



STATE OF NEVADA
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS
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CHAIR'S REPORT
December 12, 2023

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)

1. The CDV held its rural meeting on October 26, 2023 in Pahrump. At this meeting, the Committee heard a presentation from [No to Abuse](#), the local service provider, and was introduced to its staff of advocates and case managers. Additionally, the CDV created two new subcommittees to address specific issues identified by the Committee:
 - a. Data Collection Subcommittee: This Subcommittee will work on identifying critical uncollected data points across the criminal justice system and identify where, how, who, and when this data can be collected and centrally published for public access. This data will greatly inform the future of best practices in Nevada, including batterer's intervention referrals and outcomes.
 - b. Forensic Nursing Subcommittee: This Subcommittee will draft language for strangulation for possible introduction during the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature, and to establish oversight by sexual assault nurse examiners for quality control and expansion of services.
2. The Statewide Fatality Review Team is conducting a case review on December 20, 2023. The case being reviewed is unique in that the victim was the survivor in the fatal incident. The team is looking to elicit some feedback from the survivor that will help prevent domestic violence homicides.
3. The CDV has sent the State of Nevada Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practices Guidelines for the DA's Association Best Practices Committee to review and update. Once they have finalized their updates the Committee on Domestic Violence will review and update the advocate sections. The DA Association and the CDV will review and approve the final draft which will then be provided to prosecutors statewide and published on the Attorney General Website. The last published version is from 2018.

Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group (SURG)

Since the last meeting of the Advisory Council on September 14, the full SURG has met once and each of the three subcommittees has met twice. During those subcommittee meetings, each voted on what recommendations to move forward to the full SURG to consider for inclusion in the 2023 annual report. The subcommittee recommendations, to be considered by the full SURG at its meeting tomorrow, can be found [here](#). After the Group votes on what recommendations to include in the annual report, the report will be drafted and presented to the Group on January 10, 2024 so that the report may be filed with the Governor, Office of the Attorney General, and the Legislative Counsel Bureau by January 31, 2024.

Nevada Sentencing Commission

Due to the resignation of the former Executive Director of the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy, the Nevada Sentencing Commission conducted interviews for the position, and submitted three names to the Governor for consideration for appointment. Governor Lombardo appointed Jorja Powers to the position in September 2023.

The Nevada Sentencing Commission and the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy hosted the 2023 Annual Conference of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions in Stateline, Nevada from August 7 to 9, 2023.

With the passage of AB388 (2023), the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Council, under the auspices of the Nevada Sentencing Commission through the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy, was appropriated \$3 million to provide grants to county-level agencies and programs to help reduce recidivism.

AB32 (2023) allows for the creation of subcommittees within the Nevada Sentencing Commission. The first subcommittee will be looking at misdemeanors throughout Nevada.

Pursuant to NRS 176.01347, the Commission created, approved, and submitted the Statement of Costs Avoided prior to the December 1 deadline. The Statement of Costs Avoided details the costs avoided by the State due to the passage of AB236 in 2019.

Current requests from the Commission membership for future Commission meeting topics include: (1) NDOC report of recidivism; (2) review of Costs Avoided methods to determine the Statement of Costs Avoided; (3) a presentation from the state laboratory; (4) NDOC budget review; and (5) the creation of a re-entry subcommittee.