

LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL



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**SHELTER DIRECTORS MEETING - NOTES**

Mission Statement

*To strengthen the domestic violence shelters in Los Angeles County to provide comprehensive support to survivors and reduce the incidence of domestic violence. The Shelter Directors also join together to advocate and share organizational and financial resources that improve our domestic violence programs.*

**MEETING NOTES**

1. Call to Order & Introductions: Araceli Patino, Chair
2. COVID-19 Updates: All
  - Meeting participants reported what their organization is doing regarding re-opening plans. Most continue to operate with partial staff onsite and most working remotely.
3. Vote for new chair
  - Maria Barahona, Compliance Director at Haven Hills is voted to serve as Co-Chair of Shelter Director Committee.
4. Obtaining landlord tax identification information for rental assistance
  - Meeting participants discussed the challenges to acquire W-9 from landlords. Information and experiences were shared.
  - Group suggested to build a network or relationship with landlords. Encouraging their participation with gift cards or tours of shelter to gain a better understanding of the program.
  - Reminded agencies that it's important to collect W-9 as financial best practice and the agency is responsible as a subcontractor.
5. Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda)
  - Elizabeth Eastland, Rainbow Services provided an update on the DV Systems of Care plan to document and formalize who survivors access care.
    - o She asked for agencies to share their intakes, screeners, feedback regarding the work completed to date and thoughts on standard trainings for hotline workers.
    - o Araceli Patino offered to lead a Hotline training for service providers.
6. 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.
7. Next meeting is **October 19, 2021**. Reminder: August is dark.
8. Adjourn

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