

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

RURAL ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

**MINUTES**

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***Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 9:30a.m.***

Public Access: **Via Teleconference**  
Office of the Attorney General  
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***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.***

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**1. Call to order, roll call of members, establish quorum.**

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

**2. 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)

**3. \*Review, amend, and approve minutes of meetings.**

a) June 22, 2011

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kareen

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Kareen stated that this item would need to be tabled as John McCormick was not in attendance. She requested that Jennifer invite him to the next meeting.

**5. \*Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding batterers treatment options within the State of Nevada Department of Corrections (Traci Dory).**

Traci stated that batterers treatment was not currently provided by the prison system because there were no requirements for batterers treatment in prison. She also stated that there were some anger management and victim empathy classes offered by psychologists. Traci indicated that there were 7 psychologists at High Desert in Las Vegas, 2 psychologists in Lovelock, 5 psychologists at Northern Nevada Correctional Center in Carson, and 1 psychologist in Ely.

Sue stated that the original idea was that if the people operating batterers treatment out of the prisons could also offer the treatment in the community, it might be more economically feasible for them.

Traci stated that she did not think there would be any funding available to offer batterers treatment since it was not a requirement, and that by statute, the psychologists within the prison system are not required to be licensed.

There was discussion that Las Vegas and Carson City did not need treatment providers, so we would be looking at Ely and possibly Lovelock.

Traci said she would talk to the people in Ely about possibilities and report back to the subcommittee.

**6. \*Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding information obtained from rural courts and updates regarding treatment providers in rural areas (Jennifer Kandt).**

Jennifer provided a report on phone calls and discussions held with courts, district attorneys, and mental health providers regarding domestic violence convictions and batterers treatment options in White Pine County, Mineral County, Pershing County, and Lincoln County. She said that she had not

contacted Nye County because she had recently been in discussions with an agency planning on opening a batterers treatment group in Pahrump. Jennifer stated that it appeared that the State of Nevada Rural Mental Health (Ely) was providing “anger management” classes that were operated by a male/female co-facilitation team, and that the State of Nevada Rural Mental Health was previously certified to offer batterers treatment, so they should know the qualifications needed and the requirements for certification. Jennifer stated that she had called the person in Carson City whom she was told oversaw the anger management classes, but she said that he had not yet returned her call.

Sue requested that Kareen and Jennifer obtain information on the oversight body for Rural Mental Health and find out who the DAG is who represents them.

There was further discussion that Jennifer keep the subcommittee up to date on any further information or phone calls from these areas.

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

Kareen stated that there would be a town hall meeting in Ely on the 10<sup>th</sup> which would be a more informal setting for people in the community to address members of the Prevention Council. She also said that the Prevention Council would have a meeting in Ely on the 11<sup>th</sup> which would have a formal agenda.

Sue suggested that Ely Mental Health be invited to the town hall meeting and the Prevention Council meeting, and that the subcommittee also attempt to make an appointment to meet with them while in Ely on those days.

Jennifer stated that originally the subcommittee had hoped Tim Hamilton would be able to attend the Ely meetings, but that he was unavailable. Jennifer also stated that at the previous meeting it was suggested that the subcommittee have an idea of costs and feasibility for using the video-conferencing system of the college. She said that Great Basin College in Elko stated that there are not any charges associated with using the video-conferencing, but they are not supposed to allow for profit groups to use it.

Sue stated that if the use of video-conferencing is brought up as a means to do batterers treatment, she would be prepared to state that she has heard plenty of testimony indicating that would not be an effective means of treatment.

**8. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates.**

There was general consensus that Items 4, 5, and 6, and a review of the Prevention Council meetings, be on the next agenda. The next meeting was set for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30a.m.

**9. Public comment.**

Traci stated that in looking more closely at Ely, there was 1 psychologist, 1 mental health provider, and 1 psychiatrist. She said she would have further conversations about their training and qualifications in terms of batterers treatment.

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**10. Adjournment**