Policy Committee Meeting
March 21, 2023

Barbie Brashear	HCDVCC
Amy Smith	HCDVCC
Thecia Jenkins	HCDVCC
Lt. Gale Johnson	HCSO
Lt. Kira Webster	HPD- Family Violence
Sonia Corrales	HAWC
Katharina Dechert	Tahirih
Veronyka James	Office of Justice and Safety
Shannon Fowler	UH/Downtown
Amanda Elkanick	Texas Advocacy Project
Aarian Tipton	Texas Advocacy Project

Amy Smith welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Judge Warne had a conflict and was unable to attend the meeting.

The following bills were discussed:

HB 4336- Remove all authority of Judges to prohibit firearms in a PO.- Bad bill and one to keep track of to stop from passing. TAP will start tracking

SB2020- Mass Terroristic Threat- 3rd degree felony. Also creates task force to evaluate policies and practices with interaction between Law Enforcement and Mental Health Systems in relation to incidents of mass violence in the State

HB 3994/SB 1717- Definition of Stalking

HB 1731- No bond for misdemeanor defendants who have prior dv or POs

HB 1923- Video Conferencing

HB 1479- Surrender of firearm with Family Violence conviction and MOEP and PO

HB 1577- Parole Eligibility for certain assaultive offenses including impeding breath

HJR 133 – Bond for Stalking

HB 20- Major impact for immigrants. Creates new immigration police under DPS that reports directly to the Governor. Can deputize any citizen that does not have a felony conviction

SB578- County of Residence to PO- Passed Senate

HB 2861- Options for LE on dv calls to write citations

SB 1401/HB 2668- CVC- take out Law Enforcement

HB 250- CVC- Household member doesn't have to by blood or marriage

Several other bills related to CVC SB 49, HB 959, HB 798

TCFV Public Policy Committee is trying to address how long it is taking for victims to get reimbursed by CVC and TAP is seeing victims getting denied for administrative reasons, like not answering all questions, etc

Congratulations to Lt. Gale Johnson who is getting promoted to Captain.

Meeting Adjourned.

Our next meeting April 18th at 2:00 via ZOOM.