



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

Minutes of May 21, 2019

1. Announcements and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Eve Sheedy at 12:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made to approve the April minutes and was seconded. The motion carried with no nays or abstentions.

3. Update/Comments from Executive Director

Ms. Sheedy reported the following updates:

- Ms. Sheedy will meet with Bobby Cagle, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and will report back
- Ms. Sheedy visited the LA Hospitality Training Academy and informed the audience about their ongoing program to provide training for survivors of DV/HT
- The Domestic Violence Council (DVC) is working on a plan to offer transportation and stipends for survivors to participate in meetings
- Volunteers are needed for an ad-hoc committee to plan awards for Domestic Violence month in October
- The Executive Board met and will be grandfathered to a Steering Committee that will to oversee the work of the DVC

4. Immigration Update

- There are new forms to be used for U-Visa applications; old forms are only good until July 2
- There is a possibility that proof of public benefits will no longer be accepted for fee waivers

5. Policy Update

- California Senate Bill 144 eliminates the \$500 minimum mandatory fee for persons placed on probation pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.097. The bill is currently pending in the Senate.
- California Assembly Bill 1449 (Garcia) states that a DV victim's conduct with law enforcement at the scene of the crime cannot be considered in determining reasonable cooperation in terms of receiving victim witness compensation. The bill also states that a claim for restitution by a DV, sexual assault or human trafficking victim cannot be denied solely because the victim delayed reporting the crime to law enforcement. The bill is currently pending in the Assembly.
- California Assembly Bill 67 (Rivas) requires the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to develop a statewide homeless

integrated data warehouse, which will be compiled from agencies' Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS). Because most survivors are not entered into HMIS for safety and privacy reasons, there is a concern that the data warehouse will not accurately reflect the prevalence of domestic violence and sexual assault among homeless individuals and the needs of homeless survivors. The bill is currently pending in the Assembly.

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently released a proposed rule prohibiting "mixed-status" families from living in federally subsidized public housing and Section 8 programs.

6. **Presentation: Coordinated Entry System Overview & Discussion**

Panel: Cristina Cortes, Los Angeles Housing Authority, DV Coordinator

Alynn Gausvik, LA Family Housing, Family Coordinator SPA 2

Blanca Castellanos, Union Station Homeless Services, Family Coordinator SPA 3

Kimberly Farnham, PATH, Family Coordinator SPA 4

The panel provided an overview of the Coordinated Entry System (CES), which connects homeless individuals and households to services and housing.

The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

7. **Committee Reports** – Written reports for April are attached.

- LGBTQI+ Committee – no report submitted
- Religion & DV Issues Committee – no report submitted

8. **Public Comments** – Bernita Walker announced a free event for LGBTQ Sensitivity Training on June 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the 77th Police Division, 7600 S. Broadway. Call her office at (323) 291-2525 for more information.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES PRESENT May 21, 2019

Organization	Name
1736 Family Crisis Center	Escobar, Pablo
ABIP	Evans, Kendall
Amanecer Community Counseling Service	Schmidt, Janeth
Angel Step Inn	Cano, Anna
Angel Step Inn	Salcedo, Vibi
Antelope Valley DVC/Valley OASIS (AVDVC)	Gomez, Elizabeth
Antelope Valley DVC/Valley OASIS (AVDVC)	Hernandez, Vanessa
Cambodian Association of America	Man, Danychea
Cambodian Association of America	Neth, Sovanna
Center for the Pacific Asian Family	Wu, Jong-Ling
Center for the Pacific Asian Family	Komolamit, Patima
Downtown Women's Center	Ortega, Cynthia
First to Serve	Lujan, Melissa
Foothill Family	Rivera, Mariela
Foothill Family	Stueber, Margot
Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law	Slater, Heidi
Haven Hills	Aguero, Karen
Healthright 360 (formerly PROTOTYPES)	Soofi, Olivia
Human Services Association	Garcia, Cindy
Immigration Center for Women & Children	Moraza-Olivares, Socorro
Immigration Center for Women and Children (ICWC)	Patel-Sikora, Mona
Jenesse Center	Lara
Jenesse Center	Youssefi, Karen
Jewish Family Services	Lainer, Hannah
Jewish Family Services	Reiner, Sharon
LA Family Housing	Gausrik, Alynn
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Lucas, Isahiah
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Nguyen, Thien
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Martinez, Giovanna
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office	Cohen, Inbar
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office	Orona, Ying Hae
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors - Spvr. Ridley-Thomas	Williams, Emily
Los Angeles County CEO	Magana, Rowena
Los Angeles County Community Development Authority	Lindsay, Betsy
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	LaRose, Lisa
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Chono-Helsley, Martha
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Cooper, Jolene
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Madrid, Niki
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Rodriguez, Yeira
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Sheedy, Eve

Organization	Name
Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	Nevarez, Lola
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office	Farmer, Shari
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)	Conner, Marisa
Neighborhood Legal Services of L.A.County	Goldman, Amy
Niswa Association	Islam, Sami
Office of Samoan Affairs	Garibay, Stephanie
Office of Samoan Affairs	Papanian, Odette
Office of Samoan Affairs	Rivera, Patricia
PATH	Farnham, Kimberly
Peace Over Violence	Deukmedjia, Terese
Peace Over Violence	Kung, Chris
Project Peacemakers	Walker, Bernita
Rainbow Services	Fukuroda, Marci
San Fernando Valley CMHC (SFVCMHC, Inc.)	Hulbert, Giselle
Sojourn	Grant, Diana
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence	Lopez, Liliana
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Tijani, Yetunde
Union Station Homeless Services	Castellanos, Blanca
Union Station Homeless Services	Sanchez, Alicia
Vietnam Veterans of America	Maddox, James
West Covina Police Department	Franklin, Diane
YWCA Glendale	Zananiri, Eleny
YWCA of San Gabriel Valley	Velasco, Christy

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee Meeting, April 18, 2019**

Introductions and Announcements - Call to Order by Nancy Volpert, Co-Chair

The Bill Chart is available through Nancy, please contact her if you do not already have access to the Google Doc.

Pending 2019 Legislation**State**

Discussions were held over legislations passed over last month or other bills people felt were important for follow up.

AB12 – Diane reported this appeared to be clean up legislation, which inter alia extended duration up to five years. Continued monitoring appeared appropriate.

AB 24- Amy recommended continuing to monitor. More information should be available at the following website: <https://www.endchildpovertyca.org/author/grace/>

AB61 – Diane reports that this bill is on the CPEDV list. Committee agrees this bill, which expands who may be a GVRO petitioner is worth continued monitoring. Diane provided an explanation of GVROs.

AB67 – Nancy brings this bill to attention of committee as a “gut and amend” bill from its prior iteration. This is a reintroduction of homeless data bill, which does not contain any protections for the data of DV victims, no privacy or safety measures.

AB 164 – Bill has been referred to suspense file, but no objections noted to the bill

AB 196 – Amy reports concerns with this paid family leave bill from Legal Aid at Work, noting that it is a regressive tax what will not help low wage workers because it does not offer job protections. Nor is there any requirement of employer contribution to the disability benefit.

AB 445 – Marci reports no change since last meeting

AB917 – Bill in which local concerns diverge from CPEDV support. Bill is on suspense due to costs exceeding \$50K.

SB 135 – Amy reports on the “good” paid family leave bill, that includes job protections and extends to smaller employers and part time employees.

SB360 – Good discussion was held on the issue of penitential privilege and mandated reporting. Continue to monitor, RJ and Diane volunteered.

Federal

House passed VAWA improvement bill

Local

City DVSO grants will be same as last year; no expected challenges to those numbers, City budget needs to be voted on by May 15 and the State budget by June 15. No significant changes on County funding.

Emerging Issues

AB 1559 Melendez - Diane reported on a bill supported by Riverside Sheriff’s Department offering concealed carry firearms to those with reasonable fear of DV/SA. Diane to follow and bill to be added to the bill chart

AB 1449 Garcia – Diane reports on bill to change CalVCB eligibility to deny victims who are perpetrators or who actively interfere with an investigation (as opposed to current

restriction for failure to cooperate), bill worth watching. Amy volunteered to report on next time.

SB375 Durazo – Bill would eliminate filing deadlines for CalVCB. Cecelia volunteered to report on next time.

AB 628 – Eve expressed concerns that it will allow abusers time from work for sexual harassment. Bill too broad, Amy and Diane to monitor.

SB435 Moorlach – Technical Family law bill – if anyone is interested FVAP/CPEDV is sponsoring a call this afternoon, materials distributed

SB 144 Mitchell – bill to decriminalize poverty would eliminate DV fines/penalties which could have a negative impact on shelter funding. Continued monitoring is necessary

No matters not on the posted agenda offered.

Public comment: Jerilyn asked about parking gate code and host Thien provided gate code.

Note: next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2019, 10 – 11:30 am.

Meeting adjourned.

B. Health Committee Meeting, April 16, 2019

Announcements

- Health Committee leaders will send out 1-pager and goals of the Health Committee to meeting attendees
- DVHCP in collaboration with DPH-OWH will be hosting a DV & Healthcare symposium on October 29, 2019

Meeting

- Jennifer Haddad-Bell presented on the DVHCP data from the beginning of the Blue Shield Partnership
 - Blue Shield funded 19 partnerships across CA
 - 6 in LA County
 - Attendee questions ranged from what LGBTQI+ data was collected, how this data was collected differently within each partnership, and whether or not the data is available to those outside of the partnership
- Health Committee leaders will make the presentation slides available to attendees

Next Steps

- Focus on getting Healthcare providers to the Health Committee to get better representation in the Health Committee
- Send out 1-pager and goals of the Health Committee to attendees and the DVC in general to increase interest in the Health Committee
- Send out Symposium information to the DVC

Next Health Committee Meeting: June 18, 2019

C. Shelter Directors Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions conducted by Patima Komolamit, Co-Chair and Tatiana Dorman, Co-Chair.
2. Announcements shared by committee members.
3. Update: DV/Homeless Coalition work; DV Coordinators; and funding for Housing First and Rapid Rehousing presented by Elizabeth Eastlund, Executive Director, Rainbow Services and Cristina Cortes, Domestic Violence Coordinator, LAHSA
4. Basic Legal Life Skills for Domestic Violence Survivors (New Loyola Social Justice Program): Law-related critical life skills class for domestic violence survivors at transitional housing facilities and community centers around Los Angeles County presented by Judith Schwartz-Behar, Adjunct Professor, Loyola Law School. Information regarding this program, benefits, and enrollment was shared.
5. FreeFrom: Survivor Wealth and Wellness Training and Certificate as well as our work on economic and litigation abuse legislation. A. FreeFrom is a national organization based in LA that creates pathways to financial security and long-term safety for survivors of gender-based and domestic violence. FreeFrom takes a multi-faceted approach to reach this goal, including through financial capacity building within the movement and nationwide policy change presented by Amy Durrence, Esq., Director of Law and Policy, FreeFrom. Discussion regarding this area of public policy grown was discussed by the committee.
6. No public comments.
7. Meeting adjournment.