



**Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council
General Meeting
900 S. Fremont Ave., Room C
Alhambra, CA 91803**

Minutes of September 18, 2018

1. Introductions/Announcements

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director, Eve Sheedy at 12:01 p.m.

Eve Sheedy introduced herself as the new Executive Director and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

Ms. Sheedy announced that the transition of the Domestic Violence Council (DVC) to the Department of Public Health is underway. Future projects include a revised website and an online calendar. Ms. Sheedy encouraged attendees to contact her or her assistant, Jolene Cooper, for questions or concerns.

2. Update/Comments from Executive Director

Ms. Sheedy discussed some focal points of the DVC going forward, including how to increase the voice of survivors, how to use data to inform DVC practices, and how to make structural changes to better serve the DVC and the community. She urged everyone in the coalition to work together and provide input to shape the DVC in this new journey and reminded everyone that this is a work in progress.

Additionally, Ms. Sheedy reflected on the transition to Public Health and the perspective of seeing domestic violence through a trauma lens instead of a criminal lens. She emphasized assessing the needs of individual communities and working together toward a whole spectrum approach.

3. Projects

The following individuals volunteered to update the "It Shouldn't Hurt to Go Home" handbook:

- Carol Crabson, Valley Oasis
- Julianna Lee, Legal Aid Foundation of LA
- Giovanna Martinez, The LGBTQ Center of LB
- Chanel Smith, LA Mayor's Office
- Mariela Rivera, Pomona Family Violence Treatment Network

4. September 7, 2018 Executive Board Meeting Report

Ms. Sheedy reported that the Executive Board discussed the transition of the DVC and reviewed the committee structure.

5. Committee Reports**Committee for Systems Improvement Meeting - Co-Chair Gail Pincus**

No written report submitted

- Worked with the Sheriff's Department to create a department brochure on the issuance of emergency protective orders. The brochure is now in department-wide use as an official LA Sheriff's department publication.
- Gail Pincus raised the issue of mental health diversion and its impact on survivors.

Immigration Committee – Co-Chairs Kate Marr and Ardalan Zamani

No written report submitted

LGBT Issues – Co-Chairs Giovanna Martinez and Mieko Failey

No written report submitted

- Met on September 11, 2018 in Alhambra and had good attendance.
- Discussed committee structure.

Legislative Issues – Co-Chairs Debbie Ramirez and Nancy Volpert

No written report submitted

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2018 at City Hall.

Religion and DV – Co-Chairs Bernita Walker and Donna Derden

No written report submitted

- Working with 77th police division to bring pastors and community to recognize domestic violence in the church.
- The committee is working on producing a PSA featuring community pastors.

Shelter Directors – Co-Chairs Tatiana Dorman and Patima Kornlamit

No written report submitted

- Exploring ways to address shelter entry processes.

6. Presentation: “Addressing Domestic Violence as a Public Health Issue”**Presenter: Dr. Deborah Allen, Deputy Director Health Promotion, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health**

Dr. Allen provided her vision of approaching domestic violence from a public health perspective. The first step is assessment, which involves defining, measuring/counting, and gathering data. The next step is policy and program development. The last step is assurance—evaluating and monitoring results for the desired outcome. Dr. Allen discussed Public Health's goals for

prevention and creating a healthy climate for interpersonal relationships within all social dimensions.

Presenter: Dr. Susie Baldwin, Medical Director, Office of Women's Health, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Dr. Susie Baldwin provided an overview of how the public health approach impacts domestic violence survivors. She noted that the goal of public health is to advance population health and prevent unhealthy behavior by looking at the whole picture and finding long-term solutions. By contrast, the criminal justice approach offers a closed-end solution revolved around courts and punishment. Dr. Baldwin then explained the social-ecological model for violence prevention and the transtheoretical model of health behavior change, or stages of change, that impact survivors.

Presenter: Nicolle Perras, MA, MPH, Research Analyst III, Injury and Violence Prevention Program, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Nicolle Perras provided an overview of the Injury and Violence Prevention Program (IVPP) and how its work affects domestic violence. She referenced several programs related to violence reduction, such as the Trauma Prevention Initiative, Safe Passages, and Parks After Dark. She discussed how IVPP initiates community engagement, street intervention, peer navigation teams, and trauma informed care.

Question and Answer for Panel

Dr. Allen, Dr. Baldwin, and Ms. Sheedy responded to questions and comments posed by members.

7. Networking/DV Structure

Ms. Sheedy initiated a break-out session for groups to discuss and list "Goals of the DVC" and "Who is the DVC?" A summary of the lists are attached.

8. Matters not on the Posted Agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda).

Approval of the July 14, 2018 minutes forwarded to the next meeting.

9. Public Comments - Not to exceed two minutes per person and must be on items of Interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council

No members of the public addressed the DVC.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

BREAK-OUT SESSION: SUMMARY OF “WHO IS THE DVC?” DISCUSSION

Agencies that work with pets (SPCALA)
All DV providers - intervention/prevention
Batterers/Perpetrator service providers (BIPs)
Community educators - Prevention
Community members
Counseling
Department of Children and Family Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Public Health
Department of Social Services
Domestic violence agencies
Domestic violence shelters (*began DV Council)
DV advocacy groups
DV Coordinators (LAHSA/CES)
Faith based community/Churches
Family Justice Centers
First responders (Sheriffs, Fire Dept., Police)
Funders
Homeless initiatives
Immigration
Judicial representation / leaders
Law enforcement/Prosecutors
Legal services
LGBTQ
Libraries
Medical providers
Mental health providers
Policy/Government/Legislation (Board of Supervisors, Council Representatives)
Promotoras (front line service providers)
Recreational centers
School personnel (LAUSD, higher education)
Substance Abuse Providers
Survivors (lived experience)

* Youth are not represented in the council but are also exposed to DV

BREAK-OUT SESSION: SUMMARY OF “GOALS OF THE DVC” DISCUSSION

General
Reduce/eliminate/prevent domestic violence.
To improve the lives of those experiencing IPV in LA County.
Structure
Create cohesiveness / standard of services and care across access to services by survivors.
Best practices / share / collaboration
Networking of service providers (know what other providers are doing)
Data
Because of size of LA County, need communication path so information can be shared, especially to see trends coming in sync with public health approach.
No uniform way to gather data - develop universal definition and set up a system to gather data. Be an example and push the other counties and the rest of the state to follow.
No accurate count on homicide.
Advocacy
Advocate for funding policy
Advocate for system change
Board of Supervisors (mandate) - Board resolution to raise DV profile - in county/state; give DVC clout to do it.
Court system
A shelter program for batterers: finding new/effective ways for rehabilitation for batterers.
Messaging
Cultural responsiveness and its importance when working with survivors from various backgrounds
Elevating the voices of survivors
Interconnection / global issues
Use the media more when something important happens to draw attention / education.
Engagement of membership and agencies
Find ways for all agencies to work together to tackle DV without losing the identity of our respective agencies.
Resource sharing / message board / technology
One voice
Education and Outreach
Education / training
Mentoring
Outreach – avenues for victims, survivors to know where to turn. More education.
Professionalism - more training.
Program development

Education and Outreach (cont'd)
Reduce risk and future DV through prevention, education, and community outreach: strengthen collaboration, sharing ideas / education, change the system from P & C.
Teaching children about healthy relationships.
Involve DCFS.
Self-care + vicarious trauma
Therapeutic services: a) select mental health b) IPV c) trauma focus
Increase access for survivor services and navigate systems (ex: legal and social services); increase access for survivors with disabilities.
Inclusion (Diversity) *public, private, government, state

ATTENDEES PRESENT SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Organization	Name
1736 Family Crisis Center	Magid, Brenda
ABIP, Another Way	Evans, Kendall
Amancer Community Counseling Service	Quintero, Carlos
Angel Step Inn	Rojas, Judy
Angel Step Inn	Salcedo, Viki
Angel Step Inn	Walker, Cecilia
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA	Kwon, (Dana)Yeon
AVDVC	Crabson, Carol
Cambodian Association of America	Man, Danychea
Cambodian Association of America	Neth, Sovanna
Center for the Pacific Asian Family, Inc.	Komolamit, Patima
Clinica Romero	Jimenez, Jennifer
Community Legal Services	Asiedu-Akrofi , Terese
Community Legal Services	Coleman, Jason
CRCD	Jenkin, Lynette
DBK Foundation	Kersee-Anderson, Debra
Domestic Abuse Center	Pincus, Gail
DVP of CFC	Rodriguez, Julia
Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley	Roberson, Karen
Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley	Sierra, Brenda
First to Serve	Lujan, Melissa
Foothill Family	Rivera, Mariela
Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law	Smith, Lisa
Haven Hills, Inc.	Tavera, Iliana
House of Ruth	Mason, Kimberly
Jenesse Center	Alvarez, Bryon
Jenesse Center	Belt, Leslie
Jenesse Center	Carter, Jazmyn
Jenesse Center	Derden, Donna
Jenesse Center	Fonteh, Ruth
Jenesse Center	Forrest, Kate
Jenesse Center	Rodas, Dulce
Jenesse Center	Youssefi, Karen
Jewish Family Service	Rodriguez, Alejandra
Jewish Family Service	Sotelo, Jessica
LACBA DVP	Rondon, Sara
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Lee, Julianna
Little Tokyo Service Center	Lee, Vivian
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	McDonald, Carmen
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office	Edmiston, Donna

Organization	Name
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	Esparza, Carrie
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	Ruben, Yvette
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Allen, Deborah
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Eidem, Ellen
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Perras, Nicolle
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Sheedy, Eve
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office	Baeza, Joanne
Los Angeles County DPSS	Jaime, Wendy
Los Angeles County DPSS	Nevarez, Lola
Los Angeles County Probation Department	Schoengarth, Jim
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)	Cortes, Cristina
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Slavin, Terra
Los Angeles Police Department	Sadanaga, Marie
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County	Goldman, Amy
Office of Samoan Affairs	Papanian, Odette
One Justice	Palzes, Mike
Para Los Ninos	Carmona, Erika
Peace Over Violence	Deukmedjian, Terese
Peace Over Violence	Kung, Chris
Project: Peacemakers	Walker, Bernita
Rainbow Services	Dion, Jane
Rainbow Services	Jepsen, Brooke
Sahara	Neese, Marilyn
Santa Monica City Attorney's Office	Barreto, Halima
SFVCMHC, Inc.	Hulbert, Giselle
Skid Row from a Woman's Perspective	Shaw, Suzette
Strength United	Roth, Kim
Su Casa	L., Liliana
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Tijani, Yetunde
The Legal Aid Foundations of Los Angeles	Quevedo, Dominique
The LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Martinez, Giovanna
U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District California	Chou, Jennifer
We Dwell Here, Inc.	Rhone, Vashia
West Covina Police Department	Franklin, Diane
WomenShelter of Long Beach	Dorman, Tatiana
WomenShelter of Long Beach	Mitchell, Mary Ellen
YWCA Glendale	Maddox, James
YWCA Glendale	Peterson, Tara
	A., Karen
	D., Teresa