

**Legal Process Committee of the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Location: Hall of Justice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 2A, Redwood City**

**Present:** Katharine Berg (Rally Family Visitation Services), Tanya Both (Superior Court/ADR), Jeffrey Carr (Sheriff's Office), Charles Cavallino, Co-Chair (CORA), Melissa Gibbs (CORA), Mitri Hanania (SMCBA Private Defender Program), Jenny Horne (Legal Aid Society), Elisa Kuhl, Co-Chair (Victim Services), Yvonne Lieu (ADZ Law LLP), Lindsay Marum (Justice at Last), Irene Maxwell (Superior Court), Juan Sablan (Probation), Alessandra Robleto (Superior Court)

**Also Present:** Robert Spencer (San Mateo Medical Center/DV Council), Rob Larcina (San Mateo Medical Center), Rhonda Reyna

<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Adopt/Approve Agenda	Tanya Both moved to adopt the agenda. Jeffrey Carr seconded. No opposition, Lindsay Marum abstained, rest in favor.	<b>Approved</b>
Introductions and Updates	<u>CORA</u> : Continuing to handle for DVERT program, hope is to fill positions in the next few months. <u>Family Court Services</u> : Offers have been made to two new CCRCs, should be finalized soon. <u>Family Law Facilitator's Office</u> : Monday restraining order clinic extended, continues to see frequent use. <u>Courts</u> : Alessandra Robleto will be rotating out of family law, will be helping train the new supervisor of the family law clerks. <u>Rally</u> : New site has been identified at 1900 O'Farrel in San Mateo, next to city hall. No interruptions in service expected.	
Review/Adopt Minutes from 10/10/2024	Melissa Gibbs moved to adopt the minutes from the last meeting. Jenny Horne seconded. No opposition, Lindsay Marum abstained, rest in favor.	<b>Approved</b>
Carry Over Items	No carry over items.	
New Business	No new items were submitted.	
Work Plan Reports	a) Civil-Criminal Crossover (Melissa Gibbs/Morris Maya): Crossover meeting between DA's office and CORA has been rescheduled due to changes in staffing, will schedule in the following months. CORA continues to present at law enforcement briefings, just completed presenting at Menlo Park and East Palo Alto Police Departments.	

	<p>b) DV Firearms Compliance Unit (District Attorney’s Office): No issues to report. The statewide report from the Judicial Council of California is available online.</p> <p>c) Judicial Bench Card (Jenny Horne/Jessica Dayton): Work will begin on the next set if updates after this meeting.</p> <p>d) Law Enforcement DV Protocol Update (Jeffrey Carr/Morris Maya/Elisa Kuhl/Paula Vielman-Reeves): November meeting proved to be very productive, plan is to meet again before the next committee meeting to continue developing resources for law enforcement.</p> <p>e) Protective Orders: For notification of petitioners, there is no place in the CLETS form to provide their phone number. Alessandra Robleto reported the clerks will take down the number to call once paperwork is ready. Question raised regarding submission of DV-116s online to ensure they are processed immediately, Alessandra asked that attorneys ensure the e-filing is coded properly so that it is put in the priority queue. Charles Cavallino raised how best to sign in at clerks office for out of court orders, they will look into adding ways to address queue to document.</p> <p>f) Allocation of Court Resources: Non-DV specific question regarding issue of elevators being out of order. County is doing a repair on the Sheriff’s Office elevator so one is reserved for their use for in custody parties.</p> <p>g) Courtroom Safety: No update.</p>	<p><b>Workgroup to meet continue preparing draft for the Chiefs Association.</b></p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Rhonda Reyna provided written public comment raising her concerns about the family court system, Piqui’s law/use of reunification therapy, and actions of domestic violence agencies. She raised concerns about how her case was handled and called for investigations into it and other similar matters.</p>	

**Next Meeting:** April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
11:45am-1:15pm  
Hall of Justice, Conference Room 2A  
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063