

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee
January 20, 2022
Meeting via Zoom

Introductions of co-chairs and by chat function

Introductions of Nicholle Perras, interim ED of DVC, and of Isabel Checas

No formal updates on the search for a new ED, paperwork is still pending with the county, but most things in Department are on hold due to the Omicron surge

Announcements: Google doc bill chart has not yet been set up for 2022. All who had access to the 2021 Bill Chart will get access to the 2022 Bill Chart. If you are new or otherwise haven't had access and want access, please contact Davina dcohanghadosh@jfla.org, or Nancy or Minty for access.

2022 Legislative Process: Nancy presented on the 2022 state legislative process, including legislative deadlines. A copy of the PPT is attached herewith.

State policies:

-Gov Newsom sets a budget with \$45B in excess funds. There is a request for \$50M for DV/SA that was not expressly included in this budget. The request will need to be supported by advocacy.

-Also note that redistricting was completed late last year, so there will be new districts, overlapping old districts, moving, retirements, etc. For example, Hertzberg will be running for Supervisor. The challenge is that having people and allies in place matter, if we lose our advocates, we have to start all over educating them. For more information, you can read about this issue in Politico, CalMatters and LAist. There will be a number of elections in 2022, including the June primary and November general. Later this year, we will talk about survivor voter participation, but expect 2023 to be about education of legislators.

- as to last year's 2 years bills that are still around, Carielle "volunteers" to research the status of the rent relief bill, FreeFrom will be invited to talk about the consumer bill, and work on the child welfare bill continues.

-if you have bills or legislation you want us to include and follow on the bill chart, please let us know. Nancy specifically asks the DA, CA, LAPD and Mayors office to keep us up to date on anything they are sponsoring or following.

Federal policies

-Free Covid tests are available upon request – 4 per residential address, no immigration checks or insurance information required

-VAWA has still not yet passed

Local policies

-City Report from Chanel Smith: Budget meetings will begin in Feb. We requested level funding for DV and HT Shelter system, Survivor First, and the FJC Restraining order clinic. There was an increase to crisis to Shelter that is fully funded out of CDBG. This increase is due to the rise in hotel costs. In addition to the general fund, we are requesting funding for Survivor First out of CDBBT and Measure H to cover all of our bases and ensure ongoing funding.

-Nothing new to report from County, except that there are Covid testing updates and pick up tests are available from County.

Emerging Issues

June 20 is the deadline to put ballot measures on the November general election ballot
Medical Mandated Reporting – presentation by Kate Vander Tuig and Anisa Ali from Futures without Violence

New laws training will be offered on February 15, 2022

Amanda is in communication with CA regarding Sheriff Service legislative proposal AB3234 fixes gets passed until February

Julia says she submitted public comment on the paraprofessional issue, with many sign-ons

Restorative Justice conversation – needs to be held, but we may not be the best forum, Nicolle and Isabel working on it and Jerilyn volunteers to help

Matters Not Posted on the Agenda to discuss next time

Roman raises LA Courts & Survivors to be discussed next month (however, comment made that this is not a legislative issue and may be better raised at CSI)

Amanda is collecting stories & anecdotes on e-filing problems, please send stories her way. amanda@laci.org

No public comment

Final announcements:

Please submit agenda items by first week of February to be included on February agenda, we must comply with Brown Act

We met remotely because DVA determined that the covid emergency continues.

Next meeting is scheduled for **February 17, 2022.**