Council to End Domestic Violence Victim Access Workgroup Agenda

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

MS Teams

Members present: Nora Mahoney (chair), Ayaan Ali, Boliva Bustamante, Sandra Guerrero Perez, Susan Madsen, The Hon. Divani Nadaraja, Stephanie Romonchuk, Pam Sejas, Tina Spurlock, and Brittany Vera

Guests and staff: Ali Lehman, LSNV

I. Welcome

Nora opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Nora moved to approve the meeting take place virtually and ensured all participants could be seen and heard. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Updates

Domestic Relations is short an intake officer. PPOs are now back to the regular process of having in-person ex parte hearings.

New executive order focuses on minimizing and reducing language access for people who need interpreters. LEP.gov is being shut down to review the materials available.

III. Self-Help Material Review

Ali has reviewed the materials on the website and also gone through them to expand for the Self-Help Resource Center.

The meeting moved to a new link at 8:32 AM due to disruptive nature of members of the public sharing inappropriate content on their screens.

The group reviewed suggested edits to the website and discussed appropriate changes.

Major changes include fixing the broken link for the Glossary and adding language that describes where petitioners should file based on their relationship to the respondent. The issue is that if someone googles the protective order process, either the JDRDC or GDC page pops up, not the main page.

Judge Nadaraja pointed out that in a Google search, the page is not the first hit, or anywhere near it. She also pointed out it is not easy to find on the county's website to navigate through the DFS pages.

Nora and Brittany will circle back to determine the next steps for the content.

IV. Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned without further discussion.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 Fairfax County Courthouse Room 201.1 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM