



**Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 739 (7th Floor)  
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**Minutes of July 17, 2018**

**1. Call to Order/Introductions - Joanne K. Baeza, Chair**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Baeza at 12:15 p.m. Chair Baeza invited the Domestic Violence Council (DVC) and members of the public to introduce themselves.

**2. Approval of the June 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

On motion of Chair Baeza, seconded by Giovanna Martinez, this item was approved.

**3. Introduction of New Domestic Violence Council Executive Director**

Chair Baeza introduced Eve Sheedy as the new Los Angeles County Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Council. Ms. Sheedy expressed her gratitude to the DVC Board and the Department of Public Health for their support in moving the DVC forward. She provided brief comments on a holistic approach to domestic violence and the opportunity to create a space for everyone to come together.

In addition, Ms. Sheedy highlighted that her start date is August 13, 2018 and her plan is to work with County departments, programs and the community. She announced that the September 2018 meetings will be located in the City of Alhambra and encouraged attendees to contact her directly to continue discussions.

**4. Announcements**

Ellen Eiden, Department of Public Health, reminded the DVC that there are no meetings scheduled in August 2018 and provided a brief overview of the meeting location for September 2018. An email notification will be distributed.

Mieko Failey announced that the LGBTQ Center in Long Beach provides support for survivors of violence and has hired two new staff.

5. **Presentation: “Sexual Coercion in Domestic Violence Relationships”**  
**Presenter: Gail Pincus, Executive Director, Domestic Abuse Center**

Gail Pincus, Domestic Abuse Center, and Sarah Reisman, Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, provided an overview of the intersection of sexual assault and domestic violence and how they are treated differently. They discussed coerced situations and provided statistical information related to assaults that occur by someone an individual knows and the psychological impact that overlaps with domestic violence.

6. **Presentation: “CalFresh and Domestic Violence”**  
**Presenter: Lola L Nevez, Department of Public Social Services**

Mariel Reguindin, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) provided information regarding a California Department of Social Services domestic violence policy that benefits victims of domestic violence living in shelters and their eligibility to apply for CalFresh.

In addition, information related to diaper allowances through CalWORKs was clarified. Additional information will be available in various languages on the DPSS website located under the Outreach tab.

7. **Open Discussion on Immigration**

Kate Marr updated members on filings pertaining to U-Visas and T-Visas denials

8. **July 12 2018 Executive Board Meeting Report**

Chair Baeza provided an update that prior DVC activities may be planned at a future date. This item was taken out of order.

9. **Committee Reports**

Committee for Systems Improvement Meeting - Co-Chairs Gail Pincus, Rachelle Neshkes

No written report submitted

- Judge in Chatsworth Courthouse was transferred to Santa Monica

Immigration Committee – Co-Chairs, Kate Marr, Ardalan Zamani

No written report submitted

- Update on U-Visas and T-Visa filings

LGBT Issues - Co-Chairs, Mieko Failey, Giovanna Martinez

No written report submitted

- Increase shelters across Los Angeles County.
- Discuss an LGBTQ specific awareness month event
- Work on Advocacy

Legislative Issues – Co-Chairs, Nancy Volpert, Debbie Ramirez

No written report submitted

- The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2018

Religion and DV – Co-Chair s, Bernita Walker, Donna Derden

No written report submitted

- The committee is working on meeting with community clergy members on July 24, 2018

Shelter Directors – Co-Chairs, Patima Komolamit, Tatiana Dorman

No written report submitted

- Update and modernize their tracking system

**10. Matters not on the Posted Agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda).**

No matters were presented.

**11. 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**

No members of the public addressed the DVC.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

**ATTENDEES PRESENT July 17, 2018**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
1736 Family Crisis Center	Escobar, Pablo
ABIP	Lokey, Sally
ABIP, Another Way	Evans, Kendall
Amancer Community Counseling Service	Quintero, Carlos
Antelope Valley DVC/Valley Oasis	Perkins, Kim
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA	Kwon, (Dana) Yeon Joo
Calif. Hispanic Comm. on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Cramer, Marcella
Cambodian Association of America	Man, Danychea
Cambodian Association of America	Neth, Sovanna
Central District California	Chou, Jennifer
Children's Institute, Inc.	Ramirez, Debbie
City of L.A. - Mayor's Office	Smith, Chanel
Community Legal Services	Marr, Kate
Department of Mental Health	Esparza, Carrie
Domestic Abuse Center	Pincus, Gail
DVP of CFC	Rodriguez, Julia
Foothill Family	Rivera, Mariela
Good Neighbors	Bell, George
Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law	Smith, Lisa
Haven Hills Inc.Domestic Violence shelter	Aguero, Karen
House of Ruth	Mason, Kimberly
Institute of Multicultural Ed. & Couns.	Becerra, Beatrice
Jenesse Center	Alvarez, Bryon
Jenesse Center	Rodas, Dulce
Jenesse Center, Inc.	Derden, Donna
JFSLA/Haven House	Trinidad, Teresa
LA Center for Law & Justice	Retsman, Sarah

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Paloma-Alanis, Mercedes
Los Angeles County D.A. Office	Baeza, Joanne
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	LaRose, Lisa
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Eidem, Ellen
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Sheedy, Eve
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Zapata, Carmen
Los Angeles County DHR	Hall, Maryetta
Los Angeles County DPSS	Munoz, Roger
Los Angeles County DPSS	Nevarez, Lola
Los Angeles County DPSS	Reguindin, Mariel
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Garret, Carolyn
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)	Cortes, Cristina
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County	Goldman, Amy
Niswa Association, Inc.	Ibrahim, Shamim
Office of Samoan Affairs	Garibay, Stephanie
One Justice	Palzes, Mike
Para Los Ninos	Carmona, Erika
Peace Over Violence	Deukmedjia, Terese
Prototypes	Soofi, Olivia
Rainbow Services	Gordon, Judith
SCADP Inc. Angel Step	Herrera, Karin
SFVCMHC, Inc.	Hulbert, Giselle
Sojourn	Butler, Pat
Strength United	Garcia, Laura
Su Casa	Lopez, Liliana
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Tijani, Yetunde
The LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Failey, Mieko
Valley Oasis/AVDVC	Moran, Nathalie

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
West Covina Police Dept.	Franklin, Diane
WomenShelter of Long Beach	Dorman, Tatiana
YWCA Glendale	Chavez, Ariana
YWCA WINGS	Velasco, Christy
	Heston, Angie
	Prado, Joyce