

DVC Health Committee Meeting

March 19, 2024

Meeting Start time: 10:00am

Meeting opened by Ruth Rivera; reading statement

First time doing hybrid meeting, and everyone in attendance introduced themselves. There were 18 in person and 11 virtual attendees.

Barbara opened up the conversation on the Listening Sessions, and the purpose on having them. As well as inviting everyone to the District 4 meeting, lead by Kate Marr and Community Legal Aid SoCal

Jennifer briefed the committee on Medi-Cal Learning Cohort and the hesitation on why domestic violence programs on enrolling with this grant.

*There was discussion of a potential round-table or info-session on this topic which can be discussed in the next meeting.

Medi-Cal

Some of the hesitation came around client confidentiality, how to manage funds and billing. Virginia Duplessis from Futures without Violence brought up the confidentiality issue with clients and how can we get those answers

Another point that was brought up, is that there are people in clinics that are now providing domestic violence services, but there is no assurance in the training these facilities are taking to help survivors of domestic violence

We heard about Courtney Hoffman and the Central Neighborhood Health Foundation, which have mobile units that provide medical care for survivors of domestic violence. They currently assist 20 shelters with their staff. They provide free health care for shelters, organizations for survivors of domestic violence and their children. They also provide access to prescriptions. All of their services are free of charge.

<https://www.cnhfclinics.org/domestic-violence>

Beyond Silos

The symposium will be held on September 30th at the California Endowment

Open Opinion Section

James brought up the work he has been doing on Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) an specifically on the research he is conducting Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE). The goal is to create a CTE brain bank for domestic violence survivors. James explained the importance and precedence this would mean for knowing more of how traumatic brain injuries affects survivors in the long-term part of their lives.

Virginia mentioned that there is extensive work on TBI by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network and their “Center on Partner Inflicted Brain Injury”. They are able to provide tip sheets for advocates to use with their survivors.

<https://www.odvn.org/brain-injury/>

James also mentioned that there needs to be more domestic violence education and awareness to medical students, residents, and nurses. So they can help connect their patients to domestic violence organizations quicker and not dismiss how their traumatic experiences could have resulted in chronic medical ailments.

Cindy and Lam also mentioned the annual survey and encouraged everyone to submit one.

Next meeting is May 21, 2024

Meeting Ended: 11:15