



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

Minutes of February 19, 2019

1. Announcements and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Eve Sheedy at 12:01 p.m.

2. Update/Comments from Executive Director

Ms. Sheedy reported the following updates:

- The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council (DVC) and Office of Women's Health (OWH) are conducting internal training to raise the profile of domestic violence.
- The Los Angeles County Commission for Women's annual "Breakfast Briefing" was last week.
- In March, the DVC will meet jointly with the Los Angeles City Domestic Violence Alliance at LAPD headquarters.

3. Immigration Update

- Public charge is still pending; individuals should not withdraw from services
- Immigration laws have not changed

4. Presentation: Data Is Your Friend

Speakers: Dr. Paul Simon, Chief Science Officer
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Dr. Rashmi Shetgiri, Chief of Health Assessment and Epidemiology
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Dr. Simon provided an overview of the data-driven process to protect and promote the public's health within Los Angeles County. Dr. Shetgiri provided an overview of the Los Angeles County Health Survey (LACHS). Presentation slides are posted on the DVC website on the [Agenda and Minutes](#) page.

5. Approval of the January 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

On motion of Kendall Evans, seconded by Marilyn Neece, this item was approved.

6. Committee Reports

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

- Written report submitted (Attachment I)

LGBTQ Issues

Co-Chairs Giovanna Martinez and Mieko Failey

- The LGBTQ Issues Committee is renaming their committee to LGBTQI+ Issues Committee
- The committee's mission statement is being updated
- The committee invites everyone to attend
- There will be no meeting in March; the next meeting is April 9

Health

Co-Chairs Kate Marr, Barbara Kappos, and Ana Interiano

- The Health Committee met today
- The committee is planning a health symposium to be held in October
- The committee invites everyone to attend
- The next meeting is April 16

Religion and DV

Co-Chairs Bernita Walker and (vacant)

- No report

Shelter Directors

Co-Chairs Tatiana Dorman and Patima Komolamit

- Written report submitted (Attachment II)

7. Networking/Breakout

Attendees broke out into groups to discuss data needs and challenges (Attachment III)

8. 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 comments

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES PRESENT FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Organization	Name
1736 Family Crisis Center	Swanson, Katherine
ABIP	Evans, Kendall
ABIP	Kenworth, Rick
ABIP	Lokey, Sally
Angel Step Inn	Salcedo, Vibi
Antelope Valley DVC/Valley OASIS (AVDVC)	Hernandez, Vanessa
Becky's Angels	Jimenez, Alyssa
Cambodian Association of America	Man, Danychea
Cambodian Association of America	Neth, Sovanna
Community Legal Services	Asiedu-Akrofi, Terese
Domestic Violence Center of Santa Clarita Valley	Karimzai, Nila
East Los Angeles Women's Center	Espinoza, Zara
East Los Angeles Women's Center	Perez, Elizabeth
Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley	Roberson, Karen
First to Serve	Lujan, Melissa
Foothill Family	Rivera, Mariela
FreeFrom	Durrence, Amy
Haven Hills	Aguero, Karen
Healthright 360 (formerly PROTOTYPES)	Soofi, Olivia
House of Ruth	Mason, Kimberly
Human Services Association	Garcia, Cindy
Institute of Multicultural Ed. & Couns. (IMCES)	Alm, Karin
Institute of Multicultural Ed. & Couns. (IMCES)	Cartagena, Jaime
Interval House	Webb, Nabila
Jenesse Center	Carter, Jazmyn
Jewish Family Service	Lainer, Hannah
Jewish Family Service	Larson, Nicole
Jewish Family Service	Penado, Valeria
LAVAWA Network	Parizho, Inna
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Julianna Lee
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Failey, Mieko
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Prado, Jaye
Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice	Wang, Arianne
Los Angeles City Mayor's Office	Smith, Chanel
Los Angeles City Police Department	Sadanaga, Marie
Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) DVP	Rondon, Sara
Los Angeles County Community Development Commission/Housing Authority	Lindsay, Betsy
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	LaRose, Lisa
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Baldwin, Susie

Organization	Name
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Bolt, Laura
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Chun, Katie
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Cooper, Jolene
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Estrada, Diane
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Luna, Kriztian
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 Health	Zapata, Carmen
Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	Mizell-Burt, Jackie
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office	Geltz, Ron
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office	Waters, Destinee
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Garret, CeeCee
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Rojo, Ashley
Neighborhood Legal Services of L.A. County	Goldman, Amy
Office of Samoan Affairs	Papanian, Odette
One Justice	Polzes, Mike
Peace Over Violence	Deukmedjia, Terese
Peace Over Violence	Kung, Chris
Peace Over Violence	Martinez, Jennifer
Rainbow Services	Dion, Jane
Rainbow Services	Escalante, Carielle
Rainbow Services	Fukuwda, Marci
Sojourn	Grant, Diana
South Asian Helpline & Referral Agency (SAHARA)	Neece, Marilyn
Strength United	Rath, Kim
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence	Lopez, Liliana
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Tijani, Yetunde
Women Shelter of Long Beach	Medina, Nancy
YWCA Glendale	Zananiri, Eleny
YWCA of San Gabriel Valley	Interiano, Ana

ATTACHMENT I

**Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2019
City Hall Room 1070
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

Introductions and Welcome by Co-Chair Nancy Volpert

- Welcome to members of the newly reconfigured Regional Policy Committee.
- Review of legislative calendar. Anyone who is interested in gaining access to the legislative chart (a Google Doc) should contact nvolpert@jfsla.org.

State Legislation:

- Update on Governor Newsom's January Budget proposal impacts on domestic violence survivors and service providers. Discussion of possible legislation addressing expanding definition of DV to include economic abuse, frivolous litigation, treating courthouses as sensitive locations and payment for sexual assault exams.
- Discussion about AB122, human trafficking multi-disciplinary team, removes informed consent requirements if the impacted individual is a minor. Several concerns raised, is this about child abuse, can minor's make their own consent, could this be used to access custodial parent's information, etc. Being discussed with CPEDV, requesting amendments to protect rights and conform with VAWA.
- Request to all participants to send information regarding potential bills of interest to Minty and Nancy before Feb meeting.

Review of Federal Legislative issues:

- Federal shutdown impact, background checks being delayed. Discussion of U-Visas. Reminder that Section 8 residents cannot be evicted from housing for non-payment of the federal portion of rent.

Review of Local Issues:

- The Mayor's Office is working on an updated LA City Homeless Policy/Strategy. DV issues were raised in stakeholder meetings and hopefully will be incorporated in updated strategy.

Next Meeting on February 21, 2019 at Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

ATTACHMENT II

**Shelter Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

Minutes

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Tatiana Dorman, Co-Chair
- II. Announcements
 - a. Updates provided by members regarding their open and/or new positions
- III. Matters Not Posted on the Agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda)
 - a. NA
- IV. Update on transition to the Domestic Violence Information Referral Center System
 - a. Information provided to members regarding the transition
 - b. Discussed important documents and required MOU's
 - c. Questions asked and answered
- V. Executive Board Update
 - a. NA
- VI. Discussion Regarding Upcoming Year
 - a. Format of future meetings discussed
- VII. Public Comments: (Not to exceed two minutes per person) a. Public member(s) please complete speaker form to address agenda item
 - a. NA
- VIII. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT III**Networking/Breakout****Questions discussed: What data should we collect? Who should we collect data from?**

- Recidivism
- Efficacy of BIPs
- What data are other DV agencies collecting (probably inconsistent) and how are they collecting?
- What do agencies ask about gender identity or sexual orientation?
- How are agencies assessing aggressor vs. survivor?
- How do we ensure data is not skewed?
- How do we survey without creating long intake processes for survivors?
- Data on how survivors found out about DV services
- Impact of DV on disabilities and vice versa
- Prevalence of DV in LA county households, how many had to leave home because of DV, homelessness
- What does success look like to survivors, e.g., what is a successful housing outcome for a survivor?
- Legal issues faced by survivors (employment, housing, etc.)
- Services available for underserved communities (e.g. transgender) and what is the best way to get the word out in the community
- Need to be careful about how survey questions are written—use trauma-informed way
- Need NNEDV-type census survey but only for LA county
- Elder abuse in South Asian community
- Longer term outcome data from client we cannot contact, so maybe across DV victims served by shelters/
- Types of abuse – emotional, financial, sexual, physical, neglect—ask questions that describe actual abuse. “Does your partner restrict your access to funds?”
- What about “normalized abuse?”
- Children’s grades as related to IPV households (loss of productivity in society)
- Measurement of DV among teens—Is it related to generational trauma?
- Include dorms, nursing homes, prisons, public health clinics
- Include universities and colleges
 - What are the barriers?
 - Did they make attempts to get help? Police, doctors, etc.?
 - What was the response? Breakdown...restraining order,
 - What led to them getting the services they are getting?