

**Domestic Violence Council
Religion & DV Issues Committee Meeting**

Minutes for February 22, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Bernita Walker. Present were Varsha N., Co-chair; Cecelia Walker, Co-chair; Kelie Sturgis, Hong Zhao, Kenisha Baldwin, Manuel Martinez, Melinda Oakley, Nadia Parada, Arlene Reynolds, Sheetal S. Ayyatan, Maria Skelton, Rhonda Rainstorm.

Attendees were invited to introduce, and organization affiliation. Icebreaker: What is your favorite candy or treat from the past or present.

The meeting topic was *Reflections on Spirituality: Exploring the meaning of Spirituality and Impact of our Beliefs as Service Providers*. Varsha led attendees in discussing perspectives on religion/spirituality, personal experiences when engaging faith-based organizations, and how they perceived the role and impact of their faith on their work as service providers. The discussion highlighted the relevance of the committee in providing comprehensive support to those in need.

Matters not posted on the agenda: none

Next meeting is March 22, 2022-Planned speakers: Russell Thornhill, and Patty Dirsch will provide a presentation on Spirituality.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm