

RELIGION AND DV ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT

Date of Meeting: 2/25/2021

Start Time: 1:00 PM

End Time: 3:00 PM

Called to order by: Bernita Walker

Discussion/Action Steps

Meeting was called to order by, co-chair, Bernita Walker, PPMI, at 1:00pm. Introductions were made by co-chairs, Cecelia Walker, SCADP and Varsha N., ROARTC, followed by individuals present: Deana Payne, Good Shepherd DV Shelter; Sheetal Ayyathan, Saahas For Cause; April Skinas, American Indian Counseling Center serves the American Indian/Alaska Native community, LACo, DMH; Symone Fairchild, Eye on DV; Jerilyn Stapleton, DVA, CD 4 Rep., NOW/The Peace Alliance; Lizette Bonilla, Alcoholism Center for Women; Yvette Murphy Ruben, DMH, LACo; Betsy Lindsey, LA County Development Authority; Antonia, Ca Parent & Youth Helpline; Stephanie Mire, LACo DA office.

Attendees introduced their Organization affiliation and shared their favorite TV show.

Co-chair Varsha led and facilitated discussions along with Bernita and Cecelia focusing on Bias (Part 1 of 2) regarding instances of bias. Attendees shared personal circumstances in which they or someone they know experienced bias and its potential impact on their personal and professional lives. This initial exploration of bias allowed the committee to visit the importance of committee members collectively being non-judgmental and open minded. The goal of discussions was laying a foundation for future discussions around bias and its impact on survivors and service providers of different faiths.

A clarification was made regarding Zionism and its meaning – That Zionism is a national political movement in Israel and it is also a religious practice followed by millions of people in South Africa originating in the United States in a small town in Illinois.

Some good initial discussions on the important topic of Bias! Thank you.

Matters no on posted agenda to be presented and placed on future agenda-none

Public Comment-none

Next Meeting-March 23rd, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm