

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

TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, June 24, 2011 at 9:30a.m.

Via Teleconference

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

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***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>
Sue Mueschke		Jennifer Kandt
Traci Dory		Kareen Prentice
Tim Hamilton		

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

a) January 14, 2011

Motion: Tim moved to approve. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

3. *Discussion, recommendation, and action regarding preferred topics or specific courses for formal training.

Tim stated that he liked the outline of topics required by California.

Sue said if the Committee was going to look at becoming more stringent in the topics required, that they could possibly look at reducing the number of hours from 60 to 40 as California does.

Tim said he thought that there could be more differentiated subjects as opposed to reducing the number of hours because he felt that there are extra areas that could be incorporated such as more training on post trauma stress issues.

Traci asked about how the use of a shelter based trainer would be used as it is in California.

Tim said that logistically it might be hard, but practically and functionally it would be a good idea.

Sue stated that she had pulled out some of the California laws from the Sonkin training, and requested that Jennifer create some type of document that would compare the training requirements of California against Nevada. Sue said the requirements are very different, so the comparison might be difficult. She said that Dr. Hughes training was very helpful, and it could possibly be a required course.

Jennifer said she had some brief conversations with Henna regarding requiring particular trainings, and it was her understanding that Henna did not think it would be appropriate to require a particular training from a particular agency, but that requiring particular subject matters would be fine. Jennifer said that Henna indicated that ultimately, the Committee still had control over which courses would actually be approved, but there shouldn't be anything to prohibit agencies from applying for course approval.

Sue requested that Jennifer invite Henna to the next meeting so she can further answer questions for the subcommittee.

Tim said he looked at some of the Sonkin training, and he thought it looked very good, and wanted to actually take the course.

Jennifer said she spoke with Dr. Sonkin about possibilities for Nevada having an on-line course and Dr. Sonkin had indicated that if we did not want a lot of changes to his existing on-line course, he could make the changes and offer the course charging participants the fee and no cost to us. Or, he said if we were wanting significant changes, we could contract with him to create the training, then we would own it, but there would be no interaction with him during the course.

Tim said he felt that the interaction would be an essential component of the training, and Sue agreed.

There were questions regarding whether the Committee could own and require a course, and further discussion that Henna would need to provide some guidance on what the Committee could do.

Sue said she had just gotten information from Men Stopping Violence on a 3 day training in Georgia, but that arrangements could be made to bring trainers to our

area. She said she also had a link to training on Women who use Violence, and she would forward to subcommittee members.

Tim said he like Emerge and Evolve more than Duluth.

Jennifer questioned whether the Ombudsman training fund could be used to bring trainers out to Nevada on an annual basis.

Kareen said she thought that could absolutely be done, and that fees could be collected via the Prevention Council. Kareen said she would look at the training budget and see what looked feasible.

Sue asked Jennifer to look into whether Dr. Wexler would be willing to travel to Vegas to put on a training.

There was discussion that the subcommittee look at RTI, Men Stopping Violence, Evolve, and Emerge. Tim said he could forward manuals from Evolve and Emerge to Jennifer to forward to Committee members.

Sue said that it had been brought up at a previous Committee meeting that someone with experience in running other types of group treatment, may not need to observe the 60 hours, and that the requirement could be waived.

Tim stated that he did not feel that 60 hours was all that much time, and that internal power dynamics may not play as large a role in other types of group treatment as it does in domestic violence.

4. Discussion regarding future agenda items.

There was general consensus that the next agenda include a comparison of California/Nevada training requirements and an agenda item for bringing training to Nevada. The agenda item would need to include a training budget from Kareen, and require discussion from Henna.

There was discussion on making sure Henna was able to come to the next meeting to answer questions on the process involved in bringing trainers out, what type of solicitations would be required, and whether this board should be choosing the trainers.

5. Discussion regarding future meeting dates.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 4, 2011.

6. Public Comment.

<p>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.</p>

7. Adjournment.