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Domestic Violence

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As set forth in Santa Cruz County Code, Chapter 2.118, the Commission shall perform the following duties:

- A. Help increase coordination between agencies, departments and the courts, and with victims of domestic violence and abuse.
- B. Promote effective and accessible education, prevention, intervention, and treatment techniques which will be developed based upon research and data collection.
- C. Seek to improve the response to domestic violence and abuse so as to reduce incidents of domestic violence.
- D. Examine issues relating to domestic violence and make recommendations in regard to administrative and legislative action to be taken by the Board of Supervisors.
- E. Establish a committee from among its membership, with the addition of a representative from the Office of the Santa Cruz County Counsel, as specified by Penal Code Section 853.6(a), to develop protocols for use by law enforcement officers and recommend the adoption of said protocols to the Board of Supervisors.

MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall consist of the following members:

- A. The County Administrative Officer, or his or her designee.
- B. The Sheriff-Coroner of the County, or his/her designee.
- C. A chief of a police agency, designated by the Law Enforcement Chiefs Association of the County, or that police chief's designee.
- D. The District Attorney of the County, or his/her designee.
- E. Two judges, one familiar with domestic violence cases, one familiar with family law, to be chosen by the courts.
- F. The Chief Probation Officer of the County, or his/her designee.
- G. The Public Defender of the County, or his/her designee.

H. The Superintendent of the County Office of Education, or his/her designee.

I. One representative of each of the following, as appointed by the Board of Supervisors, upon nomination by the identified agency:

1. The Human Resources Agency of the County.
2. The Women's Crisis Support and Shelter Services.
3. Defensa de Mujeres.
4. The Battered Women's Task Force of the Santa Cruz YWCA.
5. The Family Mediation Service.
6. A certified batterers treatment provider approved by the County Probation Department pursuant to Penal Code Section 1000.94.
7. The Women's Commission of the County.
8. The City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women.
9. Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital.
10. Watsonville Community Hospital.
11. The Health Services Agency of the County.
12. The Santa Cruz Unit of the Parole and Community Services Division of the State Department of Corrections.
13. The Community Clinic Coalition.
14. A representative of the Family Law Bar of Santa Cruz County.
15. The Seniors Commission of the County.

The following at-large representatives, as appointed by the Board of Supervisors:

1. A survivor of domestic violence.
2. A representative of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community.

TERM OF OFFICE

A member appointed pursuant to the provisions of Section (a) through (H) shall serve on the Domestic Violence Commission ex