



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

Minutes of April 16, 2019

1. Announcements and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Eve Sheedy at 12:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Ron Geltz made a motion to approve the February 2018 minutes and was seconded. The motion carried with no nays or abstentions. Ron Geltz made a motion to approve the March 2018 minutes and was seconded. The motion carried with no nays or abstentions.

3. Update/Comments from Executive Director

Ms. Sheedy reported the following updates:

- Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources released an internal training video about Domestic Violence Awareness, and it has already garnered 15,050 views.
- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) is creating an Office of Violence Prevention.
- The County and DPH have a commitment to addressing DV that goes beyond the DVC. Other offices, including the Office of Women's Health (OWH), have been and continue to work on the issue. The County is dedicated to raising the profile of DV and providing support and services.

4. Immigration Update

- Processing for VAWA and U-Visas may take additional 6 to 7 months. There is an increased risk of removal to survivors whose U-Visa applications are denied. Accordingly, practitioners have to consider the risks of removal when providing advice to survivors.
- Public charge is still pending. Clients should still apply, but contact an agency for advice on a case-by-case basis due to greater risk of removal.
- Withdrawal of U-Visa petition triggers possibility of removal proceedings.

5. Presentation: Creative Interventions

Speaker: Mimi E. Kim

Creative Interventions & California State University, Long Beach

Dr. Kim provided an overview of her work and her organization, Creative Interventions. She discussed addressing DV within the criminal justice system, why that occurred and the impact it has on people of color and others. She discussed moving responses to DV out of the criminal justice system through the application of restorative justice and other models. She also engaged attendees in a storytelling experience of a domestic violence

survivor and split into small group discussions to explore the issues raised. People accompanying Dr. Kim discussed their organization called “Survived and Punished.”

The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

6. **Committee Reports** – Written reports are attached.
 - Shelter Directors and Health Committees met today. The written reports will be submitted next month.
7. **Public Comments** – No comments
8. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES PRESENT APRIL 16, 2019

Organization	Name
1736 Family Crisis Center	Swanson, Katherine
ABIP	Evans, Kendall
Amanecer Community Counseling Service	Schmidt, Janeth
Angel Step Inn	Cano, Anna
Antelope Valley DVC/Valley OASIS (AVDVC)	Hernandez, Vanessa
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	Tse, Henry
Cambodian Association of America	Man, Danychea
Center for the Pacific Asian Family	Komolamit, Patima
Child & Family Center	Smith Shanteu
Child & Family Center	Warfield, Krysta
Community Legal Services	Coleman, Jason
Community Legal Services	Maleki, Mahsa
Downtown Womens Center	Ortega, Cynthia
East Los Angeles Women's Center	Melendez, Rebeca
East Los Angeles Women's Center	Perez, Elizabeth
East Los Angeles Women's Center	Poncze, Elizabeth
First to Serve	Lujan, Melissa
Foothill Family	Rivera, Mariela
Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law	Slater, Heidi
Haven Hills	Aguero, Karen
Helpline Youth Counseling	Nunez, Vanesa
House of Ruth	Mason, Kimberly
Human Services Association	Arellano, Christina
Human Services Association	Garcia, Cindy
Institute of Multicultural Ed. & Couns. (IMCES)	Cartagena, Jaime
Jenesse Center	Carter, Jasmine
Jenesse Center	Forrest, Kate
Jewish Family Service	Cesar, Nikky
Jewish Family Service	Reiner, Sharon
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Lee, Julianna
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Quevedo, Dominique
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Martinez, Giovanna
Little Tokyo Service Center	Lee, Vivian
Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice	Wang, Arianne
Los Angeles City Mayor's Office	Smith, Chanel
Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) DVP	Rondon, Sara
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors - 2nd District	Cropper, Porsha
Los Angeles County CDC/Housing Authority	Lindsay, Betsy
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	Esparza, Carrie
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Baldwin, Susie

Organization	Name
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Cooper, Jolene
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Eidem, Ellen
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Madrid, Niki
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Martinez, Erika
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Perras, Nicolle
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Sheedy, Eve
Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	Mizell-Burt, Jackie
Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	Nevarez, Lola
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office	Geltz, Ron
Los Angeles County Probation Department	Schoengarth, Jim
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Cabrera, Naomi
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Garcenila, Ria
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Garret, CeeCee
Los Angeles Police Department	Sadanaga, Marie
Neighborhood Legal Services of L.A.County	Goldman, Amy
Neighborhood Legal Services of L.A.County	Quiterio, Alyssa
Niswa Association	Islam, Sami
Para Los Ninos	Carmona, Erika
Peace Over Violence	Deukmedjia, Terese
Peace Over Violence	Kung, Chris
Policy Clinic	Gant, Sybil
Project Peacemakers	Walker, Bernita
Prototypes	Gaskin, Phallen
Rainbow Services	Eastland, Elizabeth
Rainbow Services	Escalante, Carielle
Rainbow Services	Jepsen, Brooke
San Fernando Valley CMHC (SFVCMHC, Inc.)	Hulbert, Giselle
Skid Row From a Woman's Perspective	Shaw, Suzette
Sojourn	Butler, Pat
South Asian Helpline & Referral Agenday (SAHARA)	Alamshaw, Katy
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence	Hunter, April
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence	Lopez, Liliana
Survived & Punished	Bierria, Alisa
Survived & Punished	Lenz, Colby
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Tijani, Yetunde
West Covina Police Department	Franklin, Diane
YWCA Glendale	Zananiri, Eleny

COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee Meeting, March 21, 2019**

Introductions and Announcements – Call to Order by Nancy Volpert

With appreciation to Julianna Lee for the space; and

With appreciation to Marci Fukuroda for the treats from Portos

Thanks to Hannah Lanier and Marci for updating the bill chart

The Bill Chart is available through Nancy, please contact her if you do not already have access to the Google Doc.

2019 Legislation: State

Following up from last month's bill chart assignments (*new to chart*):

AB 4 pass/CPEDV is supporting

AB11 not monitored/referred to committee

AB12 Gail/pass

AB14 Kim/no new info

AB24 Amy/pass to April

AB53 Chris/onus is on landlord, no requirement that the tenant disclose status, works as a protection for those not convicted, for those who only had juvenile offenses, part of the trend to ban-the-box, tenant could not be denied housing for having a civil RO/CPEDV is supporting/monitoring to continue

AB61 Gail/pass

AB67 Nancy/significant revisions have been made since last meeting/Eve to collect more information on this topic at the DVHomelessness Funding Committee/continue to monitor

AB122 Marci/Marci expresses CPEDV concern that the language is too broad/RJ expresses concern about limitation to effective prosecution

AB164 Lesley/RJ states that no concerns from DA's office in regards to this bill

AB166 Eve/pass to April

AB171 Eve to follow/CPEDV is supporting

AB196 Amy/pass to April

AB339 Marie/regards academy training to start in 2021

AB340 Lesley/no objections from Das office in regards to this bill

AB381 Judith/passed committee on 3/19, amended, and then re-referred to Appropriations

AB433 Marci/CPEDV will support

AB445 Marci/CPEDV is supporting

AB455 Minty/off of consent calendar, scheduled for hearing on April 2

AB573 Diane/passed to April/CPEDV is monitoring

AB624 Melody/CPEDV is supporting

AB628 Eve/passed to April/CPEDV is supporting

AB668 Eleny/counterpart to SB31/CPEDV is supporting/brief discussion on enforcement

AB800 Julianna/pass to April/CPEDV is monitoring

AB917 Marie/discussion that this bill is worth monitoring, but not necessarily supporting/concern that mere 30-day period to respond will result in unnecessary denials/CPEDV is supporting

AB925 Minty/pass to April/CPEDV is supporting
AB960 Nancy/Hannah/pass to April/CPEDV is supporting
AB1029 Marcy/new language distributed by Marci, bill now involves enhancing training, if you have comments please forward directly to Marci
AB1129 Chris/pass to April
SB18 Julianna/finds nothing objectionable and will continue to monitor
SB31 Eleny/prevents ICE from arresting inside courtrooms/continue to monitor
SB36 Marci/pass to April
SB48 Carielle/language has completely changed, and seems vague/continue to monitor
SB135 Amy/pass to April
SB316 Melody/pass to April
SB360 RJ/pass to April

2019 Legislation: Federal

The presidential budget has been put out; Congress does not necessarily adopt, and has not done so in decades; Congress controls the pursestrings. Negotiations continue.

Three competing VAWA bills, support and thanks to Karen Bass for co-authoring (1) VAWA reauthorization bill with minor improvements, with new majority in house, there is hope for this bill; the other two versions are (2) VAWA straight renewal and (3) stripped down VAWA with protections for indigenous and LGBTQ victims stripped out. Hannah reminds us that while VAWA is usually bipartisan legislation, allowing us to direct energies elsewhere, this year is deserves attention and should not be taken for granted.

2019 Legislation: Local

Level funding for next year at \$5M; today is last ConPlan meeting and yesterday was last day to comment on Measure H funding; County has approved an Office of Violence Prevention within the Bureau of Health.

Emerging Issues topic

Discussion of CPEDV and lack of representation of Los Angeles region

Next meeting to be held April 18 (3rd Thursday of month), but same location.
Meeting adjourned.

2. LGBTQI+ Issues Committee Meeting, April 9, 2019

I. Introductions

- a. Name, organization and whether you are part of an LGBTQI+ organization.

II. Announcements

- a. Long Beach pride in May 17, 18, 19 (if you would like to walk the LGBTQI+ Center Long Beach)

III. Emerging Issues- what are your experiences working with LGBTQI+

- a. National working group for model code adopted by the ABA Providing LGBTQ specific custody and parentage. Connecting with organizations LGBTQI+
- b. Visit to Tijuana caravan. LGBTQ Shelters. Need for more LGBTQ immigration resources. (immigration assistance-under resourced)
- c. Under resourcing for LGBTQ specific programming
- d. Under resourced LGBTQ Specific training

- IV. Skipped announcement on gender neutral restrooms for next meeting.
- V. Working group—edits of the word document
- VI. Public comments – none

3. Religion and DV Committee Meeting, March 26, 2019

On March 26, 2019 the DVC Religion and DV committee met at 1:15pm at PPMI headquarters. Present were Benita R Walker, Varsha N., JD, and Cecelia Walker. Member Donna Derden was unable to attend due to an office emergency.

(Note: If possible, we would like to move forward with, if permissible, 3 co-chairs. Three listed above. We are hopeful to increase our membership to this invaluable committee.)

Bernita opened with welcoming remarks. Bernita, Cecilia, Varsha had wonderful discussions and ideas about how to engage community leaders of interfaith backgrounds in being a part of this committee.

Our meeting agenda today included the following:

Emailing Places of Worship

Creating an emailing list of Faith worship locations in the North section of LA County. It was decided that we each would investigate avenues where this information can be found. We will email a prepared letter to each location with an invitation to attend a Community mtg to introduce the committee's focus and ask Faith community to define their understanding of DV and how it is viewed by the Faith Community. Bernita will be emailing draft letter to the committee for review. Cecilia and Varsha will research a list for Faith Based organizations in LA County. We are hoping that it can be used to attract Deputies and Officers.

Request to deliver brief presentation to DVC re: DV and Religion Committee

Due to the increase in attendees for the DVC, we would like to do a profile of the committee, and a request response from the audience. We would like to host our next committee meeting right after the conclusion of the next DVC meeting.

Hosting a Panel of Interfaith Leaders

Varsha is working on securing a central venue downtown to host a panel of speakers for this Fall. We are brainstorming ideas to host a panel of Interfaith speakers.