

**Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council  
General Meeting  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Room 739  
Minutes of April 18, 2017 Meeting**

1. **Call to Order by** – *Michele L. Daniels, Chair*  
The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval for March 21, 2017**  
Minutes of March 21, 2017 were approved as corrected
3. **Announcements:**
  - TuLynn Smylie announced that as of March 1, 2017 the Center for Pacific Asian Family has merged services with Asian Pacific Women’s Center and now serves an additional six families
  - Pat Butler announced that OPCC has merged with Lamp Community in skid row and has been re-named to “The People Concern”
  - Bernita Walker announced that the City Task Force is requesting participation for a demonstration tentatively scheduled for a Saturday in October 2017 additional information will be provided at a later date
4. **Project Highlights: Lisa Smith, Staff Attorney, Harriett Buhai Center for Family law**
  - Ms. Smith provided an overview of the types of services available for domestic violence survivors and their families including a presentation on the center’s Jail Project and answered questions posed by attendees
5. **Presentation panel: “Voting Rights (Ensuring access to elections for domestic violence survivors)”**  
**Speakers:**  
**Dean C. Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**  
**Nancy Berlin, Vote Your Mission Project**
  - Mr. Logan provided a presentation on California Safe at Home Programs including Future Voting Experience, annotated concerns and answered questions posed by attendees
  - Ms. Berlin provided a presentation on Vote with your Mission a campaign from Cal Non-profits and answered questions posed by attendees
6. **April 13, 2017 Executive Board Report - Michele L. Daniels, Chair**
  - Discussed GERDA and further developments
  - Betty Fisher Awards Ceremony/Resource Fair is tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2017; nomination announcement will be sent out soon

- Discussed the possibility of hosting a fundraising event in conjunction with L.A. Galaxy, potential date of event is October 15, 2017

**7. Committee and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports as needed –**  
Written reports submitted by Committee Co-Chairs

**Shelter Director’s Committee** – *TuLynn Smylie, Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The committee met today April 18, 2017
- Discussed the nomination of two Co-Chairs for the Committee
- Workgroups met and the amendment to contract with DPSS has been submitted to the Board Deputies
- Next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2017

**Legislative Issues** – *Debbie Ramirez, Co-Chair*

No report submitted

- The Legislative Committee will meet on April 20, 2017

**Committee on System’s Improvement** – *Rachelle Neshkes -Co-Chair*

No Written report submitted

- The April 13, 2017 CSI committee meeting was canceled
- The next meeting date is May 11, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in Room 372

**LGBT Issues** – *Mieko Failey, Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017; at the new location in **KHHOA**

**Religion & DV Issues** – *Bernita Walker, Co-Chair*

No report submitted

- The Committee met on March 28, 2017
- Discussed future training to be held at The California Endowment
- Discussed the possibility of changing meeting locations to increase participation
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2017, everyone is encouraged to attend

**Immigration Committee** –

No Written report submitted

- The committee met this morning, April 18, 2017
- Next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2017

**8. Public Comments: Not to exceed two minute per person:**

*None*

9. **Matters not on the Posted Agenda to be Presented and placed on a future Agenda:**

No matters were presented.

10. **Next Meeting: May 16, 2017**

11. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 2:03p.m.

**May 16, 2017**

Date Approved

Olivia G. Rodriguez

Executive Director

Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

## **MEMBERS PRESENT April 18, 2017**

### **Public Members**

LA County District Attorney's Office  
LA City Mayor's Office  
West Covina Police Department  
LA City Police Department  
LA County Public Social Service  
LA County Probation Department

Michele L. Daniels  
Ebony Cobb, C. Perez  
Diane Franklin  
Yvonne Ortiz, Marie Sadanaga  
Wendy Jaime  
Jim Schoengarth

### **Private Members**

Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CALWORKS)  
Antelope Valley DVC/.Valley Oasis  
1736 Family Crisis Center  
Women & Children's Crisis Shelter  
Sojourn  
The LGBTQ Center Long Beach  
Project Peacemakers  
Santa Clarita Domestic Violence Center  
Angel Step Inn  
Jenesse Center (CALWORK)  
Rainbow Services (CALWORKS)  
House of Ruth  
Jewish Family Service  
Haven Hills  
YWCA Glendale  
YWCA WINGS  
Women Shelter of Long Beach

TuLynn Smylie  
Carol Crabson  
Brenda Magid  
Brenda Zambrano  
P. Butler  
Gio Martinez  
Bernita R. Walker  
Krysta Warfield  
Nancy Salazar  
Yasmin Tarver  
Anna S.  
Kimberly Mason  
Nancy Volpert  
Katharine Tyler  
Lucie Hollingsworth  
Ana Interiano  
Mariela Ayala, Tatiana D.

### **CalWorks**

Community Legal Services  
Institute of Multicultural Ed. & Couns.  
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles  
Amanecer  
Foothill Family Service  
LA Center for Law & Justice  
Project Peacemakers, Inc.  
Human Services Association  
East Los Angeles Women's Center  
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County  
Office of Samoan Affairs

Rachelle Neshkes  
Meline Mailyan,  
Minty K.,  
Yancy Gonzalez  
Monica C. Adrienne C.  
Sarah Reisman  
Bernita Walker  
Silvana Ortega  
Zara Espinoza  
Amy Goldman  
Tara Sohrabpartovi

**Guests Present**

Asian Americans Advancing Justice  
Peace Over Violence  
Korean American Family Services  
Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law  
Children’s Institute Inc.  
Westside DV Network  
Niswa Association Inc.  
L.A. LGBT Center  
Tarzana TC DVSS  
First To Serve  
Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
SSG Trauma Recovery Center  
Cambodian Association of America

Betty Song  
Claudia Sibaya  
Sunhee Kim  
Lisa Smith  
Debbie Ramirez  
Mary Nichols  
Rukhsana  
Mieko Failey  
Maria Verdugo  
Shellie Velasquez  
Kameron H., Kim Dale  
Vivian Lee  
Erin Rivers  
Dany C. S. Man, Sovana N.

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

**Public Members**

LA County Public Defender’s  
L.A. County Commission for Women  
LA City Commission on the Status of Wm  
Superior Court Family Court Svs.  
California Department of Corrections  
Department of Children & Family Serv.  
Department of Mental Health

LA County Public Health  
Department of Health Services  
Attorney General’s Office  
LA County’s Sheriff’s Department  
LA City Attorney’s Office

**Private Voting Members**

Interval House (CALWORK)  
Haven House

Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence

**CalWorks**

NCADD Long Beach Woman To Woman  
Domestic Abuse Center  
San Fernando Valley CMHC  
Bienvenidos

PROTOTYPES  
Helpline Youth Counseling  
SAHARA