Domestic Violence Council (DVC)
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 5th, 2025
10:00AM to 12:00PM
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
& Virtual (MS Teams)

INTRODUCTIONS

- Your name
- Pronouns
- Title/Role
- Agency or Affiliation

MEETING PROTOCOL

- **Please be reminded that this is an open and public meeting.** No client or survivor identifying information should be discussed/shared.
- **The focus of today's meeting is on DVC structure and bylaws, with the purpose of providing feedback to LA County Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Board of Supervisors.** There will be an opportunity to provide additional feedback (after the meeting) via emailing DVC@ph.lacounty.gov .
- **This is a safe, respectful, and inclusive space. When providing feedback, please focus on issues and not people.**
- **To ensure that we hear from a diverse perspective, comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person. We will practice the rule of "3 then me";** Once you've shared, please wait for 3 others to speak before you provide additional comments.

AGENDA

I. Welcome (10 minutes)

- Lan Pham, DVC Executive Director

II. DVC Structure and Bylaws (20 minutes)

- Lan Pham, DVC Executive Director

III. Facilitated Discussion – Gathering Recommendations (80 minutes)

- Ashely Phillips, DVC Senior Health Program Analyst

IV. Next Steps (10 minutes)

- Lan Pham, DVC Executive Director

V. Adjournment

BACKGROUND AND TIMELINE

- **Current DVC Bylaws are outdated**; last update was 11/12/2009.
- **Board Motion on 11/07/17 directed DPH to**

  (a) conduct an assessment to support changes to bylaws; and

  (b) work with LA County Counsel to update and revise the current DVC bylaws to reflect any changes in structure, composition, or where necessary to effectuate LA County Board of Supervisor's desire to view, address DV/IPV issues within a public health framework.

- **DPH responded to the Board Motion on 11/19/18 with results from DPH's survey of 80 attendees at the DVC meeting in September 2018, and the 2018 Executive Board.** The recommendations contained input, reflect the broader scope of public health lens, and position the DVC to be more inclusive, responsive, and successful.

BACKGROUND AND TIMELINE

Several recommendations proposed in 2018:

- Replace Executive Board with new Steering Committee
- Expand and Lower Barriers to Membership
- Increase Effectiveness of Committees and Reduce the Number of Meetings

DVC OPEN MEETINGS/TRANSPARENCY

- DVC, as a Board-recognized body, must follow the Brown Act.
- Brown Act meetings must be in public, in person, have a detailed agenda posted 72 hours in advance, and have notes taken at meetings.
- All regular DVC meetings (general, steering, and standing committees) must meet these requirements.
- Quorum, more than 50% of appointed DVC members, is required for business to be conducted.

DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS

County of Los Angeles Public Health

Updated Commission Structure

Change to DV Coalition

MEMBERSHIP

- 25 members
  - Individuals
- Initial application process for new members
  - Voted in by quorum vote thereafter
- Invite Board to appoint members for each district

Updated Commission

- No minimum/ maximum
  - Government entities
  - Community-based organizations
  - Individuals
- New members apply – process established by Steering Committee

Coalition

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Board-recognized
- Line of communication with Board offices
- Ability to elevate legislative requests directly through CEO Legislative Affairs
- Recommendations must be voted upon publicly in compliance with Brown Act

Updated Commission

- Not officially recognized by the Board
- Informal line of communication with Board offices
- Recommendations and legislative requests to CEO Legislative Affairs can be elevated through the Department of Public Health and through informal communications to the Board
- Not subject to Brown Act

Coalition

CONSIDERATIONS I

- Reduced membership size
- Only individuals can be voting members
  - No organizations
  - No public agencies
- Business (DV) cannot be discussed outside of DVC meetings

Updated Commission

- Would require sunset of current iteration of DVC (subject to Board approval)
- Requires creation of coalition structure in conjunction with DPH
- Need to ensure open and inclusive meetings

Coalition

CONSIDERATIONS II

County of Los Angeles Public Health

- Designated relationship with Board
- Smaller membership may be easier to coordinate

Updated Commission

- No maximum on membership; all current DVC members welcome to apply
- Individuals can also be members
- Not subject to Brown Act restrictions on meetings; increased flexibility

Coalition

PUBLIC COMMENTS (80 minutes)

We would like to hear your thoughts on the “Updated Commission" and "Coalition“ structures.

Which option would you recommend for the DVC and why?

NEXT STEPS

- Final recommendations provided to DPH and Board of Supervisors.
- If you have thoughts, comments, or suggestions beyond today's discussion, please email DVC@ph.lacounty.gov. Thank you!