

Minutes

DVC Executive Committee Meeting

3/17/17

A. Call to order

-Attendees: Fariba Soroosh, Gina Sessions, Cindy Hendrickson, Harjit Kaur, Cynthia Hunter, Nicole Ford, Sylvia Mata, Jake Rohdes, member of public

B. Public Presentations: None.

C. Consent Calendar: No items.

D. Regular Agenda:

1. Receive retreat ad hoc and work plan update:

Member Sessions reported on the follow up work regarding outcome of retreat and how those findings are being used to create the DVC work plan for 2017-2018.

Each committee will fit proposed activities under the DVC's listed objectives and goals or in the new initiative category. They will also rank each activity as to importance and priority in completion. Each committee will submit their work plan to the Chair and Vice Chair by April 14, to be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on April 21, and voted by the DVC at its meeting on May 5. The BOS approved an extension for submission of DVC's work plan from April to May.

Member Soroosh will follow up with committee chairs to invite them to the next Executive Committee meeting on 4/21 to present their work plans.

OWP will put out an RFP to hire a strategic planner to help review and revise DVC's structure and vision considering the retreat outcomes and changes due to passage of the number years since DVC's current structure and vision were created.

2. Letter regarding OVW and VAWA funding-This item was placed on hold.

3. Schedule new member orientation:

There are currently two new members that need the orientation, Member Ford and the SJPD Member. The Pretrial seat and the Advocate seat are currently vacant with applications pending.

The Criminal Court Judge seat is vacant and the Supervising Judge that would normally occupy that seat has said that he will not be applying due to ethical and conflict of interest issues. The Executive Committee decided to discuss the issue of keeping judicial seats on the DVC with the strategic planner as it requires a change of the applicable ordinance.

4. Law Enforcement Training and Update Event ad hoc committee report: Member Ford has scheduled the first meeting of this committee on March 28.

5. Agenda items for April 7th DVC meeting:

Study of batterer intervention programs-There were comments regarding the need to define the parameters and objectives of the study. A decision was made to have OWP put out an RFP to hire a consultant to help narrow the focus of this study. Guidelines should be set for hiring this consultant such as level of experience, local and national connections, neutrality, He/she should help DVC do the following and more as appropriate:

- Determine the current status of the programs and how well they work in reducing recidivism.
- Determine what would work best for this county.
- Come up with best practices to ensure a coordinated community response.
- Consider statewide and national developments.
- Consider cost of the programs from various perspectives including the provider, the participant, the system as compared to costs of incarceration.
- Look at existing relevant studies and literature.
- Solicit comments and participation from relevant stakeholders.

Making immigrant DV litigants and witnesses feel safe to access justice in the courts in view of recent ICE activities-This item was forward to Court Systems for discussion.

Funding for PVAC study-Cost of printing surveys will be covered by OWP. This is part of an effort to collect data for nine months starting in April to identify gaps.

Presentation by Rick and DiAnn Beatty regarding a bill idea to make information about certain convicted batterers publicly available.