where mental illness is suspected to be a factor • Clinician researches an individual’s history within SMC mental health system to assess for services • Provides relevant HIPAA-exempt info for CNU/SWAT

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detectives work with County Counsel to retain confiscated firearms related to W&I 5150 holds. • Provides training to SMC Dispatchers for crisis response • Provides training at: CIT, Field Crisis Consultation cmte, Threat Assessment Team, ECIT • Carry a caseload with family involved • Form re-engagement plans in disengagement cases <p>How PERT started in SMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learned this program from Portland Behavioral Health Unit (PBHU) in 2013 • PBHU has 900 Patrol Officers and SMCSO has 105 • PBHU has 5 Behavioral Health Response Teams • California POST Basic academy provides 880 hours for San Mateo and 1064 hours ALCO) • Recruits receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15 hours mental health/disabilities ○ 6 hours of CIT training ○ 16 hours of use of force/de-escalation • All Deputies receive 40 hours CIT training <p>ECIT Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement Crisis Response • Practical De-Escalation • Disengagement • Resources • Scenario Training <p>Practical De-escalation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create conditions for successful de-escalation <p>Disengagement Decision-Making</p> <p>Resources: SMC resources, community and PERT</p> <p>Gun Violence Restraining Orders: a civil court order restricting firearms; allows law enforcement to proactively address future firearm violence</p> <p>Three GVRO Types: Emergency GVRO, Ex Parte GVRO, Permanent GVRO</p> <p>ECIT moving forward: POST certified; goal is to train all Deputies; outside groups will have access to attend future classes Q&A Discussion around GVRO and it's leverage as a tool to help in DV cases.</p>
<p>Bay Area Legal Aid Program Highlight</p>	<p><i>Presentation & Q&A</i></p>	<p>Erin Orum, Bay Area Legal Aid Managing Attorney eorum@baylegal.org</p> <p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offices in 7 counties around the Bay Area - Providing legal services to low income residents - Those services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing Preservation/Homelessness Prevention ○ Economic Justice ○ Health Access ○ Consumer Protection ○ Youth Justice Project ○ Re-Entry Project ○ Veterans Project

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DV/Sexual Assault/HT Prevention which is the special focus of the San Mateo County office - Services available for Survivors in SMC: Family Law (retraining order, divorce, parentage actions, child custody & visitation, child & spousal support) - Restraining Order Assistance (known for their clinics): currently virtually via Zoom (serving less people but the service is more in-depth, holistic) - Levels of Service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information and Referrals ○ Advice & Counsel ○ Limited Scope Services ○ Full Representation - www.baylegal.org - Specific to DV Survivors: 800-551-5554; 888-330-1940
Committee Reports a. Domestic Violence Awareness Committee b. Legal Process Committee	<i>Summary Report Out</i>	DVAC: Lori Smiley-Klingler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actively recruiting DVC members to the DVAC - Cindy Marroquin is leaving Rape Trauma Services and so she is leaving the DVAC as well - To have impact, we need more active members - Meet every other month on Fridays at 10:30am - Education, DV Awareness, support & collaboration - Discussed a newsletter to announce events Legal Process Committee: Melissa Gibbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing on two projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DV Training for judicial officers ○ Civil Standby Protocol for law enforcement – asking for more perspectives from law enforcement - Charles Cavallino (from CORA) and Elisa Kuhl are the two new elected co-chairs of the Legal Process Committee. - Melissa will remain on the committee but no longer chair.
Announcements a. July 15 - DV Council Meeting b. October 28 – DV Council Meeting c. Other	<i>Summary Report Out</i>	CORA has new CEO, Karen Ferguson, and she will start next week.
Adjournment		Elisa Kuhl

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