

The Interfaith Committee on Intimate Partner Violence

Minutes for July 25, 2023

I. Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Bernita Walker. Present were Co-chair Varsha N., Co-Chair Cecelia Walker, Lan Pham, Cynthia Hernandez, Melinda Oakley, Michael Pfeffer, Zeba Pamerni, Kelsey McKeever-Unger, Trisha Battish,

II. Attendees were invited to share their Title, organization affiliation, and share what meditation means to them.

III. GUEST SPEAKER: Varsha N., JD, “One in a Billion - Reflections on Indian Culture & the Hindu Religion”. Varsha shared reflections on the Indian culture and Hindu religion through interactive demonstrations illustrating importance of language, traditions of dress, religious practice, and perspectives on gender roles/expectations in relationships, including marriage.

Varsha also noted the lack of recognition of DV/IPV as a community/societal issue despite the high prevalence in India in general.

IV. Matters not posted on the agenda to be presented, and placed on future agenda: None

V. Public Comments: none

VI. Next meeting is September 24, 2023. No meeting in August (dark).

VII. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm