

HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES MEETING AGENDA

DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS, MEETING PARTICIPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NEED TO CALL INTO THE MEETING.

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2022
Time: 2:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
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Agenda Item	Lead
I. Welcome and Introductions	Isela Gracian, Second District
II. Partnering for Domestic Violence Survivors	Amy Turk, Downtown Women's Center/ Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition
III. Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council	Nicolle Perras, DPH
IV. Domestic Violence and Homelessness	Ericka Battaglia and Elizabeth Vera, HOPICS
V. Items Recommended for Future Discussion	
VI. Public Comment	

Next Meeting: August 11, 2022



Partnering for Survivors

Amy Turk, LCSW
Chief Executive Officer
Downtown Women's Center
Co-Lead of DVHSC

The Los Angeles Domestic Violence Homeless Services Coalition (DVHSC)

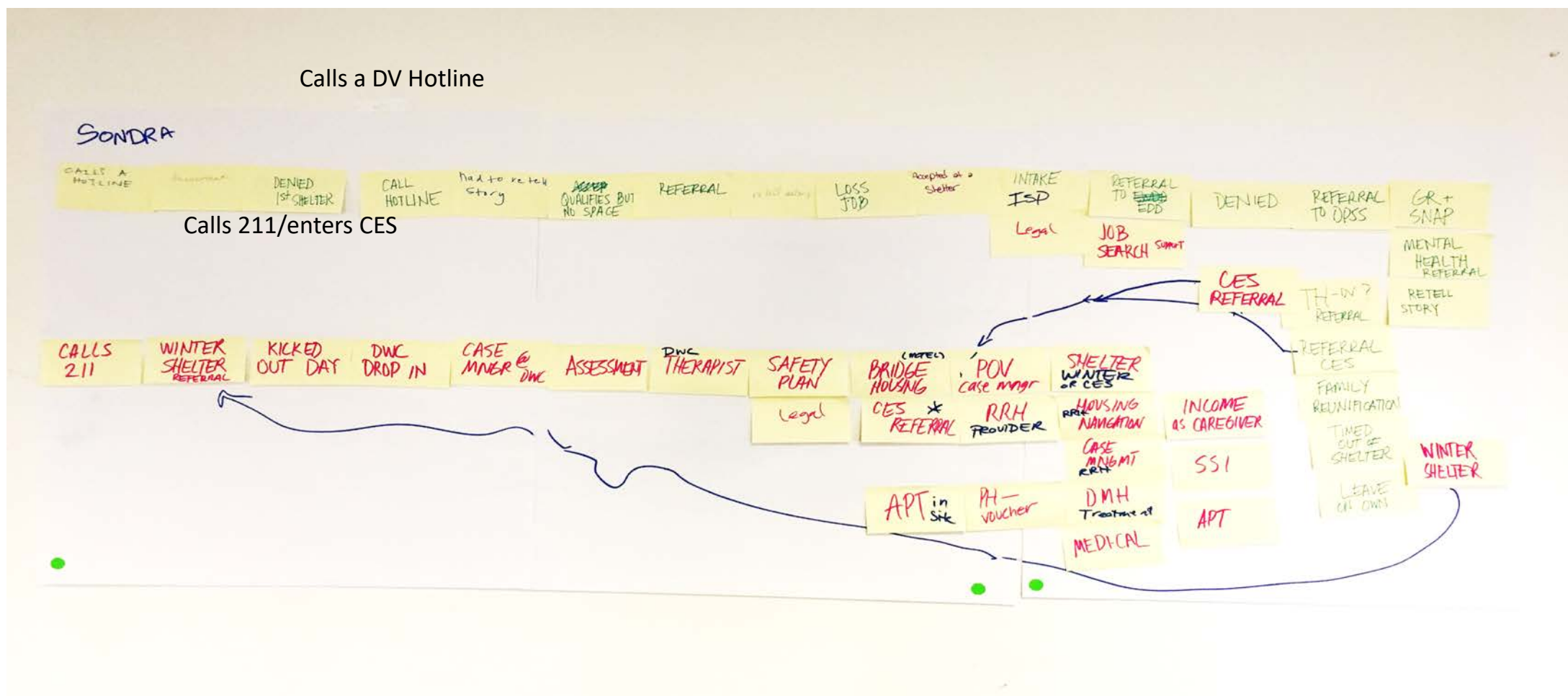
The **Downtown Women's Center**, co-lead with **Rainbow Services**, are leading a cross-sector Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition (DVHSC) to create a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors.

Leading partners in the coalition include:

- **LA City Community Investment for Families Department**
- **LAHSA**
- **Community Legal Aid So Cal**
- **CSH Speak Up!**
- **LA County Domestic Violence Council**
- **LA County Women and Girls Initiative**
- **Los Angeles County Supervisor Shelia Kuehl's Office**
- **St. Joseph Center**
- **The Whole Child**
- **Community Advocates**



Our System for Survivors in 2016



Survivor Voices Informed DVHSC Next Steps

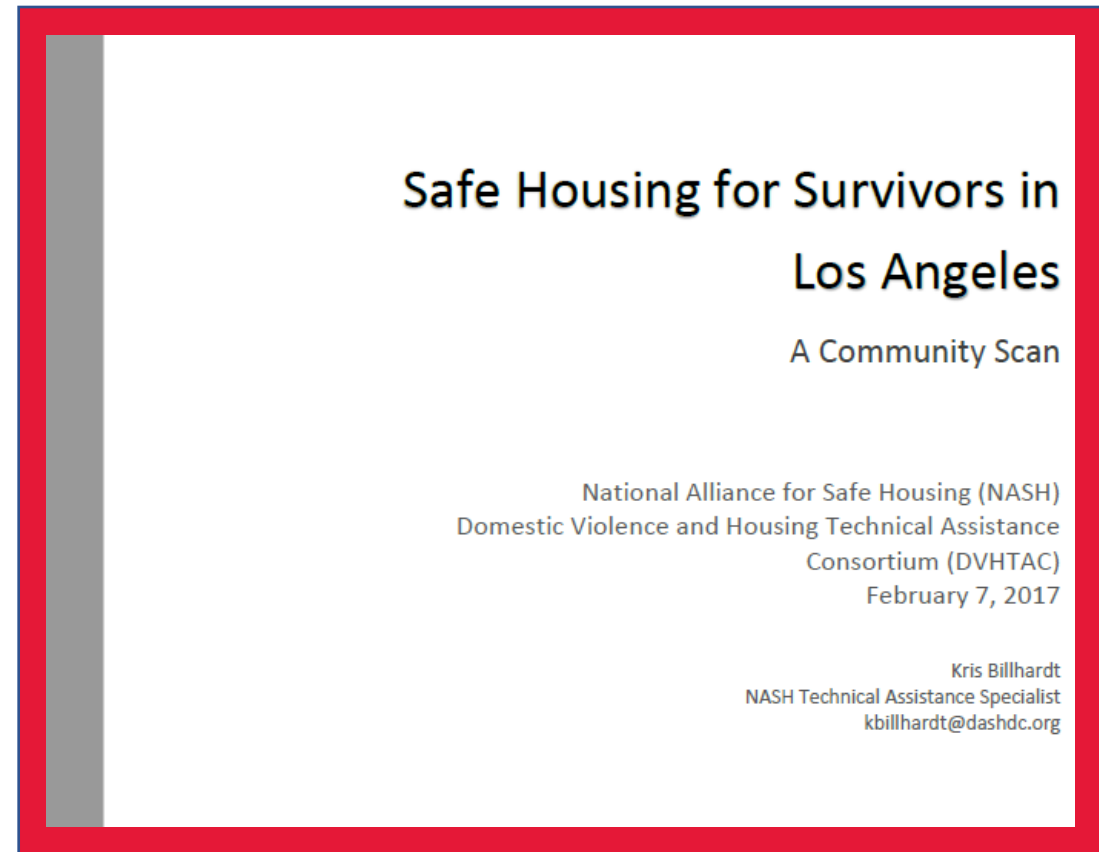
- Increase access to permanent housing for survivors
- Reduce barriers and increase access to services
- Understand trauma and its impact
- Increase domestic violence advocacy and education
- Reasonable accommodations for survivors with unique needs



Safe Housing for Survivors in LA Community Scan Informed Next Steps

IMPROVING COLLABORATIONS:

- Opportunities for cross-system communication
- Cross training
- Partnering on projects
- Victims services voice in all decision making
- Co-located victims services advocates at CES sites
- Enact survivor-specific HUD guidance



Informed by Community Voices, Together We Increased Housing Resources for Survivors

- **Scaled the Domestic Violence Housing First Model**
 - LAHSA local pilot
 - CofC HUD DV-Bonus
 - LA City's Survivor First
- **Made Coordinated Entry more accessible**
 - Created a non-HMIS CES portal with LAHSA
 - Piloted Countywide (8) DV Regional Coordinators using Measure H funds transferred to CES funds through the HUD DV-Bonus
 - In 2020-2022 provided 238 trainings to 5,478 people (EHV, Safety Transfers, CES topics and more)
- **Established Enhanced Trauma Informed Bridge Housing Beds for Women**
 - Including The Willows and Gardner Street Library
- **Increased access to information and coordination**
 - DVHSC includes 860 individuals and 250 organizations.
 - Member meetings increase awareness of impact of trauma, provide TA for orgs for funding and partnership for permanent housing, evaluate the initiatives we advocate for
- **Increased bed capacity by 3000 through Project Safe Haven, a hotel COVID response.**
 - This more than doubled the amount of shelter beds that DV providers operate normally during COVID
- **Created systems change**
 - LA City & LA County designated Unaccompanied Women as subpopulation
 - State Bill 914-HELP ACT-Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations authored by Senator Susan Rubio
- **Increased Awareness through Data**

Survivors Prevalence Now

LAHSA 2020 Homeless Count for LA County

- 48% of Unaccompanied Women in Los Angeles County reported DV/IPV experience
 - 19% homeless due to fleeing
- 29% of all adults reported DV/IPV experience

Downtown Women Center's 2019 LA City Women's Needs Assessment

- 26% experienced frequent violence within the last year
- 53.2% had experienced DV/IPV in their lifetime

Meeting the Needs of Survivors at Downtown Women's Center

DWC's Full Continuum of Services Include:

- Cal Office of Emergency Services (2018) & HUD Continuum of Care DV Bonus Funds (2021)
 - Increased permanent housing placements by 63% between 2020 to 2021,
 - Distributed nearly \$4 million in cash housing assistance in last two years
 - Maintained a 99% housing retention rate for our participants for the 158 permanently housed
 - Enrolled 282 survivors
- Victims of Crime Trauma Recovery Center (2016)
- Every Woman Housed (2021)
- Permanent Supportive Housing through a Survivor Lens
 - *Creating Permanent Supportive Housing to Meet the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence: A Toolkit for Housing Developers, Architects, Property Managers, and Housing Service Providers* by Downtown Women's Center & National Alliance for Safe Housing

What Women Want As Informed by the 2022 Los Angeles County Women's Needs Assessment (in progress)

DWC's Research Partners, Urban Institute with the Hub for Urban Initiatives conducted listening sessions:

- 91 women total across 9 listening sessions in 7 SPAs, small number of one-on-one interviews in 1 SPA
- One bilingual Spanish/English group, one group primarily made up of LGBTQ+ individuals
- Mix of ages, race and ethnicity, and experiences of homelessness

Results:

- Women want safe, affordable, and private housing
- Women need immediate help with emergent needs
- Women would benefit from improved case management and trauma-informed approaches to services
- Opportunities that foster social connection and a sense of belonging are strongly desired

What We Need Now

Support and Expand:

- Los Angeles County DV Regional Coordinators
- Los Angeles' ability to score competitively for HUD Continuum of Care Funds
- Funding for PSH
- Every Woman Housed Initiative
- Survivor Experience via Advocacy Programs/Councils
- Los Angeles County DV Counsel policy and funding recommendations
- Community Based Research (Countywide Women's Needs Assessment)

**HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES
JULY 14, 2022 MEETING SUMMARY
VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL**

DEPUTIES IN ATTENDANCE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniella Urbina, First District • Isela Gracian, Second District • Lily Sofiani, Second District • Rachael Simon, Third District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Ortiz, Third District • Elan Shultz, Third District • Ivan Sulic, Fourth District • Tyler Cash, Fifth District
ITEMS/PRESENTERS	ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS
I. Welcome and Introductions - Lily Sofiani, Second District	N/A
II. Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool - Sarah Mahin, DHS, Leepi Shimkhada, DHS, and Amy Cole, Brilliant Corners	The deputies requested data on the percentage of Housing For Health funding received from health sector revenue sources (Medicaid, CalAIM) versus funding from health providers. Additionally, a schedule of flexible housing pool funding by sources was requested.
III. Predictive Analytics - Janey Rountree, California Policy Lab at UCLA	No additional follow up.
IV. Homeless Prevention Unit - Dana Vanderford, DHS	No additional follow up.
V. Public Comment	N/A
VI. Items Recommended for Future Discussion	Discussion on the difference, pros, cons on project-based and tenant-based Section 8 vouchers.
VII. Next Meeting	July 28, 2022