

Legal Process Committee of the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2023

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Location: Criminal Justice Training Room

Present: Sara Afu (Superior Court/Clerks Ofc), Jeniffer Alcantara (Superior Court), Lisa Bergman (Superior Court/FCS), Tanya Both (Superior Court/ADR), Jeffrey Carr (SMC Sheriff), Charles Cavallino, Co-Chair (CORA), Melissa Gibbs (CORA), Mitri Hanania (SMCBA Private Defender), Jennifer Horne (LASSMC), Elisa Kuhl, Co-Chair (Victim Services), Lindsay Marum (Justice at Last), Alessandra Robleto (Superior Court/FL Clerks)

Also Present: Martin Fox, Robert Spencer

ISSUES	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Adopt/Approve Agenda	Jennifer Horne moved to adopt and approve the agenda. Mitri Hanania seconded. Lindsay Marum abstained. Passed unanimously.	Approved
Introductions and Updates	<p><u>Court:</u> LiveChat hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:00pm and Monday-Tuesday 1:00pm-4:00pm. Currently hiring for an attorney position in the Facilitator's office.</p> <p><u>CORA:</u> CORA's Thriving Together spring fundraiser is scheduled for April 26th and tickets are available online.</p> <p><u>LASSMC:</u> Legal Aid Society Justice for All Luncheon is scheduled for May 19th.</p> <p><u>Sheriff:</u> Updated RIMS template for DV calls. Working on information regarding children being entered and providing ongoing training for deputies.</p> <p><u>Family Court Services:</u> Parent Orientation was revised and is now live on website.</p> <p><u>Victim Services:</u> Current DV Victim Advocates are Lupe, Cisco, and Kimberly. Felony DDAs are Jenna and Dominique. Misd DDAs are Alex, Molly, and Mary Louise. April 26th is Denim Day!</p> <p><u>Emergency Services:</u> California Medical Association sent letter to the United States Surgeon General regarding the nexus between IPV and mass shootings.</p>	
Review/Adopt Minutes from 1/12/2023 meeting	Melissa Gibbs moved to adopt the minutes as amended to reflect the correct date. Jennifer Horne seconded the motion. Lindsay Marum abstained. No opposition.	Approved
Carry Over Items	<p>a) DV Trainings for Judges: DVC is working on setting a budget request to present to the Board of Supervisors, which would trickle down to LPC to fund these types of projects.</p> <p>b) DV Police Reports Involving Minors: Reviewed draft letter and discussed modifications. Melissa Gibbs moved to approve the letter as modified. Jenny Horne seconded. Lindsay Marum abstained.</p>	<p>Elisa to continue to monitor.</p> <p>Approved</p>

New Business	<p>a) Update Respondent DVPA Service Packet: Tanya Both presented prior packet along with a proposed updated version as several of the forms in the old packet have been updated by the Judicial Council. Also includes new FL-19DV which is the SMC local form (approval pending) regarding firearms relinquishment instructions. Jeff Carr will determine appropriate contact and provide to Charles Cavallino. Charles Cavallino will then send the updated packet to the contact.</p>	<p>Jeff to provide contact info to Charles. Charles to send to contact.</p>
Work Plan Reports	<p>a) Civil-Criminal Crossover: Penal Code section 278.5 and law enforcement's response discussion is a carry-over item. Discussed collaboration between CORA and DAO to provide training to the various law enforcement departments. Training dates are in the works.</p> <p>b) DV Firearms Compliance Unit: Tanya Both reported that the new Firearms Compliance Calendar is running well. The GVPP Task Force is up and running and adjusting/modifying protocols as needed. They have caught up on current cases and are now working through cases within the last 5 years that are known to be noncompliant. Tanya will ask Task Force to try to flag veteran status of restrained persons. CORA recently met with the GVPP Task Force and the meeting was extremely productive. A new calendar will be established for reporting back.</p> <p>c) Judicial Bench Card: Plan to update in July 2023 and will have draft of bench card at next meeting.</p> <p>d) Law Enforcement DV Protocol Update: No update. Paula Vielman-Reeves advised the Committee via e-mail that there are ongoing discussion and edits being made to the protocol.</p> <p>e) Protective Orders: Charles Cavallino raised concerns over the current process for preparation of DVPA orders after hearing in the direct family law departments. The current procedure leaves too much room for confusion and creates a potential safety issue. Discussed the idea of creating an instruction sheet for pro per litigants. This will also help the clerks identify priority cases. Tanya will also follow up with Judge Greenberg about having bailiffs keep respondents in court for ten minutes while the order is being filed.</p> <p>f) Allocation of Court Resources: No issues.</p> <p>g) Courtroom Safety: Charles Cavallino brought up concerns regarding the seating arrangement in the current DVPA courtroom and out in the hall.</p>	<p>Melissa to speak with DAO to determine their position.</p> <p>Subcommittee to prepare draft of update for next meeting.</p> <p>Tanya and Alessandra will create instruction sheet and implement.</p>
Public Comment	<p>Mr. Fox presented on concerns regarding recent ordinance voted for by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors prohibiting County employees from cooperating with Immigration and Customs</p>	

	Enforcement (ICE) and other immigration enforcement agencies. There is a second reading of the ordinance on April 28 th . Particular concerns include lack of consultation with survivors and not creating an exception for certain serious and violent felonies. Mr. Fox urged Committee members to collect data and raise concerns regarding lack of discussion of this ordinance.	
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Next Meeting: July 13, 2023
11:45am-1:15pm
Room 101, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA