

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Immigration Committee

September 13, 2016 at 10:30 AM

DSP Museum, Dover, DE

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM. In attendance were Jane Curschman (CLASI), Carolyn Becker (WPD), Rachel Bleshman (CLASI), Laura Graham (CLASI/Committee Chair), Meghan Fisher (DOJ), Adrienne Owen (DSP), Nancy Carranza (Abriendo Puertas), Mayra Reyes (Georgetown PD), Darlene Battle (DACA), Yessenia Roman (DACA) and Aimee String (DVCC).
- II. Old Business
 - a. Resource Guide
 - i. The resource guide has been sent out to libraries and agencies that may have contact with Immigrant victims. There have been no requests for training at this time.
 - b. DACA
 - i. There is nothing currently happening but we will keep this item on the agenda for future updates.
- III. New Business
 - a. Subcommittee Goals
 - i. Training, Education and Outreach
 1. The committee would like to focus on doing Community Outreach this year. In light of the political climate there will likely be a lot of confusion regarding immigration laws and procedures.
 - a. Possible Events
 - i. Milford Festival (Food Festival, Riverfest, Bug & Bud)
 - ii. Hispanic Festival (Millsboro or Georgetown)
 - iii. Hispanic Festival (Wilmington)
 - iv. Delaware State Fair
 - v. Churches
 - ii. Increase attendance statewide
 1. Members will reach out to some key individuals and agencies that are not currently at the table to encourage them to attend and/or send a representative.
 - ii. DMV-Driver's Privilege Card (Guest Speaker: Darlene Battle, Delaware Alliance for Community Advancement)
 - i. It took about 2 years to get the Driver's Privilege programs going. DMV was a big ally. They did a lot of the research. It went into effect in June.

- ii. The Driving Privilege Card is a valid driver's license that is available to immigrant residents of Delaware who are unable to produce legal presence within the US and meet certain eligibility requirements.
- iii. It is not a valid form of identification.
- iv. There is a \$20.00 fee for the card plus a \$52.50 fee for validating the individual's identification.
- v. The card is valid for a period of four years and then must be renewed.
- vi. The card is only valid in Delaware.
- vii. Requirements:
 - 1. Proof of identity via fingerprint verification.
 - 2. Applicant must supply a document from the Delaware Division of Revenue verifying that the applicant has filed taxes in Delaware.
 - 3. Proof of name and date of birth (passport)
 - 4. Must pass vision screening, written exam and a road skills test.
 - 5. Applicants must have an appointment at DMV.
- viii. Issues
 - 1. Committee members noted that the Spanish translation of the written test is difficult to understand. Individuals who speak Spanish as their first language have chosen to take the test in English because they find it easier to follow.
 - a. Ms. Battle mentioned that as of June 857 individuals passed the written test while 1,768 failed the test during that same time period.
 - 2. Committee members expressed concern that individuals who are disabled and dependants are not eligible for the DPC because they do not file taxes.
 - 3. Ms. Battle expressed her appreciation for the committee's feedback on the aforementioned issues.

IV. Agency Reports

a. Wilmington PD

- i. There is a new DV Coordinator. Tonia Delgado-Bell will work with DV Victims full time.

b. CLASI

- i. CLASI is looking for hire a new attorney that will do immigration work statewide

c. LECC

- i. The LECC has a new DV Coordinator, Lydia Lopez

d. DVCC

- i. Ellie Torres has left the DVCC. Her position is posted on the State of Delaware website.

V. Other

- a. The annual Law Enforcement Training will take place on November 7th at Polytech Adult Education Center.
- b. There will be a statewide Trafficking Training on November 17th. It is an all day conference. Registration info will be coming soon.
- c. The Day of Remembrance will be held on 9/22/16 at 6:00 PM at PS DuPont Middle School in Wilmington

VI. Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, December 13th at 10:30 AM at the DSP Museum.

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