

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Name: Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Network

Meeting Date: September 14, 2011

Meeting Location: Marin County Civic Center, Room 328, Planning Chambers, San Rafael, CA

Attendance List:

Interagency Team:

Bobbe Rockoff	Health & Human Services
Bridget Baker	Center for Domestic Peace
Carolyn Placente	Center for Judicial Excellence
Cecelia Zamora	Latino Council
Christina Schiffner	Center for Domestic Peace
Christopher Laddish	Marinscope Newspaper
Cindy Thomas	Kaiser Permanente
Claire Kielich	Center for Domestic Peace
Cyndy Dohert	Marin Advocates for Children
Cynthia Peterson	Community Violence Solutions
Deanna Schlau	Community Violence Solutions
Donna Garske	Center for Domestic Peace
Elberta Erikson	Isoji
Inez Garcia	Oakland Housing Authority
Jaclynn Davis	Huckleberry Youth Programs
Jean Taylor	Center for Judicial Excellence
Jose Varela	Public Defender
Kate Kain	Center for Domestic Peace
Kathy Page	Canal Alliance
Kim Tuner	Marin County Superior Court
Laura Martinez	Center for Domestic Peace
Luz Alvarado	Center for Domestic Peace
Maria Niggle	Shoreline School Readiness
Marla Hedland	Center for Domestic Peace
Mary Jane DeWolf-Smith	APPLE Family Works
Nan Moon	Kaiser Permanente
Nancie Jordan	Southern Marin Services (FSA)
Paul Cohen	Legal Aid of Marin
Robyn Roberts	Marin Advocates for Children
Sandra Ponek	Canal Alliance
Sparkie Spaeth	Health & Human Services
Susannah Clark	Marin County Board of Supervisors
VaDonna Danesi	Department of Child Support Services
Kathleen Russell	Center for Judicial Excellence
Rebecca Smith	Health & Human Services

Blueprint for Safety Team:

Chuck Cacciatore
Debra Barry
Ed Berberian
Ethel Havens
Heather Ravani
Jacqueline Graf-Reis
Jim Correa
Jim Shirk
Julie Gorwood
Lee Ann Magoski
Nilda Fernandez
Ryan Peterson
Tricia Seyler
Vera Hicks

Marin County District Attorney's Office
Fairfax Police Department
Marin County District Attorney's Office
Marin County Sheriff's Office Communication
Health & Human Services
Mill Valley Police Department
San Rafael Police Department
Twin Cities Police Department
San Anselmo Police Department
Marin County Sheriff's Office Communication
Victim Witness
Marin County Sheriff's Office
Belvedere Police Department
San Anselmo Police Department

Summary of Meeting:

Joint Meeting – 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

- Introductions of all present
- **PRESENTATION:** General Comments about CCR to DV Network Purpose, Strategy, and Structure -- **Ed Berberian, Marin County District Attorney**
 - The New Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Network (CCR to DV Network)
 - Purpose of Today's Meeting
 - How CCR Network Evolved
 - Meeting Review
 - Moving Forward & Modifying As We Go
 - Considering different options
 - Open, Transparent and Inclusive Process
 - CCR Network Purpose
 - Interagency Team
 - Blueprint for Safety Team
 - CCR Network Strategies
 - CCR Network Structure
 - Quarterly Meeting Structure
 - Expectation of Members
 - Media & Public Statement Guidelines
 - A 3-Year Proposed Framework
- **DISCUSSION:** Have we evolved in a way that is transparent, inclusive and open for broad community input? Group was broken into 4 small groups so that everyone could provide input on this question. Go to **"Joint Session Input"**

- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities - Marla Hedlund, Public Relations Manager, Center for Domestic Peace.** Marla invited all CCR members to participate in the activities below. Marla also asked the group if they would like to sponsor their own activity, such as the popular Civic Center cafeteria tableing event, with marketing and promotional assistance from Center for Domestic Peace. No volunteers. For more information contact Marla at mhedlund@centerfordomesticpeace.org.
 - Sign and post **Individual Peace Agreement**;
 - **Wear** a purple ribbon in solidarity (pick them up at Center for Domestic Peace);
 - **Shine** a purple light in your window, office or storefront;
 - **Raise** a purple flag at your school, business, place of worship, club;
 - **Observe the National Monument of Silence, October 4th** from 12:00 – 1:00 pm on the **National Call for Unity** – 734 A Street, San Rafael
 - **Become a Domestic Violence Advocate.** Training begins October 11th – 734 A Street, San Rafael
 - **Commemorate those who have lost their lives, Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead ceremony, October 28th** from 12:00 – 2:00 pm – 734 A Street

Interagency Team Meeting – 2:15pm – 3:00 pm – Facilitated by Kate Kain, Deputy Executive Director, Center for Domestic Peace

- Reviewed purpose of Interagency Team, training completed in May, 2011 and next steps recommended for the Interagency Team.
- Agreement that power points and handouts from May CCR Training would be made available to all. Available [here](#).
- Reviewed two recommended next steps: 1) DV POLICY REVIEW: agencies to complete internal reviews of their domestic violence policies using a policy standards checklist recommended by the Office on Violence Against Women, with specialized training from the national technical assistance providers, sponsored by Center for Domestic Peace; and 2) DV FOCUS GROUPS: agencies to conduct focus groups designed to get input from providers and victims to identify recommended solutions for building victim safety into case processing and increasing batterer accountability. Training in how to conduct focus groups, materials needed, etc. to be provided by national technical assistance providers, sponsored by Center for Domestic Peace.

DV Policy Review	Recommended Interagency Focus Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and evaluate different agency policies using shared analysis. • Identify “interlocking” procedures that can build victim safety and abuser accountability into the services of agencies. • Assemble agency team to review existing policies and set outcomes/milestones. • Modify policies and evaluate. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify issues experienced by <u>providers</u> in serving victims. 2. Identify barriers that <u>victims</u> face in receiving services from agencies. 3. Identify barriers for <u>victims</u> in their interactions with criminal justice, civil, and family court systems. 4. Identify recommendations for increasing victim safety and abuser accountability.

<p style="text-align: center;">My agency would do what?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete webinar training on DV policy and procedure review. • Attend quarterly CCR Network meetings to bring forth existing policies and procedures from my agency for discussion. • Participate in identifying “interlocking” procedures that can build victim safety and abuser accountability into the services of my agency. • Assemble agency team to review existing policies and set outcomes/milestones. • Modify policies and evaluate. • TOTAL TIME: varies. <p style="text-align: right;"><small>29</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">My agency would do what?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete webinar training on organizing 1-2 focus groups: one for clients and one for service providers (who, what, why, how) (1 hr) • Review question guide & prepare (2 hrs) • Schedule and coordinate 1-2 focus groups (12 hrs) • Provide location for focus groups to take place • Offer incentive for participation (1 hr) • Co-facilitate focus group (1.5 hrs) • Reflect and organize notes (1 hr) • TOTAL TIME: +/- 18-20 hours <p style="text-align: right;"><small>31</small></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Recommended Criminal Justice System Focus Groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify barriers <u>responders</u> face when interacting with victims, abusers or responding to domestic violence calls. 2. Identify issues that arise as <u>responders</u> interact with <u>agency professionals</u> that serve domestic violence victims and abusers. 3. Identify barriers for <u>responders</u> in their interactions with criminal justice, civil and family court systems. 4. Identify recommendations for increasing victim safety and offender accountability. <p style="text-align: right;"><small>31</small></p>

- Agreement that agencies would like to move forward on receiving training in both priority areas via webinar before the next meeting in December. The following agencies signed up for the DV Policy Webinar: Kaiser Permanente; Canal Alliance; Oakland Housing Authority; Huckleberry Youth Programs; Child Support Services; Community violence Solutions; Health & Human Services; Marin Advocates for Children. The following agencies signed up for the DV Focus Group Webinar: Center for Judicial Excellence; Canal Alliance; Community Violence Solutions; Department of Child Support Services; Health & Human Services; Marin Advocates for Children; Shoreline School Readiness.. If you would like to participate in either or both webinars, contact Laura Martinez at (415) 526-2544 or lmartinez@centerfordomesticpeace.org.
- Suggestion and agreement that identifying recommendations for increasing abuser accountability should be a separate point under purposes for focus groups.
- Case Mapping was requested for agencies to see a victim’s case mapped from the initial call to 911 through case resolution while discussing and evaluating each intervention decision along the way for whether or not it a) increased the victim’s help seeking behavior, b) increased victim safety and c) increased batterer accountability. This way each agency sees their work in the context of the whole case. Agreement to have Luz Alvarado, Advocacy Supervisor, Center for Domestic Peace, map two cases: a success case and case where improvement was needed. Request for copy of case mapping to be made available by link to all present. Kate agreed to look into how to do this.

- Suggestion and agreement that a tool to help agencies identify their own process for serving victims would be helpful. This includes how agencies can expand on earlier intervention techniques and looking at different forms of abuse including stalking, spiritual, and helping those that are in denial about the abuse.
- Discussion about the importance of having the courts present the Interagency team as well as the joint session.
- Discussion about areas of interest for December Meeting: use quarterly meetings to review progress of agencies on projects undertaken since last meeting; include case mapping in December to help agencies identify priority areas for increasing victim safety and offender accountability in all response systems including their own, especially as they begin their policy review and focus groups.
- Conclusion: members were asked what worked well and areas that could be improved in terms of both the joint session and team meeting:
 - Things That Worked Well
 - Having a large meeting room
 - Good idea to have small groups during joint session so everyone had a chance to provide their input
 - Happy to have such a positive meeting
 - Happy to see new faces
 - Areas for Improvement
 - Room felt clunky as chairs are bolted to the floor and cannot be moved
 - Open the Criminal Justice Blueprint Team to all members. Request that this be changed before next meeting.
 - Confusion expressed about whether or not the CCR Network is already formed or if it is soliciting input. Clarification provided that modification to the Network design may be needed while we seek mutual agreement about the new network.

Blueprint for Safety Team Meeting – 2:15pm – 3:00 pm – Facilitated by Chuck Cacciatore, Deputy District Attorney, Marin County --- Marin County Sheriff’s Office Communication Division (911 Dispatch); Mill Valley Police Department; Twin Cities Police Department; Belvedere Police Department; Marin County Sheriff’s Office; San Rafael Police Department; Center for Domestic Peace; Victim Witness; San Anselmo Police Department

- Chuck and the Blueprint for Safety Team discussed the *Blueprint for Safety*.
 - Specifically the introduction and very general parameters and generally where we thought it might go. Chuck explained that the Blueprint could be adapted to the needs of our county.
 - After the meeting Chuck sent all of the attendees the *Blueprint for Safety* link and asked them to read it for themselves and to be prepared to discuss how they can apply it to our county. The *Blueprint for Safety* can be found [here](#).
- Chuck invited active participation and told them that while he was facilitating this meeting it is open for others in the law enforcement community to facilitate this team. He encouraged an active role.

- The Blueprint Team discussed the Marin County Law Enforcement Protocol and Chuck talked about how they should review it so they could update it for 2012.
 - Particularly, Chuck invited input from 9-1-1 operators since they are new participants to the collaborative.
- The team discussed the visor cars as a distillation of the protocol and proposed updates for that card. Chuck also invited feedback on the visor card and told the group that they want to make them relevant for officers so that they will use them. They discussed updating them too.
- The December 14th meeting was discussed.

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2011, Marin County Civic Center, Room To Be Announced, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Criminal Justice Team and Interagency Teams meet separately, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Joint Session, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Note: the team meetings will take place first, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm, followed by a Joint Session of all members from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. During the Joint Session each team will brief the other on team meeting content.