



LA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC)

COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT (CSI) MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. | Pacific Time (US & Canada)

MLK Healing Center

Community Engagement Room

11833 Wilmington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059

Mission Statement: To implement domestic violence laws and policies and to provide resources and problem-solving support to community partners when implementation issues and problems arise. The Committee also addresses emerging issues that impact victims of domestic violence.

[See the DVC Calendar for Meeting Information](#)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order & Introductions – Rachelle M. Neshkes, Gail Pincus, Kate Forrest, Co-Chairs

*hybrid testing – Gail on Teams

II. Law Enforcement Issues

a. LAPD updates:

- Ria provides statistics: January to end of June = 20,429 IPV calls for service; 8,055 IPV crime reports

b. Report on DVC meeting with Sheriff's Department

- Meeting w/ Luna was rescheduled, but Lan reports out on topics covered in co-chair meeting:
 - Refusal to serve DVROs, and the need for training on new laws regarding service (substantive review prohibited, and in January acceptance of electronic signatures);
 - Insufficient responses, issuance of EPOs
 - Need for LASD presence in stakeholder forums
 - Lack of understanding of IPV dynamics, especially among marginalized populations
 - Problems getting reports taken for violations, and getting copies of reports
- In regards to training, Gail suggests official memo/notice to CMB like LAPD does, and clarifies that we need a point person not only in meetings, but also contact for emergency situations

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- Discussion of whether cross-entity collaboration with LAPD & LASD would be possible/productive to have a universal policy on handling DVROs
 - Discussion of other possible training sources, including DVC member groups and San Diego Strangulation Institute
 - Gail wants sheriff to report out on data for EPOs being issued; to remind them that they can issue EPO w/o victim's consent if responding officer thinks it's necessary
- c. Community inquiries re: official policies on taking reports of RO violations & courtesy reports
- Shared Rachele/LACLJ's questions, and Ria says she'll report back at a future meeting, and we can also add these to the topics to discuss w/ sheriff
 - Minty notes particular difficulty getting reports taken for coercive control; Pallavi notes she did a training for LAPD about this issue
 - Discussion of use of DART officers to spread the word about these issues, need for a concise statement if there are going to be materials distributed
 - Discussion of how to build best case for prosecution of violations
 - Officers could educate victims about how to document incidents, alternative ways of accessing 911
 - Full DVRO packets should be included in discovery package for DA to give them context/add'l evidence

III. Court & Clerk Issues

- a. Processing of DVRO requests & continuances
- Rachele reports back from FLC meeting re Local Rule 5.3 updates: it will be clarified that DVROs can be filed at any time during the court day, including during the lunch break, it's just a question of processing time; regarding problems with delays, Judge Kaufman wants us to share specific case numbers so they can look into the issue directly – if you have case examples, share this information to Stephanie Davidson at LAFLA for compilation and forwarding
- b. Entering ROs in CLETS and CARPOS
- no updates

IV. Legislative Issues

- a. SB320 re: firearms (enacted) – implementation issues
- Pallavi reports that the Judicial Council reached out to her and scheduled a call to discuss training issues in regards to DV & firearm relinquishment, and she will report back at the next meeting
- b. SB 662 re: court reports/recording (held in committee) – issues while awaiting passage
- committee members report that they have generally been filing FW-020s in all applicable cases and have not experienced any problems
 - Rachele reports back from FLC meeting where Judge Kauffman noted there may be shortages around holiday weekends which could cause unavailability of reporters even when requested in advance
- c. AB 2791 re: Sheriff service – provision prohibiting substantive review is active, implementation issues (email/fax signature goes into effect 1/1/24)
- Addressed above in regards to upcoming meeting w/ sheriff

V. Emerging Issues

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- Pallavi raises issue of SCOTUS taking up Rahimi case regarding 2nd amendment & DV; deadline to submit amicus is August 31st
 - Minty notes CPEDV sent out call for survivor stories (on behalf of DC coalition), will send to DVC for circulation;
 - Gail recommends reaching out to death review teams for data on how many deaths were by firearm

VI. Parking Lot: (i) FC 6306 Criminal Record Searches, (ii) SA/HT RO; (iii) Rulings on FW-002; (iv) EPOs - tracking time between issuance of EPO / first attempt, and denials in the case of delay between incident and report – law enforcement or judicial issue?; (v) implementation of coercive control legislation

- Pallavi will try to ask about these issues during her call with Judicial Council tomorrow

VII. Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda)

- Gail inquires about possible new funding stream for legal aid mentioned during Q&A with Mandated Supporter Initiative presentation to general meeting; Minyong had asked that question to Tamara, so she may follow up, but notes federal funding is hard to tap into

VIII. 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

IX. Next meeting is scheduled for **September 19, 2023**. (*DVC is dark in August*)

X. Adjourn