

Legal Process Committee of the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2023
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Location: Room 402, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA

Present: Sara Afu (Superior Court/Clerks Ofc), Jeniffer Alcantara (Superior Court/Sr. Managing Attorney), Tanya Both (Superior Court/ADR), Jacob Trickett (SMC Sheriff), Charles Cavallino, Co-Chair (CORA), Mitri Hanania (SMCBA Private Defender), Jenny Horne (LASSMC), Elisa Kuhl, Co-Chair (Victim Services), Lindsay Marum (Justice at Last), Alessandra Robleto (Superior Court/FL Clerks), Theresa Dah (SMC Probation), Maggie Woods (BALA), Lisa Bergman (Superior Court/Family Court Services), Paula Cordova (Superior Court/Family Court Services)

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

| ISSUES | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Adopt/Approve Agenda | Jenny Horne moved to adopt the agenda. Theresa Dah seconded the motion. Lindsay Marum abstained. No opposition. | Approved |
| Introductions and Updates | <p><u>Family Court Services:</u> Lisa Bergman announced she will be retiring in five to six months. Family Court Services still has open positions, please refer interested candidates to Lisa.</p> <p><u>Clerk’s Office:</u> Sara Afu is transitioning to criminal court, Irene Maxwell will be assuming her responsibilities.</p> <p><u>CORA:</u> Charles Cavallino reported that CORA’s annual fundraiser on October 5th was a great success. CORA is holding their Voices Not Forgotten memorial event on October 26th.</p> <p><u>District Attorney/Victim Service:</u> Elisa reports that the DV victim advocates are now fully staffed. Mary Louise Christensen’s cases are being covered by Heather Finlayson while she is out.</p> <p><u>Probation:</u> Theresa Dah reported that AB 304 was vetoed by Governor Newsom. AB 304 would have implemented further oversight/requirements for batterer intervention programs.</p> | |
| Review/Adopt Minutes from 7/13/23 meeting | Theresa Dah moved to adopt the minutes from the July 13 th meeting. Jenny Horne seconded the motion. Maggie Woods, Lindsay Marum, Jeniffer Alcantara, and Paula Cordova abstained. No opposition. | Approved |
| Carry Over Items | <p>a) DV Training for Judges: Still awaiting funding from the Domestic Violence Council.</p> <p>b) DV Police Reports Involving Minors: The standing order has been issued. Jenny Horne reported issues with one law enforcement agency in obtaining a report involving a minor victim.</p> | <p>Elisa K. will continue to monitor.</p> <p>Elisa K. will request that DAO Records send an order out to the county’s records supervisors’ group.</p> |

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| | <p>c) Interpreting “Community of Residence” as stated in PC 679.06: After review, command staff have said it can be interpreted as county or city on a case-by-case basis.</p> | |
| <p>New Business</p> | <p>a) 2024 Meeting Dates (Everyone): 2024 meeting dates confirmed for January 11th, April 11, July 11th, and October 10th. Room 101 has been booked for all of 2024, Room 402 will be the meeting room for January’s meeting as we look to see what space would be appropriate long term.</p> <p>b) Implementation of SB 1182 and SB 975 (Charles Cavallino): The Court has assembled a list of resources to provide starting 2024 in compliance with SB 1182. They are also connected with the VA and veteran resources. There will be mental health/parenting program resources provided when mental health is a factor in the case.</p> <p>Regarding SB 975, Charles Cavallino reached out to the CA Partnership to End Domestic Violence for information/feedback but they did not have any at this time.</p> <p>c) New DVC Task Force Committee (Charles Cavallino): The Domestic Violence Council has created a new task force in response to the recent DV homicides this year. Multiple members of the Legal Process Committee are part of the task force and will provide updates for further collaboration.</p> | <p>Jeniffer A. will look into the 7th floor conference room in the Hall of Justice.</p> |
| <p>Work Plan Reports</p> | <p>a) Civil-Criminal Crossover: Lauren Brachman is discussing setting dates for the CORA/DA crossover meeting before the end of this year. DDA Negeen Abrishamcar has been providing joint trainings to law enforcement in partnership with CORA. Trainings have been provided to South San Francisco PD, Belmont PD, and are in the process of being scheduled for San Mateo PD, Redwood City PD, and the Sheriff’s Office.</p> <p>b) DV Firearms Compliance Unit: There has been good compliance overall with relinquishment of firearms. The team is currently reviewing the prohibited persons list and there were two very successful cases where firearms were seized in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies. There has been fantastic collaboration across the county as well.</p> <p>c) Judicial Bench Card: Tanya requested updates to the bench card to include language regarding what the judge needs to mark for the firearms relinquishment process. There was also a request to edit language regarding child visitation presumptions and inclusion of remote visitation in orders to avoid issues. Edits</p> | <p>Bench card materials to be</p> |

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| | <p>approved, version w/edits is approved. Appellate cases list reviewed and approved as well.</p> <p>d) Law Enforcement DV Protocol Update: Several items discussed at the DVC task force meeting yesterday may need to be addressed in the protocol. Elisa requested we hold the protocol until there have been further meetings before implementing revisions to the protocol.</p> <p>e) Protective Orders: Further discussion around Petitioners marking their address as 'Confidential' and the difficulties it creates for the Court in providing notice. Discussed making sure there is information in the CLETS-001 form for reference if there isn't a safe address and balancing the fact that there may not be an address that is safe to disclose in the public filings.</p> <p>f) Allocation of Court Resources: No updates.</p> <p>g) Courtroom Safety: 4th floor courtroom remains not ideal but no other assignments available.</p> | <p>distributed to judicial officers once final version is sent to Jeniffer A.</p> |
| Public Comment | No comment presented. | |

Next Meeting:

January 11th, 2024
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