

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

RURAL ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 9:30a.m.

Via Teleconference

Public Access: Office of the Attorney General
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Reno, NV 89511

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.

***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 and roll call of members.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Attorney General's Office</u>
Cheryl Hunt		Jennifer Kandt, Admin.
Sue Mueschke		
Kareen Prentice (Chair)		<u>Public</u>

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

a) March 30, 2011

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Cheryl

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

3. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding submitted reports and information from John McCormick.

There was discussion on the report provided from John McCormick listing the various courts and domestic violence charges for each court. Jennifer stated that John had indicated that this report included charges, but that there was not information available on convictions, and that they are working on a report which would include convictions.

Sue questioned whether the numbers included on the report were cases that actually made it to the courts. Sue said that the information provided was probably not that helpful in terms of knowing whether there would be enough need for batterers treatment services in a particular community. She said that the number of convictions would be needed to make those determinations.

Cheryl stated that she did not think the courts would have the police data on the arrests if the case had not made it to the courts, so that she would assume this data was only cases that made it to court.

There was general consensus that more information was needed from John McCormick to explain the data and how it is obtained. Kareen also said she wanted to request further clarification on the 8th Judicial district. Additionally, the subcommittee members stated they would like more information on when the information on charges would be available.

Sue stated that based on the information provided, Lyon County had over 200 charges, so it would appear that Lyon County could support a provider. There was discussion that currently Lyon County residents would probably be attending treatment in Fallon, Carson, or Reno.

Sue said that she would like the subcommittee to look further into other states and how treatment is provided through the prison systems and possibilities for treatment to be offered in Nevada prisons and in the communities surrounding the prisons. Sue stated that there is currently no requirement to attend batterers treatment on a third offense (felony), but that they could look at the possibility of changing those requirements.

Kareen suggested inviting Traci Dory to a meeting to discuss batterers treatment in the prison system.

Sue suggested having someone call the courts and or prosecutors in Pahrump, White Pine, Lincoln, Pershing, and Mineral.

4. Report from Jennifer Kandt regarding discussions with various agencies on offering batterers treatment services in rural areas.

Jennifer presented her report detailing her discussions with LRS and stated that basically, LRS had indicated they would be willing to consider offering treatment in rural areas through distance media, or if only one facilitator was required.

Sue stated that the Committee has heard testimony detailing that batterers treatment through distance media does not work.

There was further discussion on the possible use of webcams and or the college video-conferencing system. Sue stated that she did not know if for profit agencies were allowed to use the video-conferencing system free of charge. Kareen stated that she would look into the costs involved.

5. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding coordination of the Rural Issues Subcommittee with Prevention Council for rural meetings.

Kareen stated that there were going to be meetings in Ely on August 10th and 11th. There was discussion on whether there should be an agenda item for batterers treatment and what that agenda item would focus on.

There was discussion that conversations about batterers treatment in the rural areas might tend toward distance media, and it would be important to have a treatment provider there who could talk in detail about methods of treatment and effectiveness.

Kareen suggested having Tim Hamilton be on the agenda to discuss batterers treatment and the theories behind it, and a brief discussion of the regulations.

Sue stated that if there were going to be discussions on batterers treatment at the meeting, that the information provided by John McCormick on charges could be distributed at the meeting.

6. Discussion regarding future agenda items.

There was general consensus that the following agenda items be discussed at the next meeting:

Invite Traci Dory or representative to discuss batterers treatment in the prison systems

Coordination for Prevention Council town hall and rural meeting

Invite John McCormick for further discussions on rural data

Update on providers in rural Nevada

7. Discussion regarding future meeting dates.

Next meeting was set for July 26, 2011 at 9:30a.m.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment.