

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Via Video Conference:
Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 4500
Las Vegas, Nevada
and
Office of the Attorney General
100 North Carson Street
Mock Courtroom
Carson City, Nevada

Please Note: The Batterers Treatment Committee may address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Committee or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting. 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).

***Asterisks (*) denote items on which 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 of members, and establishment of quorum.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Attorney General's Office</u>
Tim Hamilton	Judge Bunch	Henna Rasul, DAG
Carol Ferranti	Cheryl Hunt	Jennifer Kandt, Admin. Coord.
Sue Meuschke		Kareen Prentice, Ombudsman
Lt. Robert Lundquist		<u>Public</u>
Traci Dory		Michael Freda
Robert Auer		Craig Merrill
Meri Shadley		

2. *Review, amend, and approve minutes of meetings.

a) November 18, 2010 Meeting

Motion: Lt. Lundquist moved to approve the minutes. 2nd: Carol

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

b) November 18, 2010 Regulation Hearing
Motion: Traci moved to approve the minutes. 2nd: Sue
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Updates by Domestic Violence Ombudsman Kareen Prentice.

a) Budget

Kareen presented the expenditures for the previous quarter.

b) Court Assessments

Kareen stated that she was still trying to figure out how to make sure the courts are submitting the \$35 fee that is required. She said she will be doing a targeted letter to each judge and include the collection amounts so that each court can compare their amounts. Kareen also stated that she would be making an appointment with the controller's office to try to determine where the problems are with collections.

c) Match

Members were reminded to fill out their Match forms.

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

a) Application for 8 training credits

John Whitney

"Stalking: Multidisciplinary Perspective"

November 4, 2010 Las Vegas, NV

(Reviewed by Sue Mueschke)

Sue stated that she noted 6.5 eligible hours, and she recommended approval of 3.5 victim credits and 3 perpetrator credits.

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Bob

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

b) Application for 2 training credits

John Whitney

"Officer, We Can't Hear You!"

October 12, 2010 Reno, NV

(Reviewed by Lt. Lundquist)

Lt. Lundquist stated that this appeared to be a valuable training, but that there were only 3 slides that pertained to domestic violence. He also stated that there was no course evaluation form and no information provided on the instructors. He recommended that the item be continued pending additional information and a timeline on the domestic violence content.

Motion: Sue moved to continue pending receipt of additional documentation and information. 2nd: Carol

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- c) Application for 16 training credits
John Whitney
“NCASV 9th Annual Sexual Violence Prevention and Intervention
Statewide Conference ”
November 8-9, 2010 Sparks, NV
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Jennifer stated that Judge Bunch recommended approval for 8 victim and 8 perpetrator credits.

Motion: Bob moved to approve. 2nd: Lt. Lundquist

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- d) Application for 5.5 training credits
NNADV – Judy Henderson
“Building Collaboration and Enhancing Services in Our Community:
Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health”
November 19, 2010 Minden, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Jennifer stated that Cheryl recommended approval for 5.5 victim credits.

Motion: Carol moved to approve. 2nd: Lt. Lundquist

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Sue abstained.

- e) Application for 21 training credits
Sandra Dietrich-Hughes
“NICEP: Advanced Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault”
December 2010 Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Jennifer stated that Judge Bunch recommended approval for 10 victim and 11 perpetrator credits.

Motion: Bob moved to approve. 2nd: Lt. Lundquist

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- f) Application for 4 training credits
Dr. Alfred Hughes
“Review, Interpretation, and Implementation of the Nevada Administrative
Code for Domestic Violence Intervention Programs”
March 18, 2011
(Reviewed by Lt. Lundquist)

Lt. Lundquist recommended approval for 4 perpetrator credits.

Motion: Bob moved to approve. 2nd: Carol

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- g) Application for 3 training credits -**APPEAL**
Michael Freda
“Experiential Exercise for Perpetrators”
October 16, 2010 Reno, NV
(Approved for 1.5 credits November 2010; Reviewed by Traci Dory)

Traci stated that this course was previously taught with the same powerpoint presentation for 1.5 hours. She questioned what material was added to justify the additional 1.5 hours requested.

Dr. Freda indicated that he gave participants additional time for hands-on exercises. He indicated that the training started at noon and went until 3pm with a 10 minute break.

Traci stated that there was not an agenda with times listed, but with the information provided by Dr. Freda, she would recommend approval of 3 credits.

Motion: Bob moved to approve. 2nd: Carol Ferranti

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

h) Application for 2 training credits - **APPEAL**

Michael Freda

“Addictions and Domestic Violence”

October 16, 2010 Reno, NV

(Denied November 2010; Reviewed by Sue Mueschke)

Sue stated that the information contained in the packet gave very little information on domestic violence. She said it was very detailed information on the history of drugs and drug use. Additionally, she stated that there was not an agenda detailing times.

Dr. Freda stated that providers are required to assess offenders on drug and alcohol use, so they need basic information to make those assessments. Additionally, he stated that he spoke a great deal about how the drug use affected the treatment of offenders and the effects on the victims.

Sue stated that she would need to see further information on the domestic violence component of the training to make a decision. She recommended that Dr. Freda submit an agenda which detailed the times for the training, and some type of outline that would provide further detail and documentation on how domestic violence was tied into the training.

Motion: Traci moved to continue subject to receipt of further documentation and detail. 2nd: Carol

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

5. *Discussion, recommendation, and action regarding requests for new providers and supervisors:

- a) Jose Florido, Provider
Las Vegas Municipal Court
Las Vegas, NV

(Continued from November 2010 Meeting; Reviewed by Traci Dory)

Traci stated that Jose Florido was awaiting approval of the stalking training under item 4a, and that he needed that training to be approved for 7 victim hours, but the training was only approved for 3.5 victim hours leaving him short on the required number of victim credits. She recommended approval of Jose Florido contingent upon completion of the remaining victim credits within 90 days.

Motion: Sue moved to approve contingent upon completion of remaining victim hours within 90 days. 2nd: Carol
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- b) Patricia Guzman, Provider
ABC Therapy
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Jennifer stated that Cheryl recommended approval.

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Bob
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- c) Jim Burdick, Provider
Community Counseling Center
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim recommended approval.

Motion: Lt. Lundquist moved to approve. 2nd: Sue
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

6. *Discussion, recommendation, and action regarding the application for certification renewal from the following agencies:

- a) Safe Nest
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Bob Auer)

Bob recommended approval.

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Carol
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Tim abstained.

- b) Community Counseling Center
Carson City, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim recommended approval.

Motion: Carol moved to approve. 2nd: Bob
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

7. *Discussion, recommendation, and action regarding request for additional program location for the following agencies:

- a) Sierra Counseling Center
1475 Terminal Way, Ste. B
Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Carol Ferranti)

Carol recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Traci
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- b) New Beginnings Counseling Centers
2700 E. Lake Mead Blvd.
North Las Vegas, NV 89030
(Reviewed by Carol Ferranti)

Carol stated that she was concerned that the agency already appeared to be utilizing this location. Jennifer stated that the regulation states that the agency is required to notify the Committee of any changes to their program within 10 days. They are also required to submit an abbreviated application form to the Committee for an additional location, but that she did not think there would be anything to prohibit them from utilizing the additional location prior to review at a meeting.

There was discussion that there appeared to be some discrepancy with exactly where the program was operating, and Jennifer was asked to contact the agency to get clarification.

Motion: Bob moved to approve contingent upon clarification of various locations.

2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

8. *Discussion, recommendation, and action regarding report to the Legislative Counsel Bureau in accordance with NRS 228.470 (2)(e).

Jennifer stated that she had completed the initial draft which had not yet been submitted to the Attorney General for approval. She stated that after the Committee offered input, she would forward to the Attorney General, and then she would submit to the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Traci pointed out several changes to the report.

Kareen questioned whether the recommendations included in the report were indeed recommendations that the Committee wanted to make for legislative changes.

Sue stated that they were on-going recommendations and there was general consensus that they remain in the report.

Motion: Sue moved to approve the report with the changes recommended by Traci.

2nd: Bob

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

9. *Discussion, recommendation, and action regarding foreign degree evaluation policy.

Jennifer stated that she was asked to draft a policy regarding foreign degree evaluations and that she based the draft policy on the one provided by the Nevada State Department of Education. She also said that the list of evaluation service providers was the same as the list from the Department of Education.

There was discussion on whether the policy would require a change to the regulations, and Henna advised that the policy was only requiring individuals to prove that they meet the qualifications already required by the regulations, so a change to the regulations was not necessary.

Motion: Sue moved to approve the policy as written. 2nd: Bob
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Update from the Training Subcommittee.

Sue stated that the Training Subcommittee was continuing to meet to evaluate training criteria and requirements.

11. Update from the Forms Subcommittee.

Sue stated that the Forms Subcommittee had met and was starting with evaluating the renewal application forms and how to streamline the forms and process.

12. Update from the Rural Issues Subcommittee.

Jennifer stated that she had been unable to get a mutually agreeable time for this subcommittee to meet. She stated that the subcommittee wanted to invite John McCormick to attend the meeting, and it had been difficult finding a time for everyone to be able to meet.

Kareen stated that the Prevention Council was going to be holding a meeting in a rural jurisdiction (Ely) and wanted to have an agenda item regarding batterers treatment on that agenda and have Tim attend the meeting.

13. *Discussion, recommendation, and action regarding annual election of Committee chair as required by NRS 228.470.

Motion: Sue moved to re-elect Tim as chair of the Committee for another year. 2nd: Traci.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Tim abstained.

14. Discussion regarding future agenda items.

Carol suggested an agenda item around gathering data from the treatment provider agencies and utilizing Alexis Kennedy from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to work on a project surrounding the data collection.

Sue stated that she would like to invite Alexis Kennedy to the meeting in which that item would be discussed.

15. Discussion regarding future meeting dates currently set for:

May 13, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

The May 13th meeting was tentatively changed to May 26th.

August 23, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

November 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

16. 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). Public Comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.