

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE**  
(Formerly Legislative Issues Committee)  
**MEETING MINUTES & POST MEETING NOTES**  
**October 17, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**  
**1550 W 8<sup>TH</sup> St, Los Angeles, CA**

Introductions/Announcements

Stephanie of CAST announced that next Friday there would be a trafficking related legislative collaborative call (*after the meeting, details were supplemented as follows: "A reminder that our final human trafficking collaborative call of the session will be Friday October 25th @ 11:00. This is a great call to join as it will provide a review of the 2019 CA legislative session and its impact on human trafficking issues."*)

Stephanie of Strength United announces their first DVAM event a Family Festival to promote better communication

Akiko announces that the public charge rule scheduled to go into effect on October 15 has been stayed

Chanel announces the Mayor's Press Conference for DVAM will be held on October 28 at the USC campus, (*after meeting the exact details were released and are as follows: Date: October 28th, 2019; Time: 9am-10am; Location: LAC+USC Hospital Campus - Baroda Wall; Outside Building Inpatient Tower - IPT (Building H) 2051 Marengo St, Los Angeles, CA 90033*) the Mayor, City Attorney and Eliz Eastlund are expected to speak; City Attorney is also sponsoring a DVAM event with Debra Newall at noon that day with Debra Newall of "Dirty John" Pallavi is the event organizer

2019 Legislation

State –

see bill chart for state legislative updates (if you need access please contact [dcohanghadosh@jfla.org](mailto:dcohanghadosh@jfla.org) for access to the Google Doc) additionally, Stephanie of CAST advises of AB 629 which is a restitution bill for loss wages for trafficking victims through VOCA

Federal –

No movement on VAWA, there is a new draconian proposed SNAP rule, but impact will not specifically effect DV victims; the implementation of the new federal public charge rule has been stayed; basic message is the same as before the stay, which is the educate clients. NLS is conducting 5-6 information sessions a day. For more information, check the [protectingimmigrantfamilies.org](http://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org) website which contains multilingual fact sheets

Local –

Measure HHH projected have been approved for Permanent Supportive Housing. There is no Rehab funds left, which are the funds serving our clients. HCID is collecting data to advocate for more rehab funds. The City recently opened A Bridge Home housing for families in District 4. Discussion held on the challenges of, and progress made by local DV movement within homeless services.

## Discussion of Potential 2020 Legislation Ideas

Bureau of Victims Services at County DA's office is gathering information on all funds batterer's fees and fines pay for and how much in funds they generate. Please share any data you have on this topic.

Follow up on Pallavi's proposal to add coercive control to the penal code. Diane and Stephanie expressed interest (*post meeting notes: Pallavi's notes sent to Diane and Stephanie, please contact directly if you want to help with language and wording*)  
Discussion held of Gail and Julia's legislative proposal of applying 3044 to dependency court, which was opposed by Arianne of LADLinc due to the dependency court's better investigative capacity and social workers ability to verify participation in rehabilitation programs.

LACLJ has also experienced problems getting support persons admitted to non-court proceedings like conciliation court; dependency court does not allow support persons at counsel table, and support persons can be removed if a party requests the courtroom cleared

Discussion also held on Gail's proposal to impose of 5¢ alcoholic drink tax, but it seemed that such a tax would be too heavy a legislative lift to get passed.

Another legislative ideas discussed was a proposal to have government pay for forensic strangulation exams. 30% – 40% of violent DV incident involve strangulation, and only 10% of strangulation cases result in visible injuries. Currently only two locations within the City and one location in San Gabriel Valley have the equipment to conduct forensic strangulation exams. City pays for such forensic exams when victim is brought in by LAPD, but it is unknown if the County pays for such exams. Proposal would be to seek state or federal reimbursement for such forensic exams.

## Emerging issues

Carielle shared a report back on the CPEDV policy council and their proposal for two DVAP funding categories: - Part I: Shelter funding (20.6M) and the 14 core services stay intact; and Part II: for existing and established programs that have not previously received DVAP funding because they do not have a shelter (Part II).  
There was discussion on how "existing and established history" would be defined, with a debate between minimal flexible requirements and strong eligibility requirements to qualify for the Part II funding.

The proposal is for an indeterminate increase in state funding and a funding formula that distribute any increase in state or federal funding. The formula is still up for discussion, but intent is that, if we get more funding, shelters will get an increase and we will create a pool of funding for Part II agencies.

Agencies would only be eligible to apply for one category or the other, not both. This creates a worry that there will not be adequate shelter based resources in our communities should people choose to go with the more flexible funding

Funding for Part I and Part II will be noncompetitive and equal amounts

The proposal raises concerns that having two separate asks (Part I and Part II) will create confusion in the legislature and may cause the legislature to reject one or the other Part, thinking they have already funded DV.

*The annual CPEDV meeting will be held on November 7, 2019 in Anaheim, so please register and attend the meeting to discuss these topics further.*

No matters not on the posted agenda raised for future agenda

No public comment

Adjourn

**Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019, 10 – 11:30 am.**