



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

Minutes of October 16, 2018

1. Introductions/Announcements

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director, Eve Sheedy, at 12:10 p.m.

All attendees introduced themselves.

Renee Sotile, Mary Jo Godges, and Margarita Sweet introduced themselves and spoke about their music video project, I Remember Nicole. They encouraged attendees to view the video and share it for marketing or outreach purposes in raising awareness of domestic violence.

2. Update/Comments from Executive Director

Ms. Sheedy reported the following updates:

- Ms. Sheedy met with the County's Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission is very supportive of the Domestic Violence Council (DVC) and may be a source of funding for the re-publication of "It Shouldn't Hurt to Go Home."
- Ms. Sheedy is a member of the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Conference Planning Committee. The conference is in February.
- Los Angeles County domestic violence shelter contracts are now being handled by the Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health (OWH). Ms. Sheedy conducted a domestic violence training for OWH.
- Ms. Sheedy is working on the Board report, which is due on November 13, 2018. Some of the items to be included in the report will be recommendations for committee restructuring, revising the bylaws, and broadening the DVC vision to include the voice of survivors and the community.

3. Committee Reports

Committee for Systems Improvement - Co-Chair Gail Pincus
No written report submitted

- No meeting in October
- Meeting schedule may be changing

Immigration Committee – Co-Chairs Kate Marr and Ardalan Zamani

No written report submitted

- These websites were suggested as good resources for immigration issues:
 - www.nilc.org
 - www.ilrc.org

LGBTQ Issues – Co-Chairs Giovanna Martinez and Mieko Failey

No written report submitted

- Met in October
- Discussed structure; will revise meetings from every other month to monthly starting in January
- A priority for next year is to have LGBTQ inclusive restrooms in all County buildings

LA Regional Policy Committee – Co-Chairs Debbie Ramirez and Nancy Volpert

No written report submitted

- Met in September
- The legislative committees of the City and County have combined with the PPRC committee of the statewide coalition – CPEDV. The new name of that collaboration is the LA Regional Policy Committee.
- Amongst the successes of advocacy is the increase in funding from the City and State
- No meeting in October
- Next meeting in November

Religion and DV – Co-Chairs Bernita Walker and Donna Derden

No written report submitted

- No meeting last month
- Finished public service announcement. It was shared on social media and had good response.
- Project Peacemakers had a good turnout for the Night of Remembrance, which was impactful and healing to the participants.

Shelter Directors – Co-Chairs Tatiana Dorman and Patima Komolamit

No written report submitted

- Met in October.
- Discussed options for a new integrated, more cohesive, web-based system for shelter bed availability.

4. Approval of the July 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

On motion of Ms. Sheedy, seconded by Bernita Walker, this item was approved.

5. Approval of the September 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

On motion of Ms. Sheedy, seconded by Bernita Walker, this item was approved with the following amendment to item #5, **Committee for Systems Improvement Meeting**:

- *Worked with the Sheriff's Department to create a department brochure on the issuance of emergency protective orders. The brochure is now in department-wide use as an official LA Sheriff's department publication.*

6. Recognition and Honors

Ms. Sheedy thanked Genethia Hudley-Hayes for her work on strengthening and providing a voice for the Domestic Violence Council in the County. Ms. Hudley-Hayes stated that she will continue to advocate for DVC budget and staffing increases and that Supervisor Kuehl fully supports the DVC.

Ms. Sheedy honored the DVC Executive Board and presented certificates of appreciation to the following members:

- Joanne Baeza
- Gail Pincus
- Nancy Volpert
- Giovanna Martinez
- Mieko Failey
- Bernita Walker
- Donna Derden
- Patima Komolamit
- Diane Franklin

These members were acknowledged but were not present:

- Ardalan Zamani
- Debbie Ramirez
- Kate Marr
- Pat Butler
- Rachelle Neshkes
- Tatiana Dorman

7. Celebrating Success and Sharing Challenges

Ms. Sheedy initiated a break-out session for groups to share their successes and accomplishments and to show pride in the work being done.

8. **Celebratory Snack**

Attendees were offered celebratory snacks in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and some donated items were raffled.

9. **Matters not on the Posted Agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda).**

No matters were presented.

10. **Public Comments - Not to exceed two minutes per person and must be on items of Interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council**

No members of the public addressed the DVC.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES PRESENT OCTOBER 16, 2018

Organization	Name
1736 Family Crisis Center	Magid, Brenda
ABIP, Another Way	Evans, Kendall
Advancing Justice LA	Tse, Henry Lo
Amancer Community Counseling Service	Quintero, Carlos
Angel Step Inn	Salcedo, Vibi
AVDVC	Crabson, Carol
AVDVC	Philbeck, Lizeth
Center for the Pacific Asian Family, Inc.	Komolamit, Patima
Clinica Romero	Jimenez, Jennifer
Community Legal Services	Asiedu-Akrofi , Terese
Community Legal Services	Coleman, Jason
Community Legal Services	Lozano, Mary
Domestic Abuse Center	Pincus, Gail
East Los Angeles Women's Center	Espinoza, Zara
First to Serve	Lujan, Melissa
Foothill Family	Rivera, Mariela
Good Neighbors USA	Bell, George
Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law	Smith, Lisa
Haven Hills, Inc.	Aguero, Karen
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Helpline Youth Counseling	Karay, Samantha
House of Ruth	Mason, Kimberly
Human Services Association	Garcia, Cindy
I remember Nicole	Godges, Mary Jo
I remember Nicole	Sotile, Renee
I remember Nicole	Sweet, Margarita
IMCES	Alm, Karen
Jenesse Center	Belt, Leslie
Jenesse Center	Bren, Alice
Jenesse Center	Derden, Donna
Jenesse Center	Forrest, Kate
Jewish Family Service	Rodriguez, Alejandra
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles	Volpert, Nancy
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Lee, Julianna
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Lee, Julianna
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Quevedo, Dominique
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Failey, Mieko
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Martinez, Giovanna
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Prado, Joyce

Organization	Name
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Robinson, Justin
Little Tokyo Service Center	Lee, Vivian
Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice	Wong, Arianne
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	McDonald, Carmen
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors	Hudley-Hayes, Genethia
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	Esparza, Carrie
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Baldwin, Susie
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	Martinez, Erika
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Sheedy, Eve
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Velasco, Lisa
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Zapata, Carmen
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office	Baeza, Joanne
Los Angeles County DPSS	Jaime, Wendy
Los Angeles County DPSS	Nevarez, Lola
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD)	Garrett, CeeCee
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)	Cortes, Cristina
Los Angeles LGBT Center - LAPS	Rojo, Ashley
Los Angeles Police Department	Sadanaga, Marie
MHALA Wellness Center	Ciriello, Helen
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County	Goldman, Amy
Office of Samoan Affairs	Papanian, Odette
Para Los Ninos	Carmona, Erika
Peace Over Violence	Deukmedjian, Terese
Peace Over Violence	K., Chris
Peace Over Violence	Kung, Chris
Peace Over Violence	V., Guadalupe
Project: Peacemakers	Walker, Bernita
Prototypes	Soofi, Olivia
Rainbow Services	Dion, Jane
Sahara	Neese, Marilyn
Santa Monica City Attorney's Office	Barreto, Halima
SFVCMHC, Inc.	Hulbert, Giselle
Su Casa	L., Liliana
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Tijani, Yetunde
Valley Family Center	Alanis, Mercedes
Valley Family Center	Villabla, Lorena
Valley Oasis	Love, Shirley
Valley Oasis	Perkins, Kim
West Covina Police Department	Franklin, Diane
YWCA Glendale	Gonzalez, Judith

Organization	Name
YWCA Glendale	Maddox, James
YWCA San Gabriel Valley Wings	Velasco, Christy