



Legal Services Committee
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Amy Smith	HCDVCC
Sarah Bryan	Advocates for Immigrant Survivors
Rebecca Council	HCDVCC
Thecia Jenkins	HCDVCC
Fanisha Washington	HCDVCC
Stefanie Hayes	HCDVCC

Amy Smith opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Sarah Bryan announced that Advocates for Immigrant Survivors have been swamped because the USC is getting ready to update their forms so they are trying to get all of their current forms in before the forms and fees change.

Amy announced that Tahirih would not be joining us today because they have 3 Appeals due.

Fanisha Washington announced that the 280th Court continues to stay busy especially on DVD's days on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Stefanie Hayes announced that she met with her last school group on May 2nd. Moving forward they will be focusing on outreach to the Community with a focus on colleges. They have met with HCC to focus and will focus their trainings on Healthy Relationships.

Thecia Jenkins mentioned that HCDVCC is hosting on summit for survivors on June 8th from 8:30 to 1:00 at the United Way. The Thrive Summit will feature a panel of our survivors, Voices of Freedom, to encourage survivors to move from victim to survivor, to THRIVER! There will also be a speaker to help with Economic stability. Finally, Barbie Brashear will lead a focus group on the CJ System. The second meeting of the conversation regarding DV in the African American Community will be on May 21st. HCDVCC will host a Roundtable in September about DV in the Hispanic Community. Thecia also has been working with WorkForce Solutions on a new training model- Conduct an initial training and then 2 follow-up Implementation sessions 30 days apart to see how they have implemented the training into their work. She will try to implement this "Train the Trainer" model into other organizations, she is currently in discussion with the Texas Nurse's Association. She has challenged them to look at their hospital policies on DV in the workplace and asking IPV questions. She is also working with a mobile home community that

has about 300 to 400 youths in their community. She will work with the group to train trainers to work with that group. She also discussed a new grant for economic empowerment- "Secure the Bag".

Amy announced the Committee usually takes the summers off so the CJ and Immigration Trainings will be pushed to the Fall. Another idea for a training was educating Advocates to talk to their clients about wills, custody and other issues in case of a DV homicide.

Meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting will be June 20th at 11:30 via ZOOM. Remember we are meeting on ZOOM, not Teams so log on to the ZOOM link in the body of the email.