



City and County of San Francisco
Department on the Status of Women



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Family Violence Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2021

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Members Present:

Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or designee: Judge McNaughton

Mayor or designee:

President of the Board of Supervisors or designee:

District Attorney or designee: Brad Allred; Kasie Lee

Chief of Police or designee: Tony Flores; Peter Shields

Sheriff or designee: Michele Fisher; Delia Ginorio

President of Commission on the Status of Women or designee: Kimberly Ellis

Executive Director of Department of Emergency Management or designee: Maura Moylan

Executive Director of Domestic Violence Consortium or designee: Beverly Upton

Director of Human Services Agency or designee: Joan Miller

Executive Director of Consortium for Elder Abuse Prevention or designee: Shawna Reeves; Glen Fishman

Director of San Francisco Child Abuse Council or designee: Jenny Pearlman; Katie Albright

Director of the Department of Public Health or designee: Dr. Leigh Kimberg

Director of Department of Disability and Aging Services or designee: Akiles Ceron

Medical Examiner or designee: Dr. Ellen Moffatt

Director of Department of Child Support Services or designee: Karen Roye; Jasmine Smith

Chief of Juvenile Probation or designee: Gabe Calvillo

Public Defender or designee: Klay Hathaway; Mark Jacobs

Director of Department of Animal Care and Control or designee: Esperanza Artola

Superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District or designee: Thea Anderson

Executive Director of First 5 San Francisco or designee: Shelli Rawlings-Fein

Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing or designee: Genevieve Herrera

Others Present:

Casey Schutte, Family and Children's Services; Fawn Jade Korr, Bay Area Legal Aid; James Baird, Family and Children's Services; Lt. Altamirano, San Francisco Police Department; Nancy Rock; Pauline Gibson, Department on the Status of Women; Elizabeth Newman, Department on the Status of Women; Selma Osman, Department on the Status of Women; Robin Love, Family and Children's Services; Carol Sacco, Department on the Status of Women; Linnea Fox, Department on the Status of Women; Elise Hansell, Department on the Status of Women

I. Call to Order/Agenda Changes

The meeting started at 3:04 PM.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve minutes for the November 17, 2021 meeting. Motion by Karen Roye.

Seconded by Shelli Rawlins- Fein.

Roll call vote: 18 yay, 0 nays. (Unanimous)

III. *Nomination and Appointment of Community Seat*

Nominees:

Fawn announced two new members of the community seat. The first nomination to the community seat is Ali Chu. The second nomination to the community seat went to Irma Alvarado Martinez. If anyone has any nominees the chair should consider, they should reach out to Elise Hansell.

IV. *Sentencing Commission Update*

Andrew Tan presented a report from the Commission's last meeting on December 14, 2021. The report from Corporation for Supportive Housing details how to expand housing access for people who are justice-involved. It also notes a significant disparity in the way Black San Franciscans experience housing and the justice system. Key recommendations are services being provided concurrently with housing and thoughtful transition plans being made early in the housing process. The next meeting date is March 15th, 2022.

V. *Justice and Courage Committee Update*

Theresa gave a presentation from a meeting with the SFPD. The DGO has passed after four years. Beverly and Fawn will be working with Theresa to conduct training with SFPD staff. Theresa also made a report on AB3234.

VI. *Emergency Housing Vouchers for Survivors of Violence*

Elisabet Medina, from the Department of Housing and Supportive Services, gave a presentation on Community Needs Assessment coordinated entry for survivors of violence. The goals of this assessment are to improve survivor access, safety, choice, and privacy to services from Homelessness Response Team, and to improve coordination between victim service providers and the homelessness response system. What is desired, is for survivors to access housing that is safe for them. Some values mentioned; employ radical listening and humility, using an intersectional lens in all project activities, and centering the rights, voices, and experiences of survivors. Elisabet also shared there will be survivor listening sessions on 2/17, 2/24, 3/1, 3/7, and 3/10.

VII. *SF Victims' Rights Initiative*

Emily Abraham a Legislative Aide with Supervisor Catherine Stefani's Office presented a report on the initiative.

VIII. *Victim Services Division and New AAPI Elder Abuse Steering Committee.*

Kasie Lee the Interim Chief of the SFDA Victim Services Division gave a presentation on the AAPI Elder Abuse Steering Committee. The team consists of 38 members, including victim advocates, and three claim specialists. Additionally, there are 8,600 individual victims, and 9,000+ cases.

The team is comprised of intake, child abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse, homicide, and claims victim compensation. The mandatory services they offer are crisis intervention, safety planning, relocation, linkage to trauma treatment, assistance with CalVCB applications, orientation to the criminal legal system, emergency assistance, court waiting area, transportation, victim impact statements, and case status, preparing court interpreter, etc. to Elise Hansell.

IX. Key Issues in Family Violence

A. Child Abuse Update – Jenny Pearlman

- i. Recommendation presented: transforming the child welfare system
- ii. Family First
 1. Significant funding for prevention for those who are at risk of going to foster care.
- iii. Support families to rebuild a healthy San Francisco, by working with California Resource Association. Hoping to get funding for California Resource Centers.
- iv. New public awareness campaign (FAM)

B. Domestic Violence Update – Fawn Jade Korr

- i. On January 12th DGO 6.09 was approved and passed through the police commission. This version is the same one that was presented to the commission in January 2021. That work commenced in 2017 so we're moving in to our 5th year of working on this DGO. Now, the community is collaborating with SFPD on some aspects of training SFPD members.
- ii. The first meeting of our Training Work Group is scheduled to meet in early March. This group is focused on moving forward with FVC's recommendation #2 and will map existing training resources and identify gaps for SF county-side training on all forms of family violence, and training that are critical to working with survivors, such as implicit bias training and trainings geared toward BIPOC and LGBTQI survivors.
- iii. Fawn highlighted a lifesaving and continued partnership with the shelters and residential housing programs who continue to meet with Leigh Kimberg, DPH (rep) to address COVID responsive protocols for survivors. This update is not new, but I continue to stress how critical it has been for our survivors.
- iv. Community organizations representing and assisting survivors on the frontlines in civil court have reported (1) a higher number of abusers regularly carrying firearms (2) an increase in the intensity and severity of violence experienced by survivors, and (3) the most serious acts of violence do not involve the criminal justice system because the survivor did not call upon the police for assistance and instead chose to rely upon our community organizations and family court for assistance and protection.

C. Elder Abuse Update – Anni Chung

X. *Public Comment*

Emberly Cross shared her appreciation for all the hard work of the FVC.

XI. *Adjournment*

Motion to adjourn By Anni Chung moved, seconded by Karen Roye.

Adjournment at 4:45 pm.