



Darren M. Popkin Sheriff

# Office of the Sheriff Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Thursday, July 14, 2022 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

<u>The meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.</u> <u>An email update was sent to the members of the Council.</u>

- The Council would like to thank Carissa Zheng for her roll as the student member. She helped plan the most successful RespectFest we have had to date. She will continue to be on the Student Advisory Council.
- The Council would like to welcome Tondalayo Royster as the new representative from the Commission for Women. She has already been involved with the Education and Outreach Committee.
- Ben Stevenson has been nominated by Director Angela Talley with the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation to be the new member. He should be confirmed by the County Council in the coming weeks.

# Committee Updates:

Education and Outreach Update:

- The committee is beginning to plan events for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October). If you have any interest in participating on the committee, please contact Ngozi Obineme.
- The committee is working on an outreach initiative to apartment complexes. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Tondalayo Royster.
- The committee is continuing to distribute awareness cards. If you would like to assist with distribution, please contact Smita and she will send you a packet of cards.
- The committee is planning for fall classroom Choose Respect presentations and will begin work on RespectFest in the fall.

## Victim Services Committee

- General
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The June meeting was canceled due to scheduling conflicts.
- Legal Services Initiative
  - The committee is working to bring Ayuda more formally into the fold of providing civil legal services to FJC Clients.
  - The MOU for the Expungement Clinic for FJC Clients is nearly complete and ready for signature.
  - The Committee is considering various strategies to begin hosting legal workshops for BAK shelter residents.
  - The Committee is interested in assessing the utilization of the Safe Passage Center and brainstorming ways to collect data on Protective Orders and how many cases are referred to Safe Passage.
- Addiction Services Initiative
  - The Committee is working on connecting with a representative from ACCESS to discuss potential partnership with the Family Justice Center.

#### Legislative Committee

- The next meeting is on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.
- If anyone has any ideas or thoughts about legislative priorities, please send them to Maura Lynch, Debbie Feinstein and Smita Varia.

#### Offender Committee

• No updates

## The next DVCC meeting will be on September 8, 2022, 5pm-7pm



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