



Domestic Violence Council (DVC)

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th, 2024

12:00pm – 2:00pm (Pacific Time)

LA County – Department of Mental Health



Welcome Remarks



Land Acknowledgment

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants — past, present, and emerging — as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands.

We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council

Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at lanaic.lacounty.gov.



Welcome and Introductions

- Your name
- Pronouns
- Title/Role
- Agency or Affiliation



Meeting Protocol

- ❑ Please be reminded that this is an open and public meeting.
- ❑ Therefore, anything discussed in this space is not protected nor confidential.
- ❑ Any client or survivor identifying information should not be presented. Thus, please avoid discussion of personal cases.
- ❑ If you need additional resources, please connect with myself or Cindy Hernandez after the meeting. Thank you!



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. **January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month**
 - LA Supporting Human Trafficking Survivors Network
 - Presentation: Sex Work, Sexual Exploitation, Sex Trafficking
 - Presentation: Unique Needs and Gaps of HT Survivors From Historically Marginalized Communities
3. **Immigration Update**
4. Domestic Violence Council: Year in Review; Priorities for 2024
5. **Remembering Carol Tantau**
6. Announcements and Public Comments



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

January is National Human Trafficking (HT) Prevention Month .

Every year since 2010, January has been dedicated nationally...

- To raise awareness about human trafficking,
- To educate the public about HT and ways to prevent exploitation,
- To show support for and to connect survivors to resources, and
- To recognize advocates and service providers.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Sarah Whitman, Domestic Violence Systems Coordinator
Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority

Jenn Elizabeth
Director of Street Engagement
The Sidewalk Project

Anabel Martinez, Senior Policy Counsel
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SJI

The Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative (“SJI”) is an evidenced based and community-informed think tank that intentionally fills gaps in human trafficking prevention with an intersectional approach through systemic change and policy innovation.

The Sunita Jain Initiative will guide the next generation of survivor advocates, to enact anti-trafficking law and policy at the local, state, and national levels that grapple with the root causes of human trafficking such as the systemic subordination of poor communities of color, further marginalized by the intersections of gender, gender identity, sexuality, disability, national origin, religion, and/or immigration status.

SJI PILLARS

Government Accountability

Racial Justice

Immigrant Justice

Climate Justice

Economic Justice

ANABEL MARTINEZ,
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(*SHE/HER; ELLA*)

Current Position

- Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Policy Initiative, Loyola Law School
- Senior Policy Counsel

Previously

- Los Angeles LGBT Center
- Client Advocate and Victims Rights' Attorney in the Legal Advocacy Project for Survivors, Legal Services Department
- DV Counselor in the STOP Violence Program, Mental Health Department
- Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, Inc
- Staff Attorney
- Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic
- Staff Attorney /Clinical Law Student

UNIQUE NEEDS OF
LGBTQ+ TRAFFICKING
SURVIVORS

Homo/bi/transphobia

- High rates of discrimination at home, at school, and/or at work

Economic
instability/poverty

Lack of familial and
overall community
support

Identity documents
not align with gender
identity

Lack of appropriate
resources

- Social services
- Health care
- Law enforcement

ADDRESSING
UNIQUE NEEDS
OF LGBTQ+
TRAFFICKING
SURVIVORS

Create inclusive services

Educating ourselves and others

Reedifying safety

Develop partnership, networks, and programs to meet needs

Actively support transformational community change

Making Appropriate Referrals*

UNIQUE NEEDS OF IMMIGRANT TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

Language and cultural
barriers

Issues with translators

Cultural barriers

Fear of retaliation

Immigration/undocumented
status

Lack of strong policies
protecting migrant workers

Lack of access to appropriate
resources

ADDRESSING UNIQUE
NEEDS OF IMMIGRANT
TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

Create Inclusive Services

Educate ourselves and others

Provide Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings

Apply a trafficking lens to immigration policies

Targeted human trafficking awareness campaigns and services

Actively support transformational community change

ENGAGE WITH TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS LEADERS

Engage LGBTQ+ and Immigrant trafficking survivors leaders in your organizations work, including:

- Informing mission, vision, and culture
- Approaching program development, implementation, and evaluation
- Building referral networks and partnerships
- Conducting outreach and awareness-raising activities
- Developing fundraising strategies
- Providing human resource and staffing development

Pay them for their time and work

Survivors are the experts about their experience

QUESTIONS?



REFERENCES

Unique Needs of LGBTQ+ Survivors:

[Sex Trafficking and LGBTQ Youth](#)

[Amplified Risk Factors to Human Trafficking Experienced by the LGBTQIA+ Community-](#)

Addressing Needs of LGBTQ+ Survivors:

[Upholding LGBTQ+ Equality is Fighting Human Trafficking](#)

[LGBTQIA+ Youth and Experiences of Human Trafficking: A Healing Centered Approach](#)

[Breaking Barriers: Improving Services for LGBTQ Human Trafficking Victims](#)

Unique Needs of Immigrant Survivors:

[What are Immigration Challenges for Survivors of Human Trafficking?](#)

[Migrants and Their Vulnerability to Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and Forced Labour](#)

[The Intersection Between Migrant Work and Labor Trafficking](#)

Addressing Needs of Immigrant Survivors:

[U.S. Immigration Policy and Human Trafficking: Two Sides of the Same Coin](#)

[LA County Board of Supervisors' Motion: Reimagining Los Angeles County's Approach to Human Trafficking](#)

Survivor Leader Engagement:

[Tips for Anti-Trafficking Professionals When Working with Survivor Leaders](#)

[National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center: Survivor Leaders](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION



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IMMIGRATION UPDATE

Marilyn Figueroa, Staff Attorney
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
and **Member of LA VAWA Network**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC) 2023 Year in Review & Key Priorities for 2024

Lan Pham, Executive Director
Domestic Violence Council (DVC)
Los Angeles County



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC) 2023 Year in Review

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Return to in-person DVC General Membership and Committee meetings in May 2023.
2. Implemented hybrid DVC General Membership meetings in September 2023
3. Increased attendance from 40 to more than 100 by year.
4. Held annual breakfast, attended by more than 170 attendees; honoring 40+ agencies, 15 co-chairs, 4 survivor activists.
5. Conducted 1:1 meetings with more than 50 key stakeholders to identify needs, gaps, and opportunities for DVC to improve response for LA County DV survivors.
6. Hosted 10 listening sessions with survivors, service providers, systems providers to address needs/gaps for immigrant/undocumented survivors.
7. Administered survey to assess needs/gaps related to potential VOCA reductions.
8. Stood up DV and Child Maltreatment Workgroup in December 2023.
9. Stood up DV and African American Community Caucus Planning Committee in December 2023.
10. Responded to 4 Board Motions related to DV.
11. DVC E Board/Co Chairs Retreat in December



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL (DVC) Looking Forward to 2024

KEY PRIORITIES

1. Clear Workplan with milestones and performance commitments.
2. Expand DVC Membership and Committees.
3. Continue to gather data, share out.
4. Lead convener for DV funders.
5. Elevate DVC work at multiple levels – clients, community, systems, public policy.



REMEMBERING CAROL TANTAU

Stephanie Whack, DV Alliance Co-Chair

Domestic Violence Alliance

&

Domestic Violence Program Coordinator

DV Systems Alignment

LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)



October 3, 2023 Board Action:

Addressing Physical Safety and Mental Health For Women Fleeing Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking

Thank you!

For more information/contact:

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Announcements and Public Comments

- ❑ We are now inviting attendees to share announcements, updates, and public comments not to exceed two (2) minutes per person.
- ❑ Public comments be on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the DVC.



Closing Remarks

- ❑ **FEBRUARY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024; 9AM-11AM AT DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH.** More to come. Stay tuned.
- ❑ **Remember to sign-in if you have not; however, is not required.** Names on sign-in sheet will be added to DVC email listserv to receive information, meeting reminders for future DVC meetings and events.
- ❑ **For more information on DVC, you may contact us at:**
 - ❑ <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dvcouncil>
 - ❑ Email: dvc@ph.lacounty.gov
 - ❑ Call: (213) 974-2799