

Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee
September 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Introduction/Announcements – Meeting attendance regrets from Lan Pham; Mask up if you wish as there was a potential Covid exposure at a DV related meeting yesterday at the Endowment; Homemade cookies are upfront, but do not consume them in the room; Alana Bowman (a predecessor to Pallavi) has passed.

Meeting Protocols Announcement: Before we begin this meeting, please be reminded that this is an open and public meeting. Therefore, anything discussed are 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.

Taking a Topic out of Sequence

Item 3a on the agenda to discuss a successful meeting between DVC and the new Sheriff. With great hope and promise and more collaboration in a week that we had with the entirety of the last administration, Detective Bill Strnad is introduced and he shared a little about his background with this field. He is now our designated DV liaison. LASD is still feeling out the extent of this collaboration, but we are excited for a new and improved relationship.

2023 Legislation & Policies

State: See bill chart for state legislative updates. We are passed the deadline for bills to move out of the legislature, everything that is still moving is engrossed, enrolled, presented to the Governor or already chaptered. In November meeting, we will discuss that bills we will want to have presented to the February DVC general meeting; think about which bills need to be covered in detail and which just been general notice.

Federal:

VOCA funding at risk, CPEDV has met with targeted legislators, LA delegation is sympathetic, not a bad idea to support their sympathy and remind them of the need.

Gov't shutdown is likely on Sept 30, it may not last long, but it will wreck havoc with SSI and programs that rely upon federal funding

Rahimi to be argued before the Supreme Court on November 7

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Local: from Lan at DVC. . . DVC co-hosted 10 listening sessions with Office on Violence Against Women and Office of Immigrant Affairs; 90+ ppl registered, most were service providers; listening sessions focused on: shelter/housing, legal services, outreach/prevention/education/programming for ppl who caused harm, advocacy/counseling/therapeutic services, and systems improvement; each session was 1.5 hour in length and had participation of 5-35 attendees; DVC is reviewing notes to identify key themes and recommendations for submission to OIA. DVC and OIA will share out results in the next couple of weeks. Dates/times to be determined.

Discussion held on GVRO initiative by BOS,

City Council Motion mandating a DART report was due back in June, still waiting

Emerging Issues

Proposed changes to Prop 63/Mental Health Services Act; Discussion of CARE courts mandating treatment, so far no experiences or anecdotes to share. 2 bills passed on to become ballot measures, including a redoing of Prop 63/Mental Health Services Act moving mental health funding toward behavioral health, and moving funding from mental health to housing; would pull funding dollars out of services for children under 18 and would diminish preventive services to treat acute needs, this ballot measure would tie into CARE court and could represent a \$700M loss to Mental Health Services; hope to put this on agenda for future meeting to a broader audience, will seek speakers

Potential impact of ongoing labor strikes on DV, so far no experiences or anecdotes to share, will look into data

Parking Lot Issues

Effect of AI: discussion held on deepfakes, admissibility in court and confidentiality of notetaking apps. Good time of year to think about potential legislative fakes, and now is the time to get ahead of it

Impact of City Attorney and District Attorney changes on Survivors: City Attorney update: San Fernando division absorbed by Van Nuys, and Harbor Division absorbed by Pacific/LAX; if you have seen impact caused by these changes or other changes in the CA/DAs office, please come share your stories. Elder abuse specialist with CAs office seems to have been reassigned.

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

Ran out of time, please email us if there is something you want on the next agenda

Public Comments & Announcements

if you are having parking troubles, get in touch with Caesar

Grab a cookie, just don't eat in the room

Next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023.