

LA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC)

COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT (CSI) MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. | Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Department of Mental Health

Terrace Conference Room B & C

523 Shatto Place

Los Angeles, CA 90020

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.

NOTE: Due to the end of the Covid-19 State of Emergency, all meetings will return to an in-person. Therefore, all attendees must meet on site to participate in the meetings.

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

AGENDA

I. Call to Order & Introductions – Rachelle M. Neshkes, Gail Pincus, Kate Forrest, Co-Chairs

Meeting Protocols -Before we begin this meeting, please be reminded that this is an open and public meeting. Therefore, anything discussed is 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. Law Enforcement Issues

- a. LAPD updates: YTD calls for service IPV through end of August: 28,257 (city of LA IPV); 11,233 crimes from those calls
 - ➔ Discussion of what to do when survivors go to stations to report and are told to get a DVRO: Pallavi & Ria say survivors should ask for a supervisor, providers should collect and share examples of each precinct where this occurs
- b. Report on DVC meeting with Sheriff's Department & Introduction of LASD representative Bill Strnad
 - ➔ Community discussion of role of law enforcement reps in DV community
 - ➔ In addition to training on service (see below), LASD will be working on making sure desk clerks know about timeline and no-fee requirements for providing reports to DV victims
- c. Community inquiries re: policies on taking reports of RO violations & courtesy reports

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- Particular issue of violation of custody orders/custody exchange problems discussed; uniform policy difficult to establish because this issue is so fact-dependent, but discussion to continue; LASD notes these generally fall under “suspicious circumstances report” which doesn’t become an active crime in their statistics, but if the victim is looking for documentation for court case, should still be able to get the log #

III. Court & Clerk Issues

- a. Processing of DVRO requests & continuances
- b. Entering ROs, and proofs of service, in CLETS and CARPOS
 - Rep from DA’s office confirms that it varies from courtroom to courtroom, but the Family Violence division DAs will scan CPOs and email them to the victim
 - LAPD confirms that officers are being instructed to accept electronic copies
 - Sheriff cautions images must be of certified orders, NOT version we can download from the attorney portal without stamp

IV. Legislative Issues

- a. SB320 re: firearms (enacted) – implementation issues; report back from Pallavi on meeting with Judicial Council
 - 2 day program including DV overview and intersection between DV & firearms, retrieval efforts; reps from LA included 2 family court judges & administration, a paralegal from DAs office, and Anaruth Gonzalez from court administrators; LA got a grant to implement, looking to establish a portal for real-time info on compliance, enforcement, and violations
- b. SB 662 re: court reports/recording (held in committee) – issues while awaiting passage
 - No updates
- c. AB 2791 re: Sheriff service – provision prohibiting substantive review is active, implementation issues (email/fax signature goes into effect 1/1/24)
 - Examples are provided to sheriff of common problems encountered and what desk clerks need to be trained to look for in terms of variety of valid orders (including various styles of e-filing ribbons); Stephanie and Kate to follow up by email afterward with redacted copies of erroneously rejected documents

V. Emerging Issues:

- Inglewood has moved up filing deadline on Tuesdays/Thursdays to 2:30, which is not consistent with the rules; Alyson has asked for a meeting w/ the clerk; anyone with specific case examples of litigants not getting their submissions accepted can report to supervising judges Kaufman & Dordi
- “Letter filing”: survivors and suspects getting letters from various law enforcement agencies and DA about charges filed, but lacking full information (case number, dept, etc.); these sometimes get sent before DA reviews the case, and they may reject it – there is no database kept of rejected cases, so it may be difficult to determine what the status is if you call DA and asks about the case (rejected vs not yet reviewed)

- ### VI. Parking Lot: (i) FC 6306 Criminal Record Searches, (ii) SA/HT RO; (iii) Rulings on FW-002; (iv) EPOs - tracking time between issuance of EPO / first attempt, and denials in the case of delay between incident and report – law enforcement or judicial issue?; (v) implementation of coercive control legislation
- No updates

VII. Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda)

- None

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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

→ None

IX. Next meeting is scheduled for **October 17, 2023.**

→ Update: October meeting is canceled - CSI will always meet immediately following the General Meetings, and General is canceled October; CSI will resume in November

X. Adjourn

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