



**Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council  
General Meeting  
900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra Room  
Alhambra, CA 91803**

**Minutes of January 21, 2020**

**1. Announcements and Introductions**

Eve Sheedy, DVC Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Update/Comments from Executive Director**

Eve Sheedy reported the following updates:

- An ad hoc DV-DCFS committee meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2020.
- Ms. Sheedy will post response to the Board of Supervisors' motion regarding DV forensic exams when final.
- A Law Enforcement Workgroup is being planned to establish countywide best practices for law enforcement. The Workgroup is not part of the DVC, but is organized by the office of the DVC as part of the Public Health Department.
- Three (3) joint meetings with the Los Angeles City DV Alliance are planned for this year: March, May and October.
- Ms. Sheedy is working on a process to provide stipends to survivors for attending/participating in meetings, committee work and other projects. The stipends will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

**3. Immigration Update**

Gloria Martinez presented an immigration update.

- A new law requires a 30-day response time to U-Visa requests for certification.
- Van Nuys immigration court is now open.
- The injunction against the public charge rule is still in effect. Clients can still apply for fee waivers. (NOTE: This has changed.)
- Fees are increased for certain immigration applications.

**4. Policy Update**

Marci Fukuroda presented a policy update.

- The California budget was released and includes \$20.6 million for domestic violence agencies funded through Domestic Violence Assistance Program (DVAP).
- The Little Hoover Commission is examining the State's response to intimate partner violence (IPV). An advisory meeting is being held on January 24, 2020.
- Federal funding through September 2020 has been approved by Congress. The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) increased to \$175 million and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding increased slightly from the

prior fiscal year. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding decreased from \$3.5 billion to \$2.64 billion.

**5. Presentation**

The Current Landscape of Technology-Enabled Abuse

Presenter: Adam Dodge, CEO, EndTAB (Ending Technology-Enabled Abuse)

Mr. Dodge provided an overview of technology-enabled abuse. The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period. Resources from the presentation will be posted to the DVC website:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dvcouncil/minutes/minutes.htm>.

**6. Committee Reports**

Committee reports will be posted on the website:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dvcouncil/minutes/minutes.htm>

- Committee of System Improvements (see Attachment I)
- Health Committee (see Attachment II)
- LA Regional Policy Committee (see Attachment III)
- LGBTQ Issues Committee (see Attachment IV)
- Religion and DV Issues Committee
- Shelter Directors Issues Committee (see Attachment V)

**7. Public Comments – No public comments**

**8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**

**ATTENDEES PRESENT**

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
1736 Family Crisis Center	Powell, Dalena
1736 Family Crisis Center	Swanson, Katherine
ABIP	Evans, Kendall
Amanecer	Schmidt, Janeth
CARECEN	Martinez, Gloria
Child & Family Center	Krysta Warfield
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Brown, Nikki
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Neshkes, Rachelle
Domestic Abuse Center	Pincus, Gail
Downtown Women's Center	Ortega, Cyndia
East LA Women's Center	Kappos, Barbara
Foothill Family	Rivera, Mariela
Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law	Slater, Heidi
Haven Hills	Aguero, Karen
Healthright 360 / Prototypes	Monterosa, Aimee
Hospitality Training Academy	McGee, Tracy
House of Ruth	Bell, Pat
House of Ruth	Mason, Kimberly
Human Services Association	Martinez, Giovanna
Human Services Association	Orozco, Cassandra
Human Services Association	Reyes, Yvonne
Human Services Association	Vargas, Stacie
IMCES	Cartagena, Jaime
Interval House	Webb, Nabila
Jenesse Center	Forrest, Kate
Jenesse Center	Grande, Raquel
Jenesse Center	Youssef, Karen
Jewish Family Service	Lainer, Hannah
Jewish Family Service	Reiner, Sharon
LA City Attorney's Office	Dhawan, Pallavi
LA City Police Department	Sadanaga, Marie
LA County DA	Geltz, Ron
LA County DMH	Beaubien, Nicole
LA County DMH	Esparza, Carrie
LA County DPH	Cooper, Jolene
LA County DPH	Eidem, Ellen
LA County DPH	Madrid, Niki
LA County DPH	Sheedy, Eve
LA County DPH	Zapata, Carmen
LA County DPSS	Nguyen, Monica
LA County DPSS	Torrico, Sergio
LA County Sheriff's Dept.	Cliver, Shawn
LAFLA	Davis, Lisa

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Jenkins, Alex
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Julianna Lee
Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice	Gaskin, Phallen
Maddox & Associates	Maddox, James
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA Co.	Flores, Yeymi
Niswa Association	Hamdi, Farah
Office of Samoan Affairs	Papanian, Odette
Para Los Ninos	Carmona, Erika
Peace Over Violence	Deukmedjia, Terese
Project Peacemakers	Walker, Bernita
Rainbow Services	Dorman, Tatiana
Rainbow Services	Escalante, Carielle
Rainbow Services	Marci Fukuroda
SAHARA	Alamshaw, Katy
SGPD	Martine, Marisol
Sojourn	Butler, Pat
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence	Maya, Jocelyn
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Tijani, Yetunde
The People Concern	Whack, Stephanie
The Whole Child	Garza, Laura Elena
WCCS	Santillan, Arturo
West Covina Police Department	Franklin, Diane
Women Shelter of Long Beach	Settle, Letticia
Women Shelter of Long Beach	Diamond, Sandie
YWCA Glendale	Chavez, Ariana
YWCA Glendale	Zananiri, Eleny
YWCA of San Gabriel Valley	Velasco, Christy

## **ATTACHMENT I**

### **COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

**900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra Room**

**Alhambra, CA 91803**

**Co-Chairs: Rachelle Neshkes and Gail Pincus**

### **REPORT**

Discussion of Emerging issues with CSI Guest Deputy Cliver of LA Sheriff's Department. We discussed service and enforcement of ROs and EPOs. We discussed the proof of oral form that Suzi Ferrell had been working on for law enforcement. Law enforcement alone can orally serve a RO so it would only be used by law enforcement. We discussed the reemergence of the parental alienation claims against survivors. We discussed the difficulty that litigants have in seeking contempt due to its status as a quasi-criminal matter and the respondent's right to counsel as a result of the potential for jail time. It is very difficult to prove all elements of contempt and Gail believes this may be an opportunity for legislative change. We discussed the issues we are having all throughout the county with clerks giving inconsistent information about whether or not victims can maintain a confidential address on their RO pleadings. We discussed recent family law experiences with Judges trying to transfer cases to Dependency Court and leaving litigants in limbo when that "transfer" is unsuccessful. Other courtroom experiences included a Judge giving custody to a grandparent who had not been joined to the case (nor had sought joinder.) Family Law Coalition will be meeting with Supervising Judge of Family Law, Judge Riff on February 20. Gail will be in touch with Ron regarding restrictions that Death Review has for inviting legal aid staff to the meetings, and whether or not that can be changed. Gail also notes that there is a problem with preserving declarations in old RO cases. The next meeting will follow the February DV Council meeting.

## **ATTACHMENT II**

### **HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

**900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra Room**

**Alhambra, CA 91803**

**Co-Chairs: Kate Marr, Ana Interiano, Barbara Kappos**

### **REPORT**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am and all attendees introduced themselves by sharing their interest in the committee and their current work at the intersection of health and domestic violence.

The group reviewed the survey results from last October's Beyond Silos Symposium and discussed next steps. The group discussed moving forward with a survey that will go out to all shelters and domestic violence service providers to determine what work they are doing around health care, what kind of partnership models exist in the county, and what resources they would find most helpful. The Department of Public Health will provide us with a list of domestic violence service providers in the county that receive county funding for survey distribution. They will also provide us with a list of county-funded medical facilities that we can distribute the survey too. The survey will also include questions about barriers faced by survivors in accessing care.

The group also discussed other potential priorities for the committee going forward. Those included: training for health care providers, developing evaluation tools to measure success of partnerships, and working on county-wide policy changes that can improve health outcomes for domestic violence survivors.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

## ATTACHMENT III

### LOS ANGELES REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 16, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

1550 W 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA

Co-Chairs: Nancy Volpert and Minty Siu-Kootnikoff

### REPORT

Call to Order and Introductions by Nancy Volpert

#### I. 2020 Legislation

##### a. State

Nancy shares handout from CPEDV on 2020 California State Budget and Policy Advocacy, which includes the legislative calendar and key deadlines. The handout also includes an overview of the federal budget process.

Nancy explains that we are in the second year of a two-year session. 2-year bills rolled over from last year have to be out by the end of January, and new bills have an introduction deadline of February 21, 2020. The legislative session runs from now until the end of August. Governor's budget was recently released with no earmarked prevention funds. Between now and May 10th, interested parties will negotiate with the Governor to change and update, then on May 10th, the Governor will offer a new budget. The legislature then has until June 15 to approve a new budget.

As in previous years, there will be a bill chart maintained to track bills we have an interest in. All persons who previously had access to the bill chart will automatically get access this year. Anyone who is new or needs access can contact Nancy at [nvolpert@jfla.org](mailto:nvolpert@jfla.org) to get access to the Google Doc, which is updated monthly, not contemporaneously. The bill chart and the list of bills we follow is very broad, includes law enforcement related, social services related, legal.

##### b. Federal

Most significant federal issue is that VAWA has yet to be reauthorized. If you are interested getting more updates, you can join CPEDV (membership required for listserv); or access [NNEDV.org](http://NNEDV.org) (no membership required). Stephanie also offered information about human trafficking through her listserv, [California Anti-Trafficking Collaborative](#).

A deal has been reached to fund the federal government at existing levels, but for a nominal decrease in federal Victim of Crime funding.

##### c. Local

Elizabeth Eastlund is working on HAP funds for Housing First money.

## II. New Laws Presentation at DVC

There will be a new laws presentation for DVC on 2/18/2020. If you have new legislation you want reviewed at that presentation, please email Minty at [msiu-kootnikoff@thepeopleconcern.org](mailto:msiu-kootnikoff@thepeopleconcern.org). Laws mentioned for discussion included SB273 new POST training, SB1482 on new protections for tenants, and the expansion of CalVCB benefits

## III. Discussion of CPEDV Issues – led by Marci Fukuroda

### a. CPEDV and the distribution of state level funding

- i. CPEDV wishes to push for more funding, and for funding beyond the 100+ shelters currently DVAP funded, Marci leads discussion on what should be the criteria for the expanded eligibility: proposed criteria included: need to serve underserved communities, definition of underserved may vary geographically, % of work dedicated to dv services, length of time in field, ability to fulfill prior grants, % of clients who are DV victims
- ii. Submit comment to CPEDV by Friday, 1/17/2020

### b. Little Hoover Commission

- i. CPEDV solicits comment by Friday 1/17/2020 to convey to the Little Hoover Commission on how the state can do better in supporting DV services. Terra Slavin and Elizabeth Eastlund to speak. Recommendations included: housing services beyond Housing First, the importance of shelter, legal services vocational training, emergency legal services, adequately funding shelters to remain in compliance with state labor laws, flex funds, and the importance of Data Privacy.

### c. Input about New Policy Council Structure

- i. Although comment is vital, subject passed due to time.

## IV. No public comments offered.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 10 – 11:30 am.

Adjournment



## **ATTACHMENT IV**

### **LGBTQ ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**1000 S. Fremont Ave., Room 573**

**Alhambra, CA 91803**

**Co-Chairs: Mieko Failey and Giovanna Martinez**

### **REPORT**

We discussed emerging issues and had a lengthy discussion. This included barriers to house, access to shelter, need for increased training, need for increased LGBTQ specific funding, youth specific issues, intersection of domestic and sexual violence, police reports could improve re LGBTQ community members, and others.

We discussed the goals for next year. Mary Case volunteered to assist Gio and Mieko with putting together goals. These goals will be brought back to the group at the next meeting.

## ATTACHMENT V

**SHELTER DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**  
**900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra Room**  
**Alhambra, CA 91803**  
**Co-Chairs: Patima Komolamit and Tatiana Dorman**

### REPORT

1. Welcome & Introductions – Tatiana Dorman, Co-Chair
  - a. Committee members and special guest presenter introduced themselves
2. Announcements were shared:
  - a. Open positions
  - b. Space availability at ES and TS sites
3. Updates were provided
4. Discussion and Voting for new Shelter Director’s Committee Co-Chairs
  - a. The committee elected two new co-chairs:
    - i. Araceli Patino, Dir. of Housing Programs, Rainbow Services
    - ii. Sandi Diamond, Supportive Housing Coordinator, WomenShelter of Long Beach
5. Special Presentation from LAFLA Attorney Alexi Jenkins
  - a. LAFLA started the Adopt-a-Shelter program in 2018 to reach more domestic violence survivors and provide critical legal help. LAFLA ‘s Adopt-a-Shelter program brings our legal services directly to partner shelters to enhance collaborative community efforts. Each shelter is assigned a LAFLA attorney, who will hold monthly clinics at local shelters across Greater Los Angeles and offer clients legal advice, retain cases for representation, and give referrals.
6. Public Comments were shared
  - a. Shelter
  - b. Funding
7. Next meeting in April 2020
8. Adjournment