

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

MINUTES

Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 10:00a.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

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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.***

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

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Attorney General’s Office</u>
Tim Hamilton	Carol Ferranti	Henna Rasul, Senior DAG
Lt. Robert Lundquist		Jennifer Kandt, Admin. Coord.
Sue Meuschke		Kareen Prentice, Ombudsman

Members Present

Traci Dory
Robert Auer
Cheryl Hunt
Judge Bunch
Meri Shadley

Public

David Gordon, AOC

2. Public comment.

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David Gordon, the Academic Training Coordinator with the Judicial Education Unit from the Administrative Office of the Courts stated that the Limited Jurisdiction Judges Education Committee has requested that the Attorney General's Office address the issues surrounding domestic violence counseling in the rural communities. Mr. Gordon requested that a representative of the Committee attend their next training in Pahrump on January 25, 2012. He said that he believed many of the judges will have questions regarding how they can hold perpetrators accountable for counseling requirements when it is not available in their jurisdictions.

There was discussion that Tim Hamilton, Jennifer Kandt, and Kareen Prentice would attend.

3. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes of the following meeting:

a) September 1, 2011

Several corrections were noted to the meeting attendance.

Motion: Judge Bunch moved to approve with the noted corrections. 2nd: Lt. Lundquist

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Updates by Domestic Violence Ombudsman Kareen Prentice.

a) Budget

Kareen stated that through October 31st the Committee had expended \$6065.00.

b) Court Assessments

Kareen stated that the court assessment document was current through September. She said that there were no collections for July and stated that she was going to have Lorraine call the Controller's Office to see if that can be figured out.

Jennifer stated that Suzanne Ramos had set up a meeting with the Washoe County Court administrator to look at collection issues, but that the meeting had been cancelled and not yet rescheduled. She also stated that she was researching communication between the AOC and the Attorney General's Office regarding recommendations for increasing collections.

Kareen said that she had sent a request to Keith Munro to change the location of the court assessment fee within NRS for the next legislative session.

c) Match

Kareen reminded Committee members to fill out their match forms to assist with the STOP grant funding.

5. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding standardized definition of indigent for the purposes of NAC 228.

Jennifer stated that the packets contained information from programs regarding their definitions of indigent as well as the Supreme Court's definition.

There was discussion that setting out a fee schedule would probably not be within the scope of the Committee, and Tim asked legal counsel if the Committee had authority to define indigent.

Henna advised that the Committee could certainly define indigent, but they could not set limits as to the fees agencies could charge.

Judge Bunch stated that he thought NAC 228.106 seemed to give the authority for defining indigent to the programs.

Tim said that if there was not a definition for indigent, then programs could not determine whether they were servicing 5% of indigent clients.

There was discussion on the definition of indigent in NRS 439B which dealt with public health and safety, and whether that definition could be applied to the Committee. There was further discussion on whether the Committee could simply reference 439B in NAC as the definition of indigent.

Bob stated that he felt that determining whether a client was indigent for the purposes of assigning a public defender would be different than the standard used for health care purposes

Legal counsel said she would research whether the Committee could reference this NRS within NAC228 since they are not clearly related, and she would report back to the Committee.

6. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding changes to Committee forms.

Sue stated that the Forms subcommittee had approved the forms and recommended that the Committee adopt the new forms.

Motion: Judge Bunch moved to approve. 2nd: Lt. Lundquist

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

7. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding requirements for out of state program compliance as detailed in NAC 228.104.

Lt. Lundquist said that he requested discussion on this item after he had reviewed an out of state program and realized that they did not have to meet the same requirements as agencies within the state, and he felt that the Committee should possibly allow the

same exceptions to the rural areas which may actually be doing more than the out of state programs.

It was noted that current rural exceptions were as follows:
Providers in rural areas do not need a bachelor's degree.

Providers and supervisors in rural areas are allowed to complete up to ½ of the observation hours via distance media.

Providers and supervisors throughout Nevada are allowed to complete up to ½ of the formal training via distance media.

Providers and supervisors in rural areas are allowed to complete up to 10 hours of continuing education via distance media.

Supervision in rural areas has been allowed to be completed via live webcam.

Jennifer stated that the NAC for out of state programs technically only apply to residents in other states who are sentenced in Nevada courts, but that Nevada residents are probably attending some of these out of state programs.

Sue stated that she thought the Committee really needed to look at what exceptions would actually increase the availability of treatment in the rural areas and that eliminating male/female co-facilitation for instance, may not necessarily result in a treatment program when the real barrier may be how many clients are actually sentenced to treatment.

Lt. Lundquist stated that he felt this item was more directed at how we can assist rural communities and not really so much about the out of state programs. He said that possibly the meetings in Pahrump may help in figuring out some of the solutions to lack of treatment availability in rural areas.

Jennifer said that there seemed to be variances between communities in terms of what exceptions might be helpful, and that exceptions in certain areas would not make a difference. She said that there was a fully certified program in Fallon that just shut down because the program went from having an average of 20 clients per week to an average of 4 clients, and a group cannot be financially viable with 4 clients.

8. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding supervisory experience detailed in NAC 228.110 1(c).

Jennifer stated that this item was listed for discussion as there are questions as to how individuals obtain two years supervisory experience if they have not been approved as a provider.

Cheryl stated that she brought this up at the last meeting based on her review of a new supervisor.

Meri suggested having the requirement be two years supervisory experience in human services and two years experience working in the field of domestic violence. Meri also stated that other fields often require a supervision training, and there was further discussion on whether the Committee would require a supervision training.

There was further discussion on whether there should be a requirement that the individual also have been a provider for a certain period of time.

Sue suggested that the Training Subcommittee look closely at the current requirements and the requirements for similar boards and then make a recommendation to the full Committee.

Motion: Meri moved to have the Training Subcommittee look at this issue. 2nd: Traci
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

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

- a) Application for 5.5 training credits
NNADV
“Working with Men and Engaging Male Allies to Stop Violence and Build Community”
October 6, 2011 Incline Village, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Cheryl recommended approval.

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

- b) Application for 2 training credits
NNADV
“Boys Will be Men: Raising Our Sons for Courage, Caring, and Community”
October 6, 2011 Incline Village, NV
(Reviewed by Carol Ferranti)

Lt. Lundquist stated that Carol recommended approval.

Motion: Bob moved to approve. 2nd: Cheryl
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Sue abstained.

- c) Application for 8 training credits
Options
“Remembering the Victim”
October 1, 2011 Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Cheryl recommended approval.

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

- d) Application for 5.5 training credits
Dennis Henson
“Cognitive-Behavioral Approaches to Treating PTSD: Empirically-Based Treatment Techniques”
September 16, 2011 Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Judge Bunch recommended approval.

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

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

- e) Application for 1 training credit
Stephanie Liester
“Assessing Violence Risk: A Review and Clinical Recommendations”
Distance Media – American Counseling Association
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Judge Bunch recommended approval.

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

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

- f) Application for 7 training credits
Dorothy Wilbanks
“The Couples Conference”
April 1-3, 2011 Newport Beach, CA
(Reviewed by Meri Shadley)

Meri recommended approval.

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- g) Application for 4 training credits
Dr. Alfred Hughes
“Ethical Considerations for Domestic Violence Intervention Programs and Adopted Modifications to the Nevada Administrative Code”
January 20, 2012 Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Traci Dory)

Traci recommended approval.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- h) Application for 16 training credits
Relationship Training Institute
“Staying Ahead of the Curve”
November 4-5, 2011 San Diego, CA
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Judge Bunch indicated that he calculated 15 hours that would be eligible for credits due to break times, lunch, etc.

Motion: Sue moved to approve for 15 hours. 2nd: Bob

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- i) Application for 6.5 training credits
ACCS
“Practical Considerations for Work with High-Conflict Clients: Attachment and Neurobiological Perspectives”
August 12, 2011 Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Lt. Lundquist)

Lt. Lundquist recommended approval.

Motion: Judge Bunch moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- j) Application for 40 training credits
Great Basin Counseling
“40 Hour Core Domestic Violence/Batterers Treatment Training”
September 19-23, 2011 Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Bob Auer)

Bob recommended approval.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

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

- a) Gretchen Nelson, Supervisor
The Ridge House
Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Lundquist

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

- b) Fran Zito, Provider
The Ridge House
Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Jennifer indicated that this item had been withdrawn at the request of The Ridge House.

- c) Michelli Kaltsas, Provider
Ready for Change
Pahrump, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue recommended approval contingent upon the actual supervisor of the agency signing the forms.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

- d) Andre Pierre Harris, Provider
Ready for Change
Pahrump, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue recommended approval contingent upon the actual supervisor of the agency signing the forms.

Motion: Bob moved to approve. 2nd: Cheryl

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

- e) Colin Hodgen, Provider
Great Basin Counseling
Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Bob Auer)

Bob recommended approval.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

- f) Donna Keller, Provider
Great Basin Counseling
Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Bob Auer)

Bob recommended approval.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

- g) Alexa Waldmann, Provider
ACCS
Sparks, NV
(Reviewed by Lt. Lundquist)

Lt. Lundquist recommended approval.

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

11. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the site reviews and resulting corrective action plans from the following agencies:

- a) ABC Therapy
Las Vegas, NV
(Continued from the August Meeting; Reviewed by Traci Dory)

Traci recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Bob

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

- b) Diagnosticare
Henderson, NV
(Reviewed by Meri Shadley)

Meri recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

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

a) Nevada Court Counseling – REQUEST FOR RECERTIFICATION
WITHDRAWN
Sparks, NV

b) ABC Therapy
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Traci Dory; Continued from August Meeting)

Traci recommended approval.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

c) Great Basin Counseling
Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Bob Auer)

Bob recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

d) Options
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Cheryl indicated that the on-line continuing education course taken by the providers had expired. She recommended that the item be continued pending re-submission of the course, or submission of proof of additional training.

Motion: Lt. Lundquist moved to continue. 2nd: Sue

Vote: all in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

e) Winnemucca Batterers Intervention Program
Winnemucca, NV
(Reviewed by Carol Ferranti)

Lt. Lundquist stated that Carol recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Cheryl

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

f) ACCS
Sparks, NV
(Reviewed by Lt. Lundquist)

Lt. Lundquist recommended approval.

Motion: Cheryl moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

- g) Diagnosticare
Henderson, NV
(Reviewed by Meri Shadley)

Meri recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

13. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding request for initial certification from the following agencies:

- a) Ready for Change
Pahrump, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue recommended approval.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

- b) The Ridge House
Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim recommended approval.

Motion: Bob moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

14. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the following request for renewal of certification of program located in another state:

- a) South Lake Tahoe Women's Center
South Lake Tahoe, CA
(Reviewed by Carol Ferranti)

Lt. Lundquist stated that Carol recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Bob

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Judge Bunch abstained.

15. Update from the Training Subcommittee.

Sue stated that the Training Subcommittee had been looking at formal training and looking at subject matters for the formal training. She also said that the subcommittee was looking at how to make sure that that type of training is available. She said the subcommittee decided not to make any changes to the observation hour requirements, but was looking at how to bring more training to Nevada. Sue said the next Training Subcommittee meeting was set for January 26th.

16. Update from the Forms Subcommittee.

Sue said that they had hoped to formally request that the Forms Subcommittee be dissolved, but that Jennifer stated there was one more form for the subcommittee to review. The next meeting had not been set.

17. Update from the Rural Issues Subcommittee.

Kareen stated that John McCormick attended the meeting and answered questions regarding some reports he had created. She also stated that Traci Dory had attended the last meeting and reported there were probably no options for utilizing the Department of Corrections' counselor for batterers treatment as they would not meet the current standards and do not seem to stay in the rural communities very long. Kareen also reported that Jennifer and John McCormick were going to be researching numbers for Tahoe to see treatment programs are needed in the Tahoe area. She also said that there is on-going discussion on increasing treatment options in the rural areas, and that Jennifer has been asked to create a list of every option or exception ever discussed.

Judge Bunch suggested that Kareen reach out to the judges prior to the Pahrump meeting to request that they do research in their own areas on number of convictions, current treatment options, and what exceptions might be helpful in their areas.

18. Discussion regarding future agenda items.

Tim stated that discussions within the various subcommittees may generate future agenda items.

19. Discussion regarding future meeting dates.

Future meeting dates were set for:

February 16, 2012

May 17, 2012

August 23, 2012

November 8, 2012

20. Public comment.

Kareen reported that Henna has been promoted to a Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Tim suggested that all members of the Rural Issues Subcommittee attend the Pahrump Judges meeting.

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21. *Adjournment (for possible action)

Motion: Judge Bunch moved to adjourn. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned.