



Policy Committee Meeting
October 17, 2023

Amy Smith	HCDVCC
Thecia Jenkins	HCDVCC
Katharina Dechert	Tahirih
Lt. Kira Webster	HPD
Amanda Goebel	Texas Advocacy Project
Aarian Tipton	Texas Advocacy Project
Shannon Fowler	UH/Downtown
Veronyka James	RAD- Office of County Administration
Rebecca Councill	HCDVCC
Celina Lilly	Fresh Spirit

Amy Smith welcomed everyone and stated that Judge Judy Warne was in San Antonio at a legislative where they will be talking about the new Protective Order Burden. She also mentioned the Legal Services Committee is working on Criminal Justice 102 training and a recorded Protective Order training. She also talked about the successful Interfaith Training HCDVCC co-sponsored with AVDA and DAYA. A DV toolkit was created for the training and is now on the HCDVCC website and on HPD's website.

Veronyka James announced her Department has changed names to the Research and Analysis Division of the Office of County Administration. It looks like the US Supreme Court will hear arguments on the Rahimi Case on November 7th. She is still working on the Family Violence Report for the Commissioner's Court and hopes to finish it soon.

Thecia Jenkins announced HCDVCC, AVDA and DAYA are having a Candlelight Vigil on October 24th. On October 18th she will be joining Jamie Wright and others for an event at Prairie View A&M in response to the woman killed trying to help her friend. She also mentioned Dr. Shana Lewis is having an event on October 26th at Crime Stoppers.

Aarian Tipton talked about 2 workshops TAP is hosting one on Financial Empowerment and the other on October 27th on Criminal Record Relief.

Katharina Dechert announced Tahirih is hosting an Immigrant Legal Services Fund Info session in Spanish on October 28th. She also talked about events with Walk with Amal more information at this link. <https://www.walkwithamal.org/events>

Shannon Fowler announced he will be teaching a Graduate Victimology class next semester and if anyone has or needs help with any projects, he is looking for some for his students.

Lt. Kira Webster announced Channel 39 interviewed Sgt. Nathaniel Waldie for a series airing sometime this month. They might be contacting others as well. She also mentioned the Safety Net Toolkit in this week's DVCC newsletter was great and she will be incorporating it into some of their resource information.

Celina Lilly announced Fresh Spirit is having a 2-day Empowerment Event on October 20th and 21st. She also talked about an event she attended with Carolyn Thomas. She said we need more awareness and prevention to help prevent some of these IPV homicides we are constantly hearing about on TV.

The committee decided to go ahead and meet for our next meeting in November even though it is the week of Thanksgiving.

Meeting Adjourned.

Our next meeting is on November 21st at 2:00 via ZOOM.