



NOTES FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC)  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 140 A & B  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
Friday, June 6, 2025, 10:00AM – 11:00AM

DVC MISSION

The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council (DVC) provides leadership in the creation and support of a victim/survivor-centered, countywide, and coordinated approach to educate, prevent, and respond to domestic/intimate partner violence.

DVC Chair

Lan Pham, DVC Executive Director

DVC Staff

Ashley Phillips, DVC Sr Health Program Analyst

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Guests

Cristina Cortes, Sr. Manager of DV Homeless Services Coalition with Downtown Women's Center

Iajihia Giraud, Manager of DV Systems Alignment with LAHSA

Dachelle Kendrick, Chair of DV Alliance with City of Los Angeles

Aquilina Soriano Versoza, Chair of LA County Commission for Women/VAW and Girls Committee

Teresa Cruz, Attorney with Public Council and LA VAWA Network

Meeting Attendees:

The meeting was attended by 41 community members and 4 panelists.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Lan Pham provided welcoming remarks and Land Acknowledgement. Attendees self-introduced (name, pronouns, title/role, and agency affiliation). Lan reviewed DVC meeting protocol and agenda.

II. CENTRALIZED ACCESS

Iajhiah Giraud gave an overview of the Centralized Access (CA) project. CA is proposed to be an extension of homeless housing coordinated entry. Focusing on throughput to permanent housing. The ultimate goal of CA is to provide safety and coordinate and maximize DV resources. Efforts began with a partnership meeting in 2023. Partnership includes LA City, LA County, and LAHSA. CA has 3 components: centralized platform, centralized hotline, category IV matches.

Cristina Cortes gave further clarification. Matching means a list of people needing a resource and a list of resources and connecting them. The centralized platform, CareConnect, is for victim service providers. The design stage begins June 9, 2025. This software is not case management software, just software to match folks to resources as quickly and safely as possible. The pilot phase launches in November (for those 10 pilot providers). Note the 10 pilot providers are: Center for Pacific Asian Family (CPAF), Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST), Peace Over Violence (POV), Women's and Children's Crisis Services (WCCS), Haven Hills, Niswa Association, Changing Lanes, Jenesse Center, Glendale YWCA, and Rainbow Services.

(For more details surrounding Centralized Access, see June 2025 DVC Agenda and DVC General Membership PPT Slides)

III. REPORT BACK ON MAY 9, 2025, JOINT DVA-DVC "DV AND MENTAL HEALTH" EVENT

Dachelle Kendrick provided an update on the May 9, 2025 "Surviving to Thriving" DV and Mental Health event. The event shone a light on the unique needs of veteran survivors, the need for ongoing continuum of care, championed the need for DV specific court, and emphasized importance of support systems that meet survivors where they are. The event uplifted that people who cause harm need access to support services (holistic care). The event benefited from the participation of champions for change and had lived experience panelists. Dachelle also provided an overview of the Lived Experience Advisory Pear (LEAP) ad hoc workgroup.

The Next LEAP meeting is June 25, 2025, 9:30AM – 11:00 AM.

IV. Report back on May 29, 2025, joint LACCW-DVC "DV Briefing"

Aquilina Soriano Versoza gave an overview of the DV briefing event. The LACCW is looking for partnerships to better uplift the strategies for the wellbeing of women and girls. An example of what is possible is that LACCW helped to establish the Sexual Assault Council. The May event provided an overview of the landscape at the federal level. An immigration update was also provided. This event was

able to bring four (4) Board of Supervisor Offices into the room. The LACCW would like to start planning next year's event and would like more collaboration in designing next year's event. LACCW is particularly looking for help with what people want to talk about/hear about, what issues to push/get on the radar of the Board of Supervisor Deputies. The meetings are held in the Hall of Administration and can be joined in-person. There will be an ad hoc planning committee (for next year's DV Briefing). Let DVC know if interested via [dvc@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:dvc@ph.lacounty.gov) so they can share the meeting information. (See June DVC General Meeting PPT Slides.)

#### V. Immigration report from LA VAWA Network.

Teresa Cruz with Public Council presented. The last LA VAWA network meeting took place in May. The network is comprised of a coalition of dedicated agency providing support to immigrant DV survivors. Trends the LA VAWA Network is seeing in recent months: (1) ICE showed up to LA Court to pick up folks at their hearings. (2) The certification form, form used by investigative body certifying the cooperation of the survivor of a crime, for U visas has been updated. It's crucial to provide the most current information.

When it comes to ICE, DV Shelters are no longer considered sensitive. Agencies need to develop and implement policy in response to this. There is an FAQ available from the LA VAWA May meeting. Agencies can request assistance if policies need to be reviewed. Court is also no longer deemed a sensitive location.

(For more information on the current state of immigration, see June 2025 DVC Agenda and DVC General Membership PPT Slides)

#### VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minty Siu-Kootnikoff brought up pre-service solicitation by attorneys. Currently attorneys can pull names off a list of those who need to be served domestic violence restraining orders or temporary restraining orders. This is incredibly dangerous, as before person is served, they are not legally restrained. Attorneys have asked CA State Bar to modify rules. They are currently getting pushback. If there are agencies/groups who are interested in submitting comment to the state bar about how concerning this is, please do so. Minty will send DVC the link so that the commission on women can send a letter. Deadline is July 18, 2025, for comment on this. There's information on this in the CSI meeting notes (see DVC website for the CSI meeting notes).

There's an event on June 24, 2025. Representing DVC thru LGBTIQ+ committee coordinating with DVA. Inviting folks to show support. Interested attendees may send information to [dvc@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:dvc@ph.lacounty.gov) and the DVC will send an email out to members on DVC listserv.

#### VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

#### VIII. CLOSING

Lan thanked presenters and attendees and provided reminder that the next meeting will be September 5, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37AM.