

Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee
January 16, 2020
1550 W 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Co-Chairs: Nancy Volpert and Minty Siu-Kootnikoff

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@jfsla.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 (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. 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