

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

MINUTES

Thursday, May 23, 2013, 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
Courtroom
Carson City, Nevada

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Public comment is welcomed by the Committee, but at the discretion of the chair, may be limited to five minutes per person. A public comment time will be available before any action items are heard by the public body and then once again prior to adjournment of the meeting. The Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn. Prior to the commencement and conclusions of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider public comment.

***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, establish quorum.

Members Present
Tim Hamilton
Lt. Robert Lundquist
Sue Meuschke

Members Absent
Judge Bunch

Attorney General's Office
Henna Rasul, Senior DAG
Jennifer Kandt, Admin. Coord.

Members Present

Public

Traci Dory
Carol Ferranti
Meri Shadley
Neil Rombardo
Cheryl Hunt

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

a) February 28, 2013

Motion: Sue moved to approve the minutes. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Neil abstained.

4. Updates by Domestic Violence Ombudsman Karen Prentice.

a) Budget

Jennifer indicated that Karen had provided expenses for FY2013 and a breakdown for the past 3 months on expenditures.

b) Court Assessments

Jennifer stated that Karen had provided a current court assessment report. She stated that there was an error in submission from Boulder City which had been corrected. She said that the court assessments are down, but that it was her understanding that court assessments were down across the board. She stated that Karen and Lisa had been working on a new form that will go to the courts to assist with tracking details on collections. She said that the office had to buy new software to be able to utilize the tracking functions of this new form. Jennifer said she did not know the implementation date of the new form, but she assumed it may coordinate with the new fiscal year. She also said that it was her understanding that Karen and the Attorney General were going to meet with some people at Washoe County regarding collections as those numbers were extremely low.

c) Match

Jennifer reminded members to fill out their match forms as the hours were used as match for grants within the office.

5. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding ideas for increasing treatment in the rural areas. This item will include updates from the Rural Issues Subcommittee.

Jennifer stated that she, Karen, and Sue had met with various individuals from Rural Mental Health and there appeared to be some interest in working together to try to get treatment in some of the rural communities. She said there are plans to meet again in the future to continue discussions on strategies and solutions. She said that there weren't any specific recommendations at this point, but that Rural Mental Health did

express concern at how they would get the providers trained and there was concern about needing two individuals to run groups in these small communities.

Jennifer said she also had a discussion with Walt Dimitroff about Ely and he indicated that he was going to check with his providers in Elko to see if they had any interest in conducting groups in Ely.

6. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding possible changes to NAC 228 and possible impact on small business.

Jennifer stated that she included the timeline in the packet again to remind Committee members on the timeline that had originally been developed.

Jennifer also stated that the Committee needed to look at whether they felt these regulations would have a direct and significant financial impact on the businesses that they regulate, or restrict the formation of the businesses, and if so, they needed to consult with business owners and prepare a small business impact statement.

Sue indicated that she thought the only regulation change currently being considered that could even be in question would be the changes to the training requirements, and stated that providers are already required to get this training, they are just creating more specificity with the topic of training.

Meri stated that she did not feel there would be an economic impact as they are requiring the same amount of training.

There was some discussion on whether the types of training topics were currently offered, and there was consensus that these trainings are offered, but the Committee does not currently classify them into these categories. There was further discussion that pushing out the date to 2015 would give time for people who offer trainings to see what the training needs are and to adjust. Additionally, there was discussion that the Committee would need time to revise forms for review of trainings.

Motion: Sue moved to extend the effective date of the training changes to January 1, 2015. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

There was further discussion and clarification that the small business impact statement would be reviewed by LCB and would be considered when they offer final approval of the regulations. Carol commented that she felt the survey would be a good idea, as one had been done in the past and it would be a good way to get feedback. Carol recommended that the Committee move forward with presenting the survey to providers.

Cheryl stated that she did not feel that it was necessary as she did not feel these changes presented a financial issue. She stated that this training is already required in the regulations and the Committee is simply asking for specific topics.

Motion: Meri moved for the Committee to not move forward with the survey as the changes did not financially impact small business. 2nd: Traci

Tim questioned what would happen if the Committee does not consult with the businesses and it is later determined that these changes do impact small businesses financially.

Sue stated that the information contained in the regulation handbook indicate that there is a process for individuals to petition if they feel that the Committee did not proceed appropriately. She stated that if they are successful in their petition, then the regulation would not go into effect.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. Application for 3.5 training credits

NNADV

“The Intersection of HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence”

February 22, 2013 Reno, NV and March 21, 2013 Las Vegas, NV

(Reviewed by Neil Rombardo)

Neil recommended approval.

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Carol

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

b. Application for .5 training credits

NNADV

“The Intersection of HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence - SUPPLEMENT”

Supplement to attendance on February 22, 2013 or March 21, 2013

(Reviewed by Neil Rombardo)

Neil recommended approval.

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

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

c. Application for 4 training credits

Dr. Alfred Hughes

“Review, Interpretation, and Implementation of the Nevada Administrative Code for Domestic Violence Intervention Programs”

June 2013 Reno, NV

(Reviewed by Carol Ferranti)

Carol recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- d. Application for 8 training credits
Ethel Fitzgerald
“Child Protection in Families Experiencing Domestic Violence”
Distance Media
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Jennifer stated that Judge Bunch provided a recommendation to approve.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- e. Application for 5.5 training credits
NNADV
“Assessing for Patterns of Coercive Control in Abusive Relationships”
April 24, 2013 Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Jennifer stated that Judge Bunch provided a recommendation to approve.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Carol

Motion: Sue moved to strike the motion. 2nd: Carol

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Neil

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

- f. Application for 10 training credits
Leah Boe
“Domestic Abuse in Later Life”
Distance Media
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim recommended approval.

Motion: Lt. Lundquist recommended approval. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- g. Application for 7 training credits
Leah Boe
“Spousal Abuse – Domestic Violence”
Distance Media
(Reviewed by Meri Shadley)

Meri recommended approval.

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- h. Application for 6 training credits
Craig Merrill
“Domestic Violence – Empowerment through Intervention”
March 14, 2013 Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Jennifer stated that Judge Bunch provided a recommendation to approve.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Cheryl

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- i. Application for 7.5 training credits
Dennis Fitzpatrick
“Teaching the Domestic Violence Class 2: Best Answers to 64 Frequent Excuses for Domestic Violence”
Distance Media
(Reviewed by Lt. Lundquist)

Lt. Lundquist recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Neil

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

8. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding requests for approval of the following providers:

- a. Ethel Fitzgerald
New Beginnings Counseling Center
(Reviewed by Traci Dory)

Traci recommended approval contingent upon receipt of copy of degree within 15 days.

Motion: Neil moved to approve contingent upon receipt of copy of degree within 15 days. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Warner Jeffries III
New Beginnings Counseling Center
(Reviewed by Traci Dory)

Traci recommended approval contingent upon receipt of copy of degree within 15 days.

Motion: Sue moved to approve contingent upon receipt of copy of degree within 15 days. 2nd: Neil

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

9. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding corrective action plans from the following agencies:

- a. Healing Our Future
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue stated that she had concerns with the lack of process for establishing fees and the initial assessment for making financial determinations. Additionally, she stated that there were concerns over confidentiality.

Motion: Neil moved to continue pending additional information. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Ready for Change
Pahrump, NV
(Reviewed by Carol Ferranti)

Carol recommended approval.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- c. Mesa Family Counseling
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Cheryl stated that she did not feel that the agency adequately responded to the multiple violations found at the agency.

Motion: Sue moved to continue pending additional documentation. 2nd: Traci

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

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

- a) Cornerstone Counseling Center
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt; Continued from February Meeting)

Cheryl recommended approval.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- b) Great Basin Counseling Center
Reno, Sparks, Fernley, and Carson City, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton; Continued from November meeting and February Meetings)

Tim recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Neil

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- c) Counseling Services Plus
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Meri Shadley)

Meri stated that the supervisor and providers did not have adequate continuing education credits, and recommended that the item be continued pending receipt of proof of continuing education by July 2nd.

Motion: Sue moved to continue pending proof of completion of the required continuing education credits. 2nd: Neil

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- d) LRS
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Cheryl recommended approval.

Motion: Carol moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- e) Healing Our Future
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue stated that the corrective action plan was pending and she was recommending that the renewal be continued pending approval of the corrective action plan.

Motion: Neil moved to continue pending approval of the corrective action plan. 2nd: Lt. Lundquist.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- f) New Beginnings Counseling Center
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Traci Dory)

Traci recommended approval.

Motion: Neil moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- g) Sierra Counseling Center
Sparks and Reno, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Carol

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- h) Las Vegas Municipal Court – Alternative Sentencing
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue recommended approval with a request to the agency to formally adopt a policy regarding use of a sliding fee scale and request that the agency maintain a file for each provider.

Motion: Neil moved to approve. 2nd: Meri

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- i) SAFE House
Henderson, NV
(Reviewed by Lt. Lundquist)

Lt. Lundquist recommended approval.

Motion: Sue moved to approve. 2nd: Neil

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

A request was made to include a check box to confirm a copy of the sliding fee scale is attached to the application.

11. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates.

Jennifer stated that the next meeting was August 15th and that the workshop would coordinate with the meeting. There was discussion that most members would try to attend in Carson, but that the video-conference option would be available for anyone who would not be able to attend in Carson.

12. Public comment.

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13. *Adjournment (for possible action).

Motion: Sue moved to adjourn. 2nd: Carol

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.