LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL

General Meeting
***Minutes* of Tuesday, February 19, 2008 Meeting**

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Cafeteria Conference Room
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

1. **Call to Order –** Vicki Lewis Adams called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM

2. **Approval of January 11, 2007 Minutes**, the minutes were not available for approval

3. **Public Comments/Announcements –**
   - ABIP Conference, March 13, 14 & 15th on Queen Mary
   - Curtis Bernard & Monica Thomas Harris report from DA's Office will be ready soon & posted on their website
   - 8th Annual Crabfeed & Dance Festival held on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 6pm at the Prince Hall Memorial Auditorium (9027 South Figueroa Avenue) 323-291-2525

4. **Executive Board Report –** No Executive Board report due to meeting cancellation in February

5. **Committee Reports -**

•*Shelters Directors*- Co-chair Judy Gordon
*Group fund raising for shelters discussed
*Sharing resources
*Meet annually at retreat to set goals and objectives
*Heart To Heart – CPEDV mtg. in Sacramento – State budget has been cut which will affect shelters of more than 10%. Recommendation, write letters to legislators to restore DV funding

•*Legislative Issues* – Co-chair Kimberly Wong
*Four new people attended February's meeting
*DV Bill discussed regarding registration of DV convicts into database

•*Health Issues* – No report due to vacant co-chairs position
*Discussed criteria to fill position

•*Committee for Systems Improvement* (CSI)- Co-chairs Gail Pincus & Eve Sheedy
*Anti Violence programs discussed
*Urged DV community attend ABIP meetings to discuss information & collaborate on mutual issues of concern
*Reach Republican Women's Club representatives to help stop DV budget cuts
*Welfare Reform Act to not cut off immigrant families from receiving services/assistance

•*LGBT* - Interim co-chair Terra Slavin

*Nine people attended the last meeting but asked for more people to attend next meeting

*Elections for new co-chairs will be announced at next General Meeting

*Hold a kick off to October DV month – Teen dating violence, one day conference tentatively scheduled for September 25th – planning at next meeting

1. South Partner Abuse Mental Health division of LA Gay & Lesbian Ctr. – discussion of battering behavior in gay community
2. Preview of "Beyond the Beat: Hip Hop Rhythm & Rhyme" movie of deconstructs, violence, masculinity and homophobia/gender roles in the hip hop community

*Vigil in West Hollywood was held on February 20, 2008 from 7-9pm for high school student that was killed in Oxnard, CA for his sexual preference.

•*Religion & DV* – Co-chair Bernita Walker

*8hr religion dv workshop held February 2nd for faith based leaders/advocates - forty-two participants attended

*Invited more people from the council to attend next meeting, 3 additional people attended the last meeting

6. **Guest Speaker**– *Alyce LaViolette* spoke about Continuum of Aggression & Abuse which consisted of the following;
   1. Common Couple Aggression
   2. High Conflict
   3. Abuse
   4. Battering
   5. Terrorism/Stalking

7. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM

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Victoria Lewis Adams, Chair
L.A. County District Attorney's Office

TuLynn Smylie, First Vice Chair
WomenShelter of Long Beach

Olivia G. Rodriguez
Executive Director

Diane Franklin, Second Vice Chair
West Covina Police Department

MEMBERS PRESENT February 19, 2008

Public Members

Department of Children & Family Services	Alma Golla
LA City Attorney's Office	Eve Sheedy
LA County District Attorney's Office	Victoria L. Adams
LA County Probation Department	Bonnie Patton
LA County Public Defenders Office	Kimberly Wong
LA County Sheriff's Department	Suzie Ferrell
Superior Court Department	Stephanie Shadowens

Private Members

1736 Family Crisis Center	Laura Stein
Center for the Pacific-Asian Family	Herman Lee
Chicana Service Action Center	Alicia Reyes
Sojourn	Pat Butler
Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence	Christina Saki
Women & Children's Crisis Shelter	Judy Gordon
WomenShelter of Long Beach	TuLynn Smylie

CalWorks

Amanecer	Dalia Guzman
Center for the Pacific-Asian Family	Herman Lee
Community Legal Services	Hermine Honarvar-Rule
Foothill Family Services	Marlene Jimenez
Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law	Amy Goldman
Helpline Youth Counseling	Jamie Watson
L.A. Center for Law & Justice	Vincent A. Garcez
Legal Aid Foundation of LA	Ji-Lan Zang
NCADD – LB Woman To Woman	Mary Harris
Project: Peacemakers	Bernita Walker
San Fernando Valley CMCH	Elba B. Otero

Guests Present

ABIP	Richard Kenington
Angel Step Inn	Gina Chadwick
Central Health Center	Elizabeth P. Gaston
Little Tokyo Service Center	Vivian Lee
MALDEF	Ana Paula Noguez
Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center	Terra Slavin
National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles	Leslie deBeauvis
Peace Over Violence	Denice Labertew
Seraphim Manor	Sandra Schooley
South Gate Police Department	Laura Maldonado
West Covina Police Department	Diane Franklin