



Domestic Violence Council (DVC)

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 19th, 2024;
12:00pm – 2:00pm (Pacific Time)
The California Endowment & Virtual (MS Teams)



Welcome Remarks



Land Acknowledgment

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants — past, present, and emerging — as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands.

We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council

Gabrieleño/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at lanaic.lacounty.gov.



Meeting Protocol

- ❑ Please be reminded that this is an open and public convening.
- ❑ Anything discussed in this space is neither protected, nor confidential.
- ❑ Any client or survivor identifying information should not be presented. Thus, please avoid discussion of personal cases.
- ❑ If you need additional resources, please connect with myself or Cindy Hernandez after the meeting. Thank you!



Welcome and Introductions

- Your name
- Pronouns
- Title/Role
- Agency or Affiliation

- ❑ 1 in 3 people of all genders in the United States experience domestic violence in their lifetime, according to Doorways.
- ❑ 80 % of women with children who are experiencing homelessness were previously victims of domestic violence, according to the Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness.
- ❑ 57 % of all women experiencing homelessness stated domestic violence was the primary cause of their homelessness, according to Safe Housing Partnerships.
- ❑ 45 % of all domestic violence survivors had previously stayed with an abusive partner as a result of not having an alternative place to go.

AGENDA



| TIME | DESCRIPTION | LEAD |
|----------|---|--|
| 12:00 pm | Welcome and Introductions | Lan Pham, Executive Director Domestic Violence Council (DVC) Los Angeles County – Department of Public Health |
| 12:10pm | DPH Women and Family Homelessness | Chanel Smith, Sr. Advisor Women and Family Homelessness Los Angeles County – Department of Public Health |
| 12:20pm | DPH Office of Women’s Health - DV Shelter Based Program (DVSBP) | Nicolle Perras, Domestic Violence Program Director Office of Women’s Health Los Angeles County – Department of Public Health |
| 12:30pm | LAHSA Centralized Access Deck | Sarah Whitman, DV Systems Alignment Sr. Coordinator Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority |
| 1:00pm | MacArthur Field Project | Ren Ross, Director of Project Management New Directions for Veterans |
| 1:30pm | Immigration Update | Elizabeth Alva-Rajakumar, Sr. Staff Attorney Jenesse Center, Inc. LA VAWA Network |
| 1:50pm | Public Comments and Announcements | All |
| 2:00 pm | Meeting Adjourns | |



Women and Family Homelessness



Chanel Smith, Sr. Advisor
Women and Family Homelessness
Los Angeles County – Department of Public Health



Women & Family Homelessness

Chanel Smith, Senior Advisor





New Position

Senior Advisor,
Women & Family
Homelessness

Goals



Identify
Department of
Public Health's Role
in Homelessness

Align County
Systems Response
to Women &
Families
Experiencing
Homelessness

LA County Homeless System



- Homelessness Initiatives
- Los Angeles County Development System (LACDA)

- LA Homeless Services Authority (HACLA)
- City of Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD)

Data:



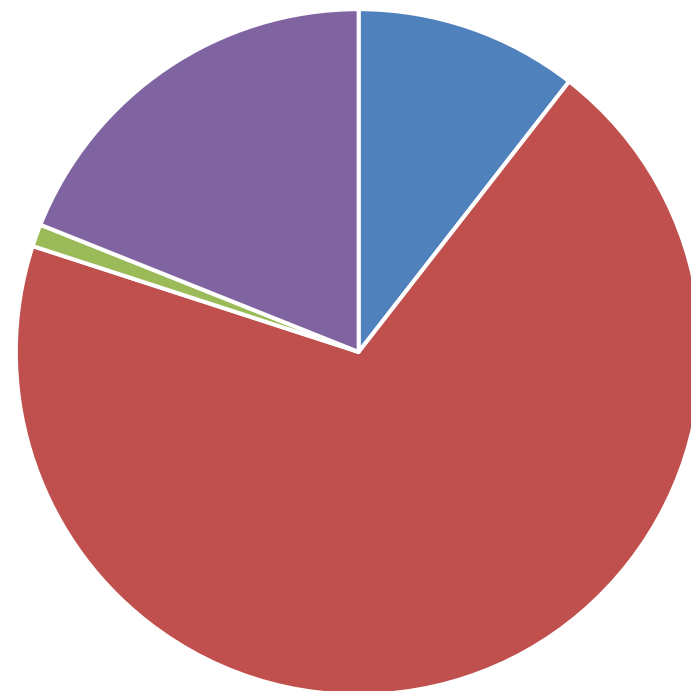
Homeless Families: 3,520

Homeless Women: 23,804

Children Under 18: 6,414

Unaccompanied Minor's Under 18: 106

Homeless Population



■ Families ■ Women ■ Unaccompanied Minors ■ Children

THANK YOU

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WOMEN & FAMILY HOMELESSNESS
HEALTH PROMOTION BUREAU



DV Shelter Based Program (DVSBP)



Nicolle Perras, Domestic Violence Program Director
Office of Women's Health
Los Angeles County – Department of Public Health



MacArthur Field Project



Ren Ross, Director of Project Management
New Directions for Veterans



**MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PREVENTION FOR ON-CAMPUS VETERAN HOUSING
2007-PRESENT**



Putting Veterans First Since 1992
NEW DIRECTIONS *for* VETERANS

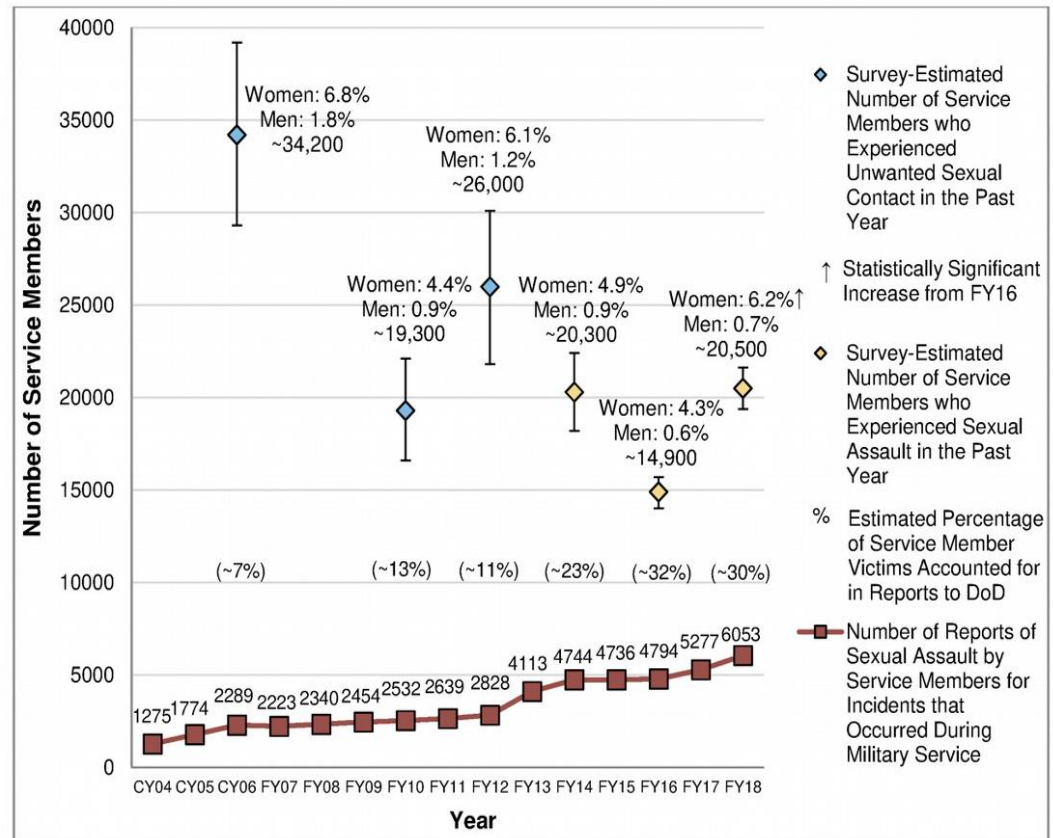
OUR MISSION

New Directions for Veterans empowers men and women who served in the military, and their families, to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

Military Sexual Trauma (MST) 2004-PRESENT

- The Defense Department's attempts to reduce sexual assaults in the military have failed.
- Annual reports tracking numbers of actual assaults on women and men show that the problem is getting worse every year with no end in sight.
- The lower part of Figure, tracks completed cases filed by service members-only, shows that total numbers rose from 5,277 in FY 2017 to 6,053 in FY 2018.
 - A 15% hike in one year and a 146% increase since the 2,454 service-member cases reported in FY 2007.

ESTIMATED PREVALENCE AND ACTUAL REPORTING RATES FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, 2004-2018



Military Sexual Trauma (MST) 2021-Present

- The prioritization of force readiness above all else during the post-9/11 wars allowed the problem of sexual assault to fester.
- During and beyond the 20 years of the post-9/11 wars, independent data suggest that actual sexual assault prevalence is two to four times higher than DoD estimations.
 - DOD estimate that there were approximately 35,900 cases in 2021, and around 29,000 military personnel assaulted in 2023
 - Cost of War Project (Brown University's Watson Institute), reports 75,569 cases in 2021 and 73,695 cases in 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE- NUMBERS VERSUS COSTS OF WAR PROJECT

Sexual Assault in the Military: Estimates



The Costs of War Project: reports of sexual assault at the nation's three military academies rose more than 18% from 2021 to 2022.

IMPACT

- Many veterans who are victims of MST are not seeking services, and only about 30% of overall veterans use the VA healthcare.

- About half of woman who report Military Sexual Trauma have not used VA healthcare.
- Some barriers to women veterans seeking help for MST include:
 - The military culture and lack of supportive response to MST and Institutional betrayal.
 - VA facilities are mostly male, and many female victims of MST refuse to come on campus.
 - Resulting in less females applying for PSH housing on campus, and receiving the services they need.



ACLU Reports in 11-7-2013:

“The Department of Veterans Affairs grants disability claims for military sexual trauma-related PTSD at significantly lower rates than other PTSD claims, according to a new report released today. Women veterans are disproportionately denied compensation based on PTSD, as they are more likely to file MST-related PTSD claims, but male survivors who file MST-related PTSD claims face particularly low grant rates compared to female veterans who file MST-related PTSD claims.”

QUESTIONS

- How can we get our victims to access their resources and benefits (increase trust)?
- What can we do to help victims of MST and DV at our sites on campus?

- How can we show that we take this seriously, so our victims feel safer while applying for permanent supportive housing?
- Is the team properly trained, to ensure we understand the police response on federal property?
- Do we know what to do when a victim is identified on campus for MST and DV?
 - Which facility would we refer any potential victims that reside on the West Los Angeles VA Campus?
 - Is this for veteran victims AND their family members!

SOLUTIONS

- Bring Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Resources on the West Los Angeles VA Campus.
- NDVets created the Oasis for Woman's program, to try and give female veterans a safe place to start the process of recovery.
 - <https://ndvets.org/oasis-for-women/>
 - Individual Counseling/Therapy
 - Group Therapy/Activities
 - Neurofeedback
 - Art Therapy
 - Trauma Treatment
 - Addiction Treatment
 - MST Specialty
- Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans



It was only after Renee Banton, began having thoughts of suicide that she realized she needed to get help. On Mother's Day, 2003, Renee entered NDI's Women's Program, and began working on her recovery.

"To me, being at New Directions was like being in school. I learned a lot about myself. Once I understood the fact that I had a disease, it all made sense. I fell in love with the process of recovery – and I decided that I wanted to help others"



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR VETERANS (PSH)

- Permanent supportive housing (PSH) for veterans is a program that combines affordable housing with supportive services to help homeless veterans achieve housing stability.
- PSH is a national best practice that's proven to be successful in keeping people housed. Some sources report that 85% of residents remain stably housed.
 - NDVets has over a 93% success rate at our PSH programs.
 - We have over 850 veteran units in operation, and over 200 veteran units in our pipeline.

**Join us in
West LA!**



**Celebrate new
affordable housing
for Veterans**

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Building Better Communities™



Los Angeles and Orange County 2025





401-A&B

MacArthur Field Phase A & B

The Core Companies | New Directions Veterans

MacArthur Field

- Phase A: 75-units (Q3 2024)
- Phase B: 75-units (Q3 2025)



Unit Mix

| Unit AMI | Unit Type | # of Units | Subsidy | Population |
|--------------|-----------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 30% | 1-br | 10 | VASH | Chronic Homelessness |
| 30% | 1-br | 33 | VASH | Disability Experiencing Homelessness |
| 50% | 1-br | 24 | VASH | |
| 50% | 1-br | 7 | VASH | Ineligible for VA Health Care |
| Mngr | 2-br | 1 | N/A | None |
| Total | | 75 | | |



Amenities

- Dog Park & Dog Wash
- Smoking Area
- Porch
- Garden
- BBQ Area
- Walking Trails
- Business Center



Staffing

New Directions Veterans

- 1.0 FTE Case Manager
- 1.0 FTE Resident Services Coordinator
- 0.05 FTE PSH Regional Supervision

Veterans Affairs

- 2.0 FTE GS-12 Clinical Social Worker
- 1.0 FTE GS-9 Peer Support Specialist

NDVets Partners

- Inner City Law Center
- Job Vision Success SoCal
- AltaMed
- Resource Oversight
- West Side Food Bank
- Domestic Violence Provider - STILL NEEDED



OUR VISION

New Directions for Veterans is committed to building a national community in which all at-risk veterans and their families lead lives of honor, dignity, well-being, and respect.

Services

Property Management (EAH)

Property Managements Responsibilities. Property Management (PM) is in charge of the daily oversight for MacArthur Field A. PM will take responsibility for day-to-day repairs and ongoing maintenance, security, and to ensure the upkeep of the Development is maintained.

PM will include screening potential tenants, drafting, signing, and renewing leases, collecting rent, addressing reasonable accommodations, and conducting eviction procedures when necessary. PM will follow the tenant selection plan, and ensure eligibility requirements are aligning with our funding sources requirements; for unit population and eligibility.

Lead Service Provider (ND Vets)

NDVets Responsibilities. NDVets is the Lead Service Provider at MacArthur Field. NDVets shall be primarily responsible for providing service coordination for all veterans units. NDVets will ensure all veteran applicants on-site receive more than 28 enhanced services.

Resident Services Coordination and linkages to 3rd party service partners, will be handled by NDVets service team on-site. NDVets partners with local service providers, to provide over 28 enhanced services to our residence. NDVets, GLA VA, Westside Food Bank, JVS SoCal, Inner City Law Center, AltaMed, and Resource Oversight and Guidance; will work in collaboration to ensure all residence get the services they need during the life of the project.

Veterans Affairs HUD-VASH Program

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLAHS). The VA, will be the lead case manager for the 74 VASH units, working in collaboration with NDVets supportive service staff.

Please note: New Directions now contracted by the VA to help serve VASH applicants. The VA has a wide range of resources for Veterans who are eligible for VA healthcare. Some of those services range from Intensive Case Management, Mental and Physical Healthcare, Medication Management, and Adult Day Care Services. NDVets supportive service staff will be providing or will refer to a 3rd party, all enhanced services for the veteran resident



Enhanced Services

1. Intensive Case Management (NDVets and VA)
2. Resident Service Coordination (NDVets)
3. Physical Healthcare (VA and AltaMed)
4. Mental Healthcare (VA and AltaMed)
5. Substance Use Services (VA and AltaMed)
6. Education Services and Linkages (NDVets)
7. Employment Services (JVS SoCal)
8. Outplacement Linkages (NDVets)
9. Life Skills Training (NDVets)
10. Representative Payee (ROGSI)
11. Peer Support and Advocacy (NDVets and VA)
12. Legal Assistance (Inner City La Center)
13. Medication Management Services (VA and AltaMed)
14. Attendant Care (VA and AltaMed)
15. Adult Day Care Services (VA and Alta Med)
16. Harm Reduction (NDVets)
17. Housing Retention/Eviction Prevention (NDVets)
18. Social and Recreational Activities (NDVets)
19. Green Education Services (NDVets)
20. Security Deposit/Move-in Cost (NDVets and SSVF)
21. Money Management Services (NDVets)
22. Transportation Assistance (NDVets)
23. Parenting Education (NDVets)
24. Child Care Linkages (NDVets)
25. Domestic Violence and Military Victims of Sexual Trauma Support (NDVets)
26. Food Bank/Meal Support (NDVets)
27. Gardening Therapy (NDVets)
28. End of Life Counseling (NDVets)

Questions/Contact Info

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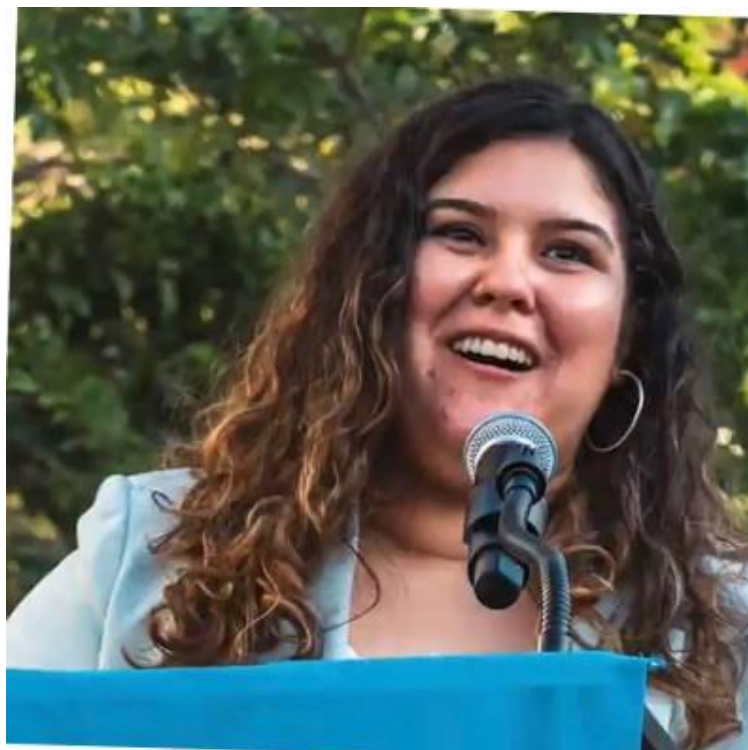


About Me: As an advocate for veterans, I brings over 21 years of leadership experience, including 10 years in Special Operations in the United States Army. I am a OIF/OEF veteran who achieved the rank of Staff Sargent, while serving as a Special Operations Task Force-Alpha (SOT-A) team leader. With a BS in Criminal Justice and his Masters of Science in Criminology, I have been focusing on PTSD and criminal behavior, and I self published a book for my thesis called “Heroes in Handcuffs – Police, PSTD and De-escalation”. Now I built veteran housing, and make sure our heroes get the services they need!



WE CANT DO IT ALONE, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Immigration Update



Elizabeth Alva-Rajakumar, Sr. Staff Attorney
Jenesse Center, Inc.
LA VAWA Network



The LA VAWA NETWORK of Los Angeles and Orange Counties

Presents

**15th Annual
U Visa Certifier Roundtable**

Working in partnership to strengthen support for
immigrant survivors





WHAT'S NEXT?

EXPLORING POST ELECTION PROPOSALS TO IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Join the Jenesse Center for a conversation
on proposed changes to immigration.

November 21st 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Webinar: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87453724437?
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS



Let Us Know How We Did



**MONTHLY MEETING
SURVEY LINK:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8MC8V9>

Thank you!



LOOKING FORWARD

- ❑ There will NOT be a General Membership meeting in November 2024.

- ❑ We are finalizing our 2025 meeting calendar and meeting dates will be available before end of December 2024.

- ❑ For more information on this and other DVC meetings:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dvcouncil/calendar/calendar.htm>