Introductions/Announcements - Nancy Volpert, Co-Chair, Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Co-Chair. Please sign in in the chat, and welcome new participants. Thanks to those who make updates to the bill chart, it is deeply appreciated.

<u>Meeting Protocols Announced</u>: Before we begin this meeting, please be reminded that this is an open and public meeting. Therefore, anything discussed is not protected by any type of confidentiality. Any client identifying information should not be presented. Please avoid discussion of personal cases as well. If you need additional resources, please contact the co-chairs after this meeting.

- I. 2025 Legislation & Policies
 - a. State see bill chart. If you need access to the bill chart, email Nancy at Nancy@progadvisors.com or Minty at msiu-kootnikoff@thepeopleconcern.org
 - b. Federal Nothing good to report. There are efforts at VAWA and HHS grant freezes and claw backs. Everything it being litigated. At least VAWA was previously renewed because it would not get through now. The gutting of MediCal and its impact on public health discussed. Time to fight to protect MediCal and Medicaid.
 - c. Local
 - i. City
 - Mayor's proposed budget to be released on 4/21/25, City must approve budget by mid-May. If people are interested, there is a public comment opportunity. See https://ens.lacity.org/clk/committeeagend/clkcommitteeagend372 2188129 04252025.htm
 - 2. DVRO Task Force Survey announced. if you are a victim with direct experience, please use the survey link here. If you are an advocate or attorney who has assisted victims, please use the survey link here.
 - ii. County
 - 1. Nothing this month from DVC.

- Office of Women's Health is working on a motion reimaging Human Trafficking, if you have feedback, please reach out to Ericka Abad within 120 days
- Also, there is a new County motion on Preventing Human Trafficking in Wake of Natural Disasters https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/201703.pdf

II. Emerging Issues

- a. Anyone hear more about Justice Corps being on chopping block? They provide essential services.
- III. Follow up on items from previous meeting.
 - a. State Bar Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct is starting a working group on attorney solicitation of DVRO Respondents prior to service and if interested, please communicate with the committee if you have not already done so.
 - b. Reorganization at the DA's office on hold until June or July. Lack of chaos is always appreciated.
- IV. Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda)
 - a. If you have any new matters for May, please let us know by end of April.
- V. Public Comments (not to exceed two minutes per person and must be on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council.)
 - a. Jerilyn wanted to let everyone know about the free Self Defense clinic being offered on April 26
 - b. Jerilyn announces DVA/DVC lived experience committee event on May 9 @ CCF on Temple
 - c. Thanks to everyone who submitted edits to the bill chart
- VI. Reminder to complete our DVC Monthly Meeting Evaluation Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8MC8V9
- VII. Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2025 at JFS Hope Offices.
- VIII. Adjourn