



Policy Committee Meeting
March 15th, 2022

Judge Judy Warne	Chair of the Committee
Sonia Corrales	HAWC
Tyrone Lin	HAWC
Lt. Kira Webster	HPD
Amy Johnson	HCDVCC
Amy Smith	HCDVCC
Sgt. John Klafka	HCSO
Bill Kelly	City of Houston/Gov't Relations
Julie Marinucci	Moms Demand Action
Thecia Jenkins	HCDVCC

Meeting Judge Judy Warne, the Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order. Amy Smith apologized about the confusion over last month's meeting. Introductions were made.

Judge Warne updated the Committee on her work with the Texas Center for the Judiciary on the Bench Book for Judges, a guide for Judges on current laws. Since there are so many new Judges, they have changed the format to make it easier for them to use. She is updating the P.O. section of the Book.

Amy Smith updated the Committee on HCDVCC's upcoming series of Deliberate Dialogues that will cover the Intersection of Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System. Each Dialogue will feature speakers from agencies on a topic and how their agency interacts with a DV case. The topics will be:

- March- Pre-Conviction
- April- Post Conviction
- May- Courts
- July- D.A.'s Office and Public Defender's Office
- Sept.- JAD and Commissioner's Court
- Oct- Wrap Up and Next Steps

The Dialogues will be on the last Thursday of the scheduled months from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Amy also mentioned that due to the results of the election Court Watch is going to on hold until January.

Bill Kelly with the Mayor's Office mentioned that the City has funded HPD's DART Program with ARP funds. They will be adding personal to that Program. The ARP funds have to be allocated by FY 25, but the City has until FY 26 to spend the money. Unlike the CARES Act money that had to be spent quickly. The Quarter Report can be found at www.houstontx.gov/arpa/public/documents01.31.22-ARPAQuarterlyReport

Sonia Corrales reported she as well as Thecia Jenkins, are on the TCFV Public Policy Committee and that Houston is well represented. She would like us to talk about issues that they can bring to TCFV so that it can get on their Policy Agenda. Amy Smith suggested we plan to spend some time at the next meeting talking about items that we can include. Sonia also mentioned they have been talking to some Judges and they would like a skill-based training on how to handle a DV case.

Sgt. John Klafka stated that the HCSO had received 39 orders for gun surrender since December 2018. They currently have 84 guns and have returned 19 after the PO had expired. He also said the 257th District Court recently used the Gun Surrender Program and is the first court outside of the 280th that has used it.

Judge Warne mentioned that she talked to Judge Raul Rodriguez from County Court 13, and he is still interested in a Pilot Project for Gun Surrender in his court.

Meeting adjourned and the next meeting will be on April 19th at 2:00 pm via ZOOM.