

Committee on System Improvement  
July 16, 2019

CSI revised our goals for 2019-2020 and plans to approve goals at our next meeting.

Goals:

(1) collaborate Sheriffs. We wish to discuss with them (a) ongoing issues related to service of process for TROs and (b) a need for consistent protocol throughout the county to ensure that Bailiffs to hold back the abuser after hearings so that the survivor can leave safely. (C) not taking RO reports - making prosecutorial decisions at law enforcement level. (D) locate a person who can help us get current EPO numbers.

(2) collaborate with the new DV Liaison for LAPD Marie Sadanaga to our committee meeting re: EPOs.

(3) Work with Judge Riff (Trent Lewis retiring 12/18/19) to try to get the DV Planning Group and Pro Per Provider Group meeting quarterly again. Discuss problem of victims who are being required to provide their confidential addresses in order to file a request for a DVRO throughout LA County.

(4) Work with FVAP, LACLJ and other agencies doing appellate work to support DV survivors to create case lists similar to FVAP's online list of DV cases <http://fvaplaw.org/cases-you-can-use-all/>. Advocates need more convenient ways to locate relevant cases and get tips on how to use those cases to educate the bench.

(5) Identify rebuttal arguments to Gatekeeping / Parental Alienation for survivors to use in court and create a guide that can be distributed to the DV Council.

(6) Track patterns of convicted perpetrators who continue to possess firearms irrespective of orders to the contrary, and laws in other jurisdictions that give teeth to these orders.

(7) Track problem of victims who are being required to provide their confidential addresses in order to file a request for a DVRO. (Discuss with Judge riff).

(8) Work with the leg issues committee to discuss need for expansion of laws that support survivors of domestic violence to the dependency and juvenile contexts, e.g. 3044. Raise the issue with those drafting legislation to ensure that laws going forward don't just apply in family court, but also in dependency and juvenile courts.