

**JOINT MEETING MINUTES**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ALLIANCE**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

12:00 PM – 2 PM

**100 1st St., 1st Floor - CompStat Room | Los Angeles 90012**

Introductions and Announcements

Updates from the Chairs

Eve Sheedy (DVC)

1. The DVC is reprinting/revising the “It Shouldn’t Hurt to Go Home” pamphlet (now called “Reaching Out”) with in-house funding. DVC is trying to get it published in English in hardcopy and offer it in 13 languages on the website. Revisions have been made with assistance from DVC committee of stakeholders. Production sponsored by the Department of Public Health with the County Commission on the Status of Women
2. Eve testified before the Board of Supervisors meeting on the Deputy who was fired and then re-hired by the Sheriff. There were 60 public comments in support of DV issue. Eve’s testimony was not intended to be a criticism of LASD. The issue was more the breach of public trust in the re-hiring and the role of public servants in the community. The voice of the public was strong. The Board of Supervisors was left with the knowledge that the field was united, and the Board of Supervisors were supportive;
3. Eve and Elizabeth attended the Deputies Breakfast, arranged by the COSW with the help of DVC, in which they met with representatives from each of the Supervisors’ offices to talk with them about the interests of the field. DVC offers to help facilitate communication with the BOS.

Elizabeth Eastlund (DVA)

4. Awesome to be here at one joint meeting.
5. There is opportunity for public comment on the City of LA’s ConPlan through 3 public meetings, one remaining meeting on 3/21/19. Public comment in written form can be submitted to [hcidla.planning@lacity.org](mailto:hcidla.planning@lacity.org). This ConPlan includes application of the CDBG funds.
6. Tomorrow 3/20/19 COB is the deadline to submit comment on the Measure H Funding recommendations. At five of eight SPA’s listening sessions on this topic, domestic violence was deemed a priority, yet that is not reflected in the funding proposals. Elizabeth will be sending talking points to Sandra Cervantes to distribute.
7. Funding committee will be meeting in a different room at 2:00 p.m.
8. The location of the DVHomelessness Summit will be changing, location to be announced.

Immigration Update Brigit Alvarez

Topic: Weed/recreational marijuana

Although marijuana is no longer illegal in many states, possession/usage is still considered a violation under federal immigration law. There are very limited defenses to such a violation, eg,

arguing the offense is not a conviction; arguing that 30 gms or less is not a deportable offense, being careful not to admit marijuana usage (advise clients not wear clothing advertising marijuana usage, and not to reference marijuana usage on social media). Just keep in mind that state laws do not align with federal drug offenses. The takeaway message: Naturalize (Citizenship is “dope.”)

Presentation: "[From Power Over to Power With: Rainbow Services' Transformation to a Trauma Informed Culture](#)" Presented by Rainbow Services

No Public Comment cards submitted/No public comment offered

Next DV Council Meeting: April 16, 2019

Next DV Alliance Meeting: April 8, 2019

## Attendance

AGENCY	NAME
1736 Family Crisis Center	Katherine Swanson
Amanecer	Janeth Schmidt
Angel Step Inn	Cecelia Walker
Antelope Valley DVC/Valley OASIS (AVDVC)	Vanessa Hernandez
Antelope Valley DVC/Valley OASIS (AVDVC)	Vanessa Olmos
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	Ayano Wolff
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	Henry Tse
CAA	Gary Coltrane
CDLF	Cesar Jas
Center for the Pacific Asian Family	Patima Komolamit
Center for the Pacific Asian Family	Sayaka Hashigichi
Child and Family Center	Krysta Warfield
Council District 15	Elizabeth Eastlund
Council District 6	Elaine Martinez
DAC	Gail Pincus
DPSS	Lola Nevorez
DV Court Support Prog./LA CAO	Emily Jones
DWC	Amy Turk
East Los Angeles Women's Center	Barbara Kappos
Good Shepherd Shelter	Nicole Salazar
Harriett Bunai Center for Family Law	Lisa Smith
Haven Hills	Karen Aguerro
Housing + Community Investment Dept.	Abigail Marquez
Human Services Association	Cindy Garcia
Institute of Multicultural Ed. & Couns. (IMCES)	Karin Alm
Jenesse Center	Catherine Zhang
Jenesse Center	Jazmyn Carter
Jenesse Center	Karen Youssef
Jenesse Center	Kate Forrest
Jenesse Center	Leslie Belt
Jenesse Center	Ruth Fonteh

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Jewish Family Service	Hannah Lainer
Jewish Family Service	Nikky Carson
LACLJ	Arienne Want
LACLJ	Jimena Varga
LAHSA	Beatriz Villarreal
LAHSA	Marisa Conner
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Brigit Alvarez
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Dominique Quevedo
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Julianna Lee
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Gio Martinez
LGBTQ Center Long Beach	Jaye Prado
Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice	Arienne Wang
Los Angeles County CDC/HA	Betsy Lindsay
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	Carrie Esparza
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Eve Sheedy
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Katie Chun
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Kriztian Luna
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Laura Bolt
Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services	Jackie Mizell-Burt
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office	Ron Geltz
Los Angeles County Probation	Jim Schoengarth
Los Angeles Fire Department	Battalion Chief Linda Cessor
Los Angeles LGBT Center	Ashley Rojo
Los Angeles Police Department	Det Marie Sadanaga
Mayor/Homeland Security & Public Safety	Carol Perez
Mayor/Homeland Security & Public Safety	Ebony Cobb
Mayor/Homeland Security & Public Safety	Mayra Alvarado
Office of Samoan Affairs	Odette Papanian
Peace Over Violence	April Hernandez
Peace Over Violence	Chris Kung

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Peace Over Violence	Terese Deukmedjia
Peace Over Violence	Jennifer Martinez
Peace Over Violence	Norma Ortiz
Project Peacemakers	Bernita Walker
Prototypes	Olivia Soofi
Rainbow Services	Alexandra Sanchez
Rainbow Services	Brooke Jepsen
Rainbow Services	Carielle Escalante
Rainbow Services	Maria Hernandez
Rainbow Services	Mariana Lopez
Rainbow Services	Marie Acuna
Skid Row from a Woman's Perspective	Suzette Shaw
Sojourn	Marci Fukuroda
Sojourn	Minty Siu-Kootnikoff
South Asian Helpline & Referral Agency (SAHARA)	Marilyn Neece
SSC-Trauma Recovery Center	Erin Rivers
Strength United	April Hunter
Strength United	Elisa Martinez
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence	Liliana Lopez
Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.	Yetunde Tijani
Union Station Homeless Services	Alicia Sanchez
US Attorney's Office	Jennifer Chou
Valley Oasis	Kim Perkins
WCCS	Veronica Barger
West Covina Police Department	Diane Franklin
Women Shelter of Long Beach	Tatiana Dorman
YWCA Glendale	Eleny Zananiri
YWCA Glendale	James Maddox
YWCA of San Gabriel Valley	Christy Velasco