

Legal Process Committee of the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2022
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Location: Zoom Video Conference

Present: Jeniffer Alcantara (Superior Court), Laura Alvarez (ADZ Law), Lisa Bergman (Superior Court/FCS), Tanya Both (Superior Court/ADR), Charles Cavallino, Co-Chair (CORA), Jessica Dayton (ADZ Law), Lauren De La Rosa-Koury (BayLegal), Melissa Gibbs (CORA), Elisa Kuhl, Co-Chair (Victim Services), Theresa Dah (Probation), Jennifer Horne (LASSMC)

ISSUES	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Adopt/Approve Resolution Re: Teleconference Meeting	Jessica Dayton moved to adopt resolution per AB 361. Jennifer Horne seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.	Approved
Adopt/Approve Agenda	Elisa Kuhl moved to adopt and approve the agenda. Melissa Gibbs seconded. Passed unanimously.	Approved
Introductions and Updates	<p><u>Court:</u> Masks are required in court areas due to COVID-19, will also need them to access court services in person. There is a new fee waiver attachment to reflect updated law and WIC/unemployment have been added to the benefit program list. Fee waiver attachment will be circulated after the meeting for those interested.</p> <p><u>Family Law Facilitator:</u> Laika Grant Mann retired after twelve years at the court, currently working on filling the position. FLF has changed their hours, live chat will be available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. In person services Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p> <p><u>Family Court Services:</u> Continuing to have remote sessions. Some interviews with minors in custody cases are being done in person.</p> <p><u>CORA:</u> CORA has set times for those needing in person crisis support: 9 AM to 12 PM and 2 PM to 4 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. CORA will be holding a march against gun violence this evening from the CORA offices to San Mateo City Hall.</p> <p><u>Victim Services:</u> Ongoing staffing transitions, there will only be one victim advocate by the end of the month due to other advocates leaving the office. Cases are being triaged and reassigned to other advocates who check in with the DV advocates to discuss. Once Victim Services is fully staffed the plan is to resume rotating advocates through departments so that they are cross-trained. If clients are not getting callbacks please contact Elisa Kuhl to follow up.</p> <p><u>District Attorney:</u> One of the felony DDAs is going on leave, cases will likely be split among the others.</p> <p><u>BALA:</u> Starting August 8th their office will be open from 10 AM to 4 PM five days a week. Other clinics are not reopening yet at this time.</p> <p><u>LASSMC:</u> Office continues to be closed to in-person services and providing virtual services.</p> <p><u>Probation:</u> Criminal court has resumed in-person appearances starting July 1st. There is a state bill that gives the court discretion regarding</p>	

	having hearings done remotely but for now remote appearances will be decided on a case by case basis.	
Review/Adopt Minutes from 4/14/2022 meeting	Elisa Kuhl moved to adopt the minutes. Jessica Dayton seconded the motion. Passed with one abstaining.	Approved
Carry Over Items	<p>a) DV Trainings for Judges: Domestic Violence Council was updated regarding the funding issue for the proposed trainings. Supervisor Groom, County Executive Officer Mike Callagy, Charles Cavallino, Elisa Kuhl, and others met to discuss potential county funding. Mike Callagy will reach out to the presiding judge with the hope that the court will take lead on this.</p> <p>b) Civil Standby Protocol: Language has been provided regarding standby orders to be implemented when requested.</p>	Elisa will follow up with the DVC and Callagy.
New Business	<p>a) DV Protocol Revisions: Mike Callagy wants to implement a program to have every child that is exposed to domestic violence connected to counseling services. Elisa Kuhl is working with Karen Ferguson of CORA to create a program to expedite services to minors exposed to domestic violence or in a household where abuse occurs. Discussion around protocols for handling children at the scene due to not seeing information in the reports. A review of the language does indicate requirement to obtain children's info but there seems to be a possible and/or language as well, discussed need for a project to revise language. Also discussed referrals beyond when there is police involvement, such as referrals from Family Court Services to the program. Elisa K asked about pulling data to support establishing programs and making sure those without police involvement are not missed. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.</p>	Further discussion at next meeting to provide more information on this project.
Work Plan Reports	<p>a) Civil-Criminal Crossover: CORA and DAO DV unit and victim witness advocates met for biannual meeting. Discussed CORA's ability to provide representation for victims in criminal cases against their batterers to assert/maintain their rights under Marsy's Law. Melissa Gibbs is working on the design of this program and more information is to come.</p> <p>b) DV Firearms Compliance Unit: Internal processes for SB 320 implementation at the court are continuing, open hiring for a family law commissioner who would also be responsible for the firearms compliance calendar. This calendar potentially would be compliance for all protective order cases, not just domestic violence. Ongoing work with the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office but missing piece is finalizing the notification requirements. Elisa Kuhl will follow up with this in the DAO.</p>	Elisa K to follow up in DAO re: notification requirements.

