



Policy Committee Meeting
September 17, 2024

Amy Smith	HCDVCC
Mayumi Waddy	Moms Demand Action
Thecia Jenkins	HCDVCC
Katharina Dechert	Tahirih
Aarian Tipton	Texas Advocacy Project
Veronyka James	Office of County Administration
Sonia Corrales	HAWC
Jacklyn Guerra	HAWC
Jen Schirmer	Graduate Student/UH School of Social Work
Lt. John Klafka	HCSO- Special Victims Division
Kelly Venci-Gonzalez	Harris Co. Juvenile Probation

Amy Smith announced Judge Warne could not join the meeting today.

Katharina Dechert announced that Tahirih's recent luncheon was a success. She also announced they will be hosting a Citizenship clinic on September 26th. Attendees must register at this link

Citizenship clinic registration: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=b4N0YhdqXkSkXlf8AzP53Cx0TztZNOxFomacEK3LKXFUMVNMDFDTFkzUDRRT0o5V1NBN1pETIJJaVS4u&route=shorturl>

She also announced that the Harris County Sheriff's Office is now accepting the Harris County Enhanced Library Card as a valid ID. A celebration will be held on Friday September 20th from 6:30- until 8:00 @ Talento Bilingual de Houston. 333 South Jensen Drive. Houston, TX 77003.

Aarian Tipton announced TAP had a successful gala in Austin last week. Their support groups are wrapping up and the hope to start new ones either later in the year or early next year.

Mayumi Waddy announced Moms Demand Action recently decided to focus on domestic violence and they are just getting to know different partner agencies and trying to figure out what their legislative agenda will be for Texas.

Sonia Corrales announced TCFV is finalizing their agenda and it will be released soon. She wanted to thank everyone who participated in all the ZOOM meetings TCFV held around possible policy items. She

also announced that she and Amanda Elkanick from TAP attended the White House's 30th Anniversary of VAWA events in Washington, D.C.

Veronyka James announced she is continuing to work on a Resource Desert Map and has met with the United Way to try and include some of their data.

Lt. John Klafka announced the HCSO Crimes Against Person Division has split. He will have the Special Victims Division which will include Family Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Victim Assistance. Captain Gale Johnson will be their Captain. They now have 16 Family Violence Investigators, 10 Sexual Assault Investigators and 7 Victim Advocates.

Amy Smith announced HCDVCC will be holding a training on Domestic Violence High Risk Teams at the United Way on September 26th.

Thecia Jenkins stated HCDVCC will hold a roundtable on A Coordinating Community Response in the Hispanic Community on September 19th. Next year HCDVCC is hoping to host roundtables in the LGBTQ+ and People with Disabilities communities. She also mentioned that DVCC, AVDA, and DAYA will be hosting an Interfaith Dialogue and a Candlelight Vigil on October 10th at the United Way. Also during

<https://www.hcdvcc.org/event/remembrance-caring-hope-vigil/>

www.hcdvcc.org/event/interfaith-community-dialogues-on-domestic-violence/

Also during the month of October Thecia and HCDVCC's Voices of Freedom will be hosting Facebook Live events every Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Amy announced HCDVCC will create a DVAM calendar so feel free to send your events to Rebecca Council rebeccacouncil@hcdvcc.org

Amy Smith adjourned the meeting.

Our next meeting is on October 15th via ZOOM.