



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL

July 15, 2021
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Supervisor Carole Groom
Vice-Chair: Elisa Kuhl
Staff: Tanya Beat, staff liaison
Christina Falla, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Groom’s Office
Monali Sheth, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel’s Office

Present: Elisa Kuhl, Becky Abens, Ruben Abrica, Becky Arredondo, Noelle Bruton, County Manager Mike Callagy, Sgt Joe Cang, Karen Ferguson, Jenny Horne, Cynthia Hunter, Lori Smiley-Klingler, Rozeena Jhinnu, Melissa Gibbs, Christina Falla, Rose Mukhar, Monali Sheth, Stephanie Bilinski, Morris Maya (DA), Christine Krolik, John Munsey, Bob Spencer, K’lynn Solt (Coroner’s Office), Charles Cavalino, Sylvia Baez, Selina Toy-Lee, Marie Violet, Linda Wolin, Shalah Turner, Natasha Ram, Martin Fox
Absent: Lisa Bergman, Robert Foucrault, Molly Henricks, Nicole Reyes, Anya Drabkin

Call to Order	<i>Action</i>	Supervisor Groom
Introductions		Supervisor Groom
Opportunity for Public Comment		Supervisor Groom
Adoption/Approval of Agenda	<i>Action</i>	Mike Callagy motions to approve; Joe Cang seconds the motion. All approved.
Approval of April 2021 Minutes	<i>Action</i>	Mike Callagy motions to approve; K’Lynn Solt seconds the motion. Karen Ferguson abstains. Approved.
Introduction of Karen Ferguson, PhD, Executive Director of CORA	<i>Report Out</i>	Please see meeting materials for biography. Just started at CORA in April 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding Community Engagement on all levels • Deepen Legal Services • Continue to strengthen Prevention Work and how we include social equity, justice issues • Safety Net Programs • The DVC connects different groups in collaborative approach helps the community significantly • The DVC could help with access to housing for survivors
Engagement in Committees	<i>Report out</i>	Elisa Kuhl, Tanya Beat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request for DVC members join one of two standing committees. - Please email Tanya which committee you prefer to work on.

		- Deputy County Counsel Monali Sheth – the DVC must formally approve committee assignments at October DVC meeting.
Policy & Legislation Committee	<i>Action</i>	<p>Elisa Kuhl, Tanya Beat Proposal: To address increased awareness and prevention of DV, a creation of a new standing committee working on Policy & Legislation. Identify issues with existing legislation and identify policies that we can enact or re-examine in the County.</p> <p>Ruben Abrica motions to approve; Mike Callagy seconds the motion. All approved.</p> <p><u>New Committee Members:</u> <i>Christine Krolik, Mike Callagy, Ruben Abrica, John Munsey, Joe Cang, Cynthia Hunter, Lori Smiley-Klingler, Karen Ferguson, Becky Abens</i></p> <p>Mike Callagy motions to approve new members; Ruben Abrica seconds the motion. Approved.</p>
Lethality Assessment	<i>Presentation</i>	<p>Elisa Kuhl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a universal Lethality Assessment (LA) tool throughout San Mateo County would be greatly beneficial. • Lethality Assessment vs Risk Assessment • Lethality Assessment: questions that focus on patterns, behaviors commonly identified in research as antecedents in intimate partner homicides. • First Responders: best people to ask these questions of survivors. They're uniquely situated to identify, educate & provide critical connections to services. The LA tool can further help identify factors that indicate a victim is in danger of being killed. <p><u>Questions & Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It could influence bail (if there's high risk) and other resources. A scale is used for referrals. • The research done on the tool is focused on connecting <u>survivors to services</u>; not related to bail and prosecution. • Cynthia Hunter: Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell's talk on "The Roots and Causes of the Perpetration of Intimate Partner Violence" taking place on Friday, October 15. Dr. Campbell is delivering morning keynote & an afternoon workshop. Please go to the registration to learn more about how to sign up and cost. https://2021falltraumaconference.eventbrite.com • John Munsey: Get them on the phone with CORA or the LA form? Get them to services & use the tool. • Wouldn't a first responder presume lethality to begin with? • This tool can help educate the survivor that they are at risk • CORA will provide their experience using the form. • Suggest for the Policy & Legislative group look at Lethal Assessment tool

<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>a. Domestic Violence Awareness Committee</p> <p>b. Legal Process Committee</p>	<p><i>Summary Report Out</i></p>	<p>DVAC: Lori Smiley-Klingler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resource Update & Creation of new content for tabling. Please share important flyers, brochures for your services. - Outreach tabling for October; Wednesdays, 8:00am – 1:00pm so please share your resources. Request funds to purchase incentives or giveaways at the table. Funds approved by County Manager. <p><u>Legal Process Committee:</u> Elisa Kuhl, Charles Cavalino; continuing work on three items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying providers for training for the bench - Civil Standby Protocol - Update Judicial bench card
<p>Announcements</p> <p>a. <i>October 28 – DV Council Meeting</i></p> <p>b. <i>Barbara Hammerman Award Nomination Info</i></p> <p>c. <i>Other</i></p>	<p><i>Summary Report Out</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accepting Nominations for the Barbara Hammerman Award - Data update from Probation (Lori Smiley-Klingler): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Batterers Intervention Program (2020): 149 successful completions (72%) and 59 terminations (28%) o Average # of Participants/month ranged from 52 to 42 o Total number of Participants by City: 86 in Redwood City; 34 in EPA; 27 out of county; down to 1 person in Woodside, HMB & Colma each. High number of Spanish-speaking participants. o Request for presentation from Lori at future meeting. - County Manager Mike Callagy wants DVC to prioritize looking at minors in the household who are impacted by DV. - Deputy County Counsel Monali Sheth: with adjustments of the Brown Act, meetings will be in-person starting October 1.
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>Supervisor Groom</p>

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