

**STATE OF NEVADA COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
(BATTERER’S TREATMENT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE)**

MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Via Video Conference:
Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 3315
Las Vegas, Nevada
and
Office of the Attorney General
100 North Carson Street
Mock Courtroom
Carson City, Nevada

Please Note: The Committee on Domestic Violence may 1) address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Committee or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; 2) combine items for consideration by the public body; and 3) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Committee may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. (NRS 241.030)

Public comment is welcomed by the Committee, but at the discretion of the chair, may be limited to five minutes per person. A public comment time will be available before any action items are heard by the public body and then once again prior to adjournment of the meeting. The Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his/her sole discretion. Prior to the commencement and conclusions of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider public comment.

***Asterisks (*) denote items on which the Committee may take action.
Action by the Committee on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table.***

1. Call to order, roll call, welcome new member, establish quorum.

Members Present
Meri Shadley
Sue Meuschke
Tim Hamilton
Cheryl Hunt
Traci Dory
Lisa Arnold

Members Absent
Judge Max Bunch
Lt. Loren Napier
Neil Rombardo

Attorney General’s Office
Kareen Prentice
Colleen Platt

Public Present

Judge Cowley

Maribah Cowley

Zach Larson

Brenda Cole

Craig Merrill (Sierra Counseling Center)

2. Swearing in of new member.

General Masto conducted the swearing in of the new member; Lisa Arnold.

3. Public comment.

Note: No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

General Masto thanked the members for their service to the Committee on Domestic Violence.

4. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes of the following meetings (for possible action):

a) May 29, 2014

Motion: Traci Dory moved to approve. 2nd: Cheryl Hunt

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

5. Updates by Domestic Violence Ombudsman Kareen Prentice.

a) Budget

Kareen Prentice gave an update on the budget. The current fiscal year closed out at \$50360. In the current fiscal year \$390 since July 2014 for site review and travel expenses.

b) Court Assessments

Kareen Prentice stated that court assessments are down and since October 2014 have collected \$16,292. In FY14 approximately \$64,000 had been collected and in FY13 \$66,588 had been collected. Ms. Prentice has met with the Administrative Office of the Courts and their court assessments are down too.

c) Match

Kareen Prentice will e-mail out the Match document to the members to fill out and send back to her.

d) Administrative Assistant/Reviewer contract positions.

Kareen Prentice stated in October 2014 that the CFO has approved hiring an individual to be site reviewer and administrative coordinator. Ms. Prentice will be putting together the RFP for the contract position. The yearly salary will be between \$36,000 to \$40,000. This individual will work 20 to 25 a week with travel for meetings and site reviews.

6. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding LRS Systems rural pilot project in Lincoln County update by Judge Cowley. (For possible action.)

Judge Cowley gave an update. Judge Cowley stated the program is doing quite well and currently there are two individuals in the program. Zach Larson presented on the

process and how the program works. Discussion took place regarding the presentation. Kareen Prentice asked Mr. Larson if he could send her the schedule of classes for distribution to the committee members interested in attending a session.

7. *Discussion, recommendation, update, and possible action regarding sample standing administrative order to have been presented to Nevada Judiciary by Judge Bunch. (For possible action.)

Kareen Prentice did not have an update from Judge Bunch. Tim Hamilton stated this agenda item will be tabled until the next meeting.

8. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the following requests for domestic violence continuing education credits and/or formal training (for possible action):

- a. Application for 13.75 training credits
Craig Merrill
“Working Together for Hope, Healing and Justice”
August 25, 2014 through August 27, 2014, Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Lt. Napier)

Kareen Prentice did not receive the information from Lt. Napier.

- b. Application for 7.5 training credits
Dennis Fitzpatrick
“Teaching the Domestic Violence Class 1”
Distance Media
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Kareen Prentice did not receive the information from Judge Bunch.

- c. Application for 1.0 training credits
Dennis Fitzpatrick
“Supervisor I Model”
Distance Media
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Kareen Prentice did not receive the information from Judge Bunch.

- d. Application for 6 training credits
University of Nevada, Reno/CASAT
“Elder Abuse/Older Adults with Histories of Trauma”
June 25, 2014, Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Lt. Napier)

Kareen Prentice did not receive the information from Lt. Napier.

- e. Application for 6 training credits
Craig Merrill
“Older Adults with History of Trauma-UNR/CASAT”
June 25, 2014, Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Lt. Napier)

Kareen Prentice did not receive the information from Lt. Napier.

Tim Hamilton stated that agenda items 8 a. to 8 e. will be tabled until the next meeting.

- f. Application for 18 training credits
Kelly Gafford, Smart Choices
“Creating a Process of Change for Men who Batter - Comprehensive”
December 2, 2014 through December 4, 2014, Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Traci Dory)

Traci Dory is recommending 15 training credits for perpetrator services due to 3 hours of those 18 training credits being used for breaks and lunches during the training.

Motion: Meri Shadley moved to approve the 15 training credits for perpetrator services.

2nd: Cheryl Hunt

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

- g. Application for 16 training credits
Las Vegas Municipal Court Alternative Sentencing
“Judicial Response to Key Interventions in DV, Mental Health, and Substance Related Disorders”
October 6 and 7, 2014, Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Meri Shadley)

Meri Shadley is recommending 5 ½ training credits for victim services and 10 ½ training credits for perpetrator services.

Motion: Traci Dory moved to approve the 5 ½ training credits for victim services and 10 ½ training credits for perpetrator services. 2nd: Sue Meuschke

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

9. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of new providers and supervisors (for possible action):

- a) Vicki Lillegard, Provider
Sierra Counseling Center
Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim Hamilton stated that the individual did not have the required CEU's. Mr. Hamilton recommended continuing with this individual by obtaining further information.

Motion: Sue Meuschke moved to approve the recommendation in continuing forward with this individual by obtaining further information. 2nd: Traci Dory

Discussion. Public comment by Craig Merrill. Kareen Prentice stated that Mr. Hamilton will need to provide her with the information that he would like obtained on this individual.

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

- b) Dwayne Brown, Provider
ABC Therapy
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue Meuschke recommended continuing with this individual by obtaining further information. Ms. Meuschke stated that the application she was given was for a new provider, however; the checklist she was given was for training credits. Ms. Meuschke stated that the AG staff will need to correct this in order to obtain further information.

Motion: Cheryl Hunt moved to approve the recommendation in continuing forward with this individual by obtaining further information. 2nd: Traci Dory

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

- c) Gail Anderson, Provider
New Beginnings Counseling Center, Inc.
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Neil Rombardo)

Kareen Prentice stated that Neil Rombardo has everything provided for this individual and recommends approval.

Motion: Sue Meuschke moved to approve. 2nd: Traci Dory

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

- d) Zachary Larson, Provider
LRS Systems
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue Meuschke stated that she has everything provided for this individual and recommends approval.

Motion: Traci Dory moved to approve. 2nd: Meri Shadley

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

10. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the application for certification renewal from the following agencies (for possible action):

- a) Winnemucca Batterer's Intervention Program
Winnemucca, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Cheryl Hunt stated that she has everything provided for this individual except the current state license. Ms. Hunt recommends approval contingent upon proof of license.

Motion: Sue Meuschke moved to approve the recommendation contingent upon proof of license. 2nd: Traci Dory.

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

- b) ABC Therapy
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Meri Shadley)

Meri Shadley stated that she has everything provided for this individual except meeting the requirement of meeting individually every month. Ms. Shadley recommends approval and requests that meeting individually every month going forward to meet the requirement.

Motion: Sue Meuschke moved to approve the recommendation per the request of meeting individually every month to meet the requirement. 2nd: Traci Dory.

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

11. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding new program:

- a) Foundations
Henderson, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim Hamilton stated there were problems including no qualification documents. Mr. Hamilton stated the program content is light including no documents for home work or class exercises. Mr. Hamilton recommended continuing with this program by obtaining further information.

Motion: Sue Meuschke moved to approve the recommendation in continuing forward with this program by obtaining further information. 2nd: Traci Dory

Vote: All in favor. Motion approved.

12. Comments from Committee Chair, Tim Hamilton.

Tim Hamilton will be stepping down as Committee Chair and will need to elect a new chair. Mr. Hamilton has offered to act as Committee Chair for the next meeting.

13. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2014 at 10 a.m. via teleconference.

Discussion on future meeting dates. Future meeting dates will be February 19, 2015, May 7, 2015, August 20, 2015, and November 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion on future agenda items. Sue Meuschke asked about revising training forms for new regulations and discussing new categories. Add as an agenda item for the February 19, 2015 meeting to review and discuss the pilot program and the monthly reports.

Kareen Prentice stated that Neil Rombardo has resigned from the committee.

14. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

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15. *Adjournment. (For possible action).

Meeting adjourned.