

**Domestic Violence Awareness Committee  
San Mateo County Domestic Violence Council**

**Meeting Update**

**October 12, 2023 DVC meeting**

**1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Tabling

- Focus this year will hopefully be on presence at the community colleges and/or high schools
- Canada College tabling event was on 10/4. Thank you to everyone who tabled with us. (It was a slow start but after 1pm we got more students and people who were tabling were really engaging) Our contact person wants us present to the faculty in January or March.
- Upcoming tabling event is 10/25 at Skyline Fall Health Fair. We have 6 people signed up for the 10-12 and 12-2 shifts, which is good, but you can still sign up.
- YSC presentation is on 10/23 – DVAC will be giving a healthy relationships presentation at juvenile hall.
- Next DVAC meeting will be held on November 17th at 10:30 at the Pride Center as November 10th is a holiday.

Wear Purple

- October 20, 2023 is international DV awareness day

**2. Adjourn and Next Meeting**

Next meeting Friday, November 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the San Mateo Pride Center

**Legal Process Committee of the DV Council**  
**Agenda**  
**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**  
**Room 101, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA**

1. Introductions (everyone)
2. Adopt/Approve agenda
3. Agency updates (everyone)
4. Review/Adopt minutes from July 13, 2023 meeting
5. Carry Over Items
  - a. DV Training for Judges (Elisa Kuhl)
  - b. DV Police Reports Involving Minors (Charles Cavallino)
  - c. Interpreting “Community of Residence” as stated in PC 679.06 (Elisa Kuhl/Theresa Dah)
6. New Items
  - a. 2024 Meeting Dates (Everyone)
  - b. Discussion re: implementation of SB 1182 and SB 975 (Charles Cavallino)
  - c. New DVC Task Force Committee (Charles Cavallino)
7. Work Plan Reports
  - a. Civil/Criminal Crossover (Melissa Gibbs/Morris Maya)
  - b. Firearms Compliance Project (District Attorney’s Office)
  - c. Judicial Bench Card (Jenny Horne/Jessica Dayton)
  - d. Law Enforcement DV Protocol (Jeffrey Carr/Morris Maya/Elisa Kuhl/Paula Vielman-Reeves)
  - e. Protective Orders (everyone)
  - f. Allocation of Court Resources (everyone)
  - g. Courtroom Safety (everyone)
8. Public Comment

Next Meeting: **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM**  
**Room 101, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA**  
**(Tentative)**

Geri Archibald is a Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Coordinator at the Keller Center for Family Violence Intervention at San Mateo Medical Center. The Keller Center serves the needs of victims of child physical and sexual abuse and neglect, adult sexual abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse, providing a compassionate, culturally sensitive experience for the victims of abuse. The Center works in collaboration with legal and judicial systems to facilitate effective investigations and prosecutions. Clinicians at the Keller Center perform comprehensive forensic examinations and collect legal evidence in a manner that minimizes trauma and maximizes outcomes, while protecting the rights of the victim.

Geri leads the team of 16 nurses who respond 24/7 to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. She provides training on mandated reporting, sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse to San Mateo Medical Center nurses and staff, in addition to community trainings for other hospitals in the County. Geri also provides expert witness testimony in domestic violence and sexual assault cases, most often in cases involving non-fatal strangulation. She also serves on San Mateo County's DV Council.

Geri has a master's degree in nursing from University of California San Francisco and has been a Family Nurse Practitioner for 36 years. As an assistant Clinical Professor at UCSF, she realized that she loves teaching, but felt clinical work as a primary care provider in underserved communities was more challenging and rewarding. She provided primary care and women's health/family planning at San Mateo County's Daly City Clinic for 15 years. In caring for so many women patients, she recognized that domestic violence was not uncommon, but rarely reported. It was a natural step to accept when asked to be part of San Mateo County's after-hours sexual assault/ domestic violence response team in 2004.

While caring for victims of domestic violence can be emotionally painful, the ability to support a victim and applaud the courage it takes to participate in the legal process is gratifying. Geri describes her work as a privilege: to provide care and compassion, to tell each victim that she or he deserves love and respect. While recognizing that there are often significant barriers for victims to overcome, Geri sustains the hope for each victim that the current moment of crisis is the beginning of positive change.

## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Announcements**

**October 12, 2023 DVC meeting**

### **1. Barbara Hammerman Award**

- This year saw more nominations than ever! Thank you to the DVC for outreaching and encouraging the recognition of amazing people in the intersectional field of intimate partner abuse.
- Geri Archibald from the Keller Center has been awarded the 2023 Hammerman Award. Geri's biography is attached.
- She will be presented the Hammerman Award Resolution at the October 17 Board of Supervisors Meeting. The meeting is at 400 County Center, Board Chambers or virtually via Zoom. The meeting starts at 9:00am.

### **2. Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

- Please read the DV Awareness Committee's report and we encourage you to join in on tabling and wearing purple.
- The County issues a DV Awareness Month Proclamation each year and this will be presented at the October 17 Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- Karen Ferguson from CORA will be accepting the Proclamation.
- Per the email and flyer that was sent last week, please attend Strength in Unity: Domestic Violence Action Collaborative on October 20. This event is from 8:30am-12:00pm and will be at 690 Broadway Ave, RWC. A light breakfast will be included. This is an event sponsored by Supervisor Corzo's Office, CORA and the Sheriff's Office. Please see the flyer attached to meeting materials.

# Strength in Unity

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION COLLABORATIVE



Co-hosted by CORA, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, & Supervisor Corzo with San Mateo County

This DVAM, learn and share with community partners and law enforcement ways we can bring an end to domestic violence in San Mateo County. Community partners are invited to table at this event. A brief program will begin at 9am.

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Oct 2023

Friday

8:30am - 12pm

Light breakfast will be included 

690 Broadway Avenue, Redwood City, CA



Table at this event!  
Scan the QR code to sign up  
or visit [bit.ly/dvamcollab](https://bit.ly/dvamcollab)



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