

## **Domestic Violence Advisory Council (DVAC)**

### *General Partnership meeting*

#### **SPEAKER/TOPIC**

Date: April 8, 2010

Speaker: Dr. Lorin Lindler

Lorin Lindner, PhD, MPH, is a licensed clinical psychologist and public health specialist and is the clinical supervisor at the Frazier Park Behavioral Health Center for Clinica Sierra Vista.

Dr. Lindner served for many years as Clinical Director of New Directions for Homeless Veterans at the Greater L. A. VA Medical Center where she began a Family Group program for veterans reuniting with their spouses and children as well as weekly PTSD groups. She founded an animal-assisted therapy program where veterans undergoing trauma rehabilitation care for rescued parrots in a sanctuary setting at the VA Hospital - each helping the other recover.

Dr. Lindner is also an instructor in the Department of Psychology at Santa Monica College in Santa Monica, California teaching developmental psychology and has published on domestic violence, child abuse, and violence against animals. Her two most recent publications are on the effects of trauma on nonhuman primates. She has recently initiated a new program helping young people and adults recover from trauma using animals and nature at a retreat center she began at her home in the mountains.

Topic: **"Beyond Violence - the Human-Animal Connection"**

Dr. Lindner will be discussing "The Link" between domestic violence and child abuse and cruelty towards animals.