



Legal Services Committee
April 21, 2022

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Maisha Colter	AVDA
Barbara McInnis	Pct 5- Victim Services

Amy Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

Thecia Jenkins informed us that Makayla is not available for the May training she will be out on maternity leave. Thecia will email her to see when she would be available for possible training in Oct. Everyone agreed to cancel the May 26th training since Makayla is not available. The group decided it would be best to take summer off of trainings and resume back in September and October.

Next the group discussed the need for UVisa, TVisa, and Immigration training. Jessica Howton volunteered to Tahirah to help with the training. Jessica will look for the dates in Sept. or October that will work for her. It was discussed about breaking it up into 2 parts.

- 1st- Overview of Uvisa & TVisa
- 2nd- Immigration issues and court proceedings

Thecia thought maybe we could find a survivor who has been through the Uvisa process and have them speak about their experience. Barbara is going to speak with Katrina to see if she would like to share her experience.

Announcements from agencies:

- AVDA hiring Staff attorney/Bipp Facilitator

Next Meeting Thursday May 19, 2022 at 11:30 am via ZOOM