

DVC Shelters Directors Meeting

September 20th, 2023 | 11:30am to 1:00pm

- I. Call to Order/Introductions: Veronica Sandoval, Co-chair
 - a. Veronica Sandoval opened the meeting and read meeting protocols.
- II. Review Expectations of Meeting
 - a. Co-chair Veronica Sandoval shared expectations and invited feedback from participants.
- III. Discussed matters posted on the agenda regarding effective shelter policies and procedures and navigating the implementation of shelter policies/procedures.
 - a. Participants openly discussed and inquired regarding Shelter Availability/Bed Space, Potential trainings, Resources and Cell Phone Policy. The issues experienced by shelters, how to navigate current policies and how to implement new policies.
 - b. Including:
 - i. Participants discussed current issues experienced when calling shelters for bed space and availability.
 - Issues came up – staff are told not to disclose availability thus creating barriers to place survivors.
 - Limited resources available to agencies.
 - DVIRC online database not up to date. Not all DV service providers are set up on DVIRC.
 - ii. Participants inquired about Resources:
 - DV Classes, Mental Health, Medical Coverage, Children Disability services
 - iii. Participants inquired about Potential Trainings available:
 - Trauma Informed, Children with unique barriers, Substance abuse, Technology Safety
 - iv. Participants inquired and discussed Cell Phone policies at shelters
- IV. 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
 - a. Participants suggested DV Transportation Services and Hospital Advocacy information.
 - b. Emergency Shelter availability shared.
- V. Next meeting to occur Wednesday Nov 15, 2023, 11:30pm – 1:00pm.
- VI. Adjourn