

Religion and DV Issues Committee Meeting

Minutes for April 27, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Co-chair Bernita Walker at 1:00pm. After some technical difficulties were resolved, Introductions found present co-chair Cecelia Walker, Deana Payne, Pat Templeton, Hong Zhao, Genevieve Clavreal, Katherine Yeom, Erika Sazo-Gonzalez, Anabel Martinez, Jill Kelly Rice, Brittany Cannon, Alejandra Perez, Stacie Vargas, Susan Delati, Guillermo Rivas, Kacey Truong, and Co-Chair, Varsha N.

Attendees introduced their Organization affiliation and shared their favorite musical.

Guest Speaker, Deana Payne of Good Shephard Shelter spoke to the group about points to consider when serving DV survivors of the Roman Catholic faith, informed us regarding misconceptions and stereotypes, and provided tips for Service Providers.

Matters not previously posted on the agenda: Bernita share her experience at two recently attended events. She provided a 10-hour training sponsored by L.A. Extreme Clergy Council, where one of the Pastors and two ministers from additional congregations also registered for the 40 hr training @ Project Peacemakers. Bernita provided a workshop for second event sponsored by Daughters Lives Matter, a faith-based group that advocates healthy father-daughter relationships.

Varsha shared detailed about next month's meeting - A representative from Korean American Family Services will be a guest speaker at the May meeting. Discussions will focus on learning more about the intersectionality around religion, culture, and domestic violence. Also, tips will be reviewed that may be useful when working with a client who identifies as being Korean or practices a faith associated with the Korean culture. Varsha also encouraged individuals to share/email ideas for future interfaith leaders as guest speakers and any specific topics and issues people would like to learn about in the context of DV & Religion.

Matters not on posted agenda to be presented and placed on future agenda-none

Public Comment-none

Next Meeting-May 25, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm