

**LA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC)**  
**COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT (CS MEETING)**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**  
**12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. | Pacific Time (US & Canada)**  
**South Los Angeles Family Source Center**  
**4305 Degnan Blvd., Suite 105, Los Angeles, CA 90008**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

*Mission Statement: To implement domestic violence laws and policies and to provide resources and problem-solving support to community partners when implementation issues and problems arise. The Committee also addresses emerging issues that impact victims of domestic violence.*

[See the DVC Calendar for Meeting Information](#)

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order – Rachelle Neshkes, Kate Forrest  
Meeting Protocols- Before we begin this meeting, please be reminded that this is an open and public meeting. Therefore, anything discussed (both verbally and within the online chat) are not protected by any type of confidentiality. Any client identifying information should not be presented. Please avoid discussion of personal cases as well. If you need additional resources, please contact the co-chairs after this meeting.
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Follow up on previous agenda items
  - a. Sheriff's Department issues
    - i. Report back from DVC-LASD meeting, ongoing service issues  
→ Meeting with David Cons occurred 10/7/24 as a precursor to a meeting with Sheriff Luna to be held in December, all previously identified issues were raised so LASD will be prepared to address
    - ii. Report back on LAFLA language access demand letter  
→ Stephanie Davidson will be meeting with Lana Choi from County Counsel this month to discuss; also included in above-referenced general LASD meeting
  - b. Service provider list project (Cruz & Ash)  
→ No updates
  - c. Parking lot (updates if any available): Budget issues, esp. impact on courthouse functioning & victim's services; AB 2185 forensic exam funding; Requesting Minor's Counsel billing records in PACE cases  
→ No updates
- IV. Presentation from Andrewa Gutierrez of LAFLA: introducing new project/database development to track county-wide systemic issues, invitation for community contributions  
→ This is a LAFLA partnership with the Family Justice Center; primary data collection will be divided into 2 categories:

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1. Challenges in family court: interested in hearing about obstacles survivors encounter in restraining order cases with custody at issue, procedural delays or judicial practices that deviate from the bench guide (<https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/DVRO-benchguide.pdf>); community members are invited to submit their experiences via this link:  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VjDz79ld0GABeUhp8QAAXlZuhvcxX9ltYwmZXmioiZUODZXQ040WjBTSDdNRFNXVjNFWVIVRTNSTi4u>
2. Police interactions: interested in obstacles survivors encounter in reporting initial DV or DVRO violations to law enforcement; no form yet, but community members may contact Andrewa directly at [agutierrez@lafla.org](mailto:agutierrez@lafla.org)

### V. New, critical, and emerging issues

- a. Electronic recording: is there a template for litigants to make the request being developed? has anyone had a request granted or denied, or used <https://fortherecord.com/los-angeles/>  
→ No updates
- b. Any new examples of respondents being tipped off of DVRO filings before service, either by private attorney solicitation or sheriff deputies leaving request for contact?
  - i. Sheriff's deputies leaving request for contact during service attempt – which station(s)? do they specifically say it's a DVRO?
  - ii. Private attorney solicitation – pending possible legislative fix, interim safety planning ideas (leave respondent's address as unknown?)→ No updates
- c. Call for other community experiences with law enforcement, prosecution, or the courts  
→ Question posed by LAPD rep regarding pursuing firearm relinquishment but there is no proof of service: when restrained party does not appear for the return hearing and the final orders mirror those in the TRO with which the RP was served, judge will check box for service by mail – in theory LAPD could mail it themselves if the reviewing officer is willing (new FC 6383 makes it compulsory for a law enforcement officer to serve such orders at the request of petitioner or when reporting to a scene, but other times could be discretionary); best practices also include reminding petitioners to file a proof of service, as they may have had it mailed but failed to complete and file proof – should they be given a blank DV-250 with their DV-130 like they are given a blank DV-200 with their DV-110?

### VI. Next steps and action items

- a. Co-chairs will endeavor to meet with Sgt. Fernandez regarding electronic submission challenges prior to the main meeting with the Sheriff in December

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- b. CSI Legislative proposal priorities to present to LARP at their November meeting:
    - i. Amend RPC 7.3 to prohibit solicitation in DV cases
    - ii. Amend CRC 5.240 to include minimum number of hours of DV-specific training for Minor's Counsel, and define qualifications for providing those trainings
    - iii. Enact equivalent of FC 3044 in WIC to apply in dependency proceedings
- Update: also add request for new category of Sexual Assault Restraining Orders
- VII. Matters not on posted agenda to be presented and placed on a future agenda.
    - a. LAPD lethality assessment – keep on agenda for January rollout
  - VIII. 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.
    - Representative from Volunteers of America invites community members who have clients experiencing DV/IPV/HT who are in need of relocation assistance to contact [dvtsreferral@voala.org](mailto:dvtsreferral@voala.org)
  - IX. **Next** meeting is scheduled for Month XX, 2024 at BUILDING NAME.
  - X. Reminder to complete DVC committee meeting survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8MC8V9>
  - XI. Adjournment

### **ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS:**

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, auxiliary aids and services, or reasonable modifications to attend Domestic Violence Council meetings and access to policies and/or procedures (i.e., to assist members of the disability community who would like to request a disability-related accommodation), will be made available if the request is made at least five (5) business days before the meeting. Late requests will be accommodated based on feasibility. Please direct all requests to: [dvc@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:dvc@ph.lacounty.gov) or call **213-974-2799** (Monday thru Friday; 9am-5pm.)

