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 Doher  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  
Marin County District Attorney’s Office  
Debra Barry  
Fairfax Police Department  
Ed Berberian  
Marin County District Attorney’s Office  
Ethel Havens  
Marin County Sheriff’s Office Communication  
Heather Ravani  
Health& Human Services  
Jacqueline Graf-Reis  
Mill Valley Police Department  
Jim Correa  
San Rafael Police Department  
Jim Shirk  
Twin Cities Police Department  
Julie Gorwood  
San Anselmo Police Department  
Lee Ann Magoski  
Marin County Sheriff’s Office Communication  
Nilda Fernandez  
Victim Witness  
Ryan Peterson  
Marin County Sheriff’s Office  
Tricia Seyler  
Belvedere Police Department  
Vera Hicks  
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 table event, with marketing and promotional assistance from Center for Domestic Peace. No volunteers. For more information contact Marla at mhedlund@centerfordomesticpeace.org.
  o Sign and post **Individual Peace Agreement**;
  o **Wear** a purple ribbon in solidarity (pick them up at Center for Domestic Peace);
  o **Shine** a purple light in your window, office or storefront;
  o **Raise** a purple flag at your school, business, place of worship, club;
  o **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
  o **Become a Domestic Violence Advocate.** Training begins October 11th – 734 A Street, San Rafael
  o **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 polices 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.

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**DV Policy Review**

- 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.

**Recommended Interagency Focus Groups**

1. Identify issues experienced by providers in serving victims.
2. Identify barriers that victims face in receiving services from agencies.
3. Identify barriers for victims in their interactions with criminal justice, civil, and family court systems.
4. Identify recommendations for increasing victim safety and abuser accountability.
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.

  o Conclusion: members were asked what worked well and areas that could be improved in terms of both the joint session and team meeting:
    o 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
    o 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.
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o 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 briefly the other on team meeting content.