

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee
November 18, 2021
Meeting via Zoom

Introductions of co-chairs and by chat function

Announcements: Welcome Isabel, and welcome to Liza's assistant, Josh. Happy Birthday to Nancy!

2021 Legislation & Policies

a. State

Bill chart is finished for the year

b. Federal

There is a controversy regarding language in the VAWA reauthorization, which offers unlimited "Restorative Practice" and "diversion" for DV felonies and misdemeanors. This language was included in the House (HR1520). Some are asking for the removal of the "restorative practice" language from the Senate version and urging people to reach out to their Senators. CPEDV supports the language involving "restorative practices"

c. Local

Domestic Violence agencies are not yet subject to the local vaccination requirement. The local vaccination ordinance will not go into effect until the agencies sign new contracts, which probably means the 2022-23 fiscal year. Agencies are NOT allowed to require a negative test to enter shelter, and medical and religious exemptions still apply for staff. But stay tuned, as the requirements change daily.

II. Emerging Issues

a. 2022 New Laws Training (Feb DVC Meeting)

Discussion held on the most important 2022 legislation to cover in depth and the new laws for which we will provide summary: To be covered in depth: AB 124, 430 and 1281, to be summarized AB 277, 673, 977, 1171 and SB 24, 320 and 538.

As in all previous years, will be covering chaptered legislation

b. Brainstorming Ideas for Possible 2022 Legislation

- i. Amanda presents on legislation involving Sheriff's service; for more information or participation, please contact amandaj@laci.org
- ii. Pallavi presents on a potential legislative fix to AB3234 which allows unlimited misdemeanor diversion, without an exception for DV cases, so that perpetrators can repeatedly get diversion on restraining order violations, DV related vandalism, etc. A discussion held about restorative justice. Gail informs that there has been no research on restorative justice

and DV, James and Jerilyn disagree and are invited to share relevant research on point with group.

iii. Amanda proposes legislation to make Family Code § 3044 applicable to dependency court.

c. Thank you, Eve

No public comment

Next meeting is scheduled for **January 20, 2022.**

Reminder: No DVC meetings in December.