

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

MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2014, at 10:00a.m.

Via Video Conference:
Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 3315
Las Vegas, Nevada
and
Office of the Attorney General
100 North Carson Street
Mock Courtroom
Carson City, Nevada

Please Note: The Committee on Domestic Violence may 1) address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Committee or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; 2) combine items for consideration by the public body; and 3) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Committee may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. (NRS 241.030)

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, welcome new members, establish quorum.

<u>Members Present</u> Tim Hamilton Lt. Loren Napier Sue Meuschke Neil Rombardo	<u>Members Absent</u> Carol Ferranti Cheryl Hunt	<u>Attorney General’s Office</u> Henna Rasul, Senior DAG Jennifer Kandt, Admin. Coord.
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Members Present (cont.)

Traci Dory
Meri Shadley
Judge Max Bunch

2. Public comment.

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3. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding annual election of Committee chair. (For possible action.)

There was discussion that Tim had been doing a great job as chair and general consensus that he should continue.

Motion: Sue moved to elect Tim to continue as chair of the Committee. 2nd: Traci

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

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

a) December 11, 2013

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

b) December 12, 2013

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Updates by Domestic Violence Ombudsman Kareen Prentice.

a) Budget

Jennifer stated that Kareen had provided budget documents which were included in the packet.

b) Court Assessments

Jennifer stated that Kareen had indicated that the court assessment document had not been updated as she was without an assistant.

c) Match

Jennifer requested that members fill out the match form and return to her as the office utilized the hours for various grant funds.

6. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding LRS rural pilot project updates. (For possible action.)

Zach Larson from LRS attended and stated that there had been some set backs with the technology. He stated that they were not satisfied with the sound and visual quality of the video-conferencing that they were considering utilizing. He said that the Rural Mental Health was utilizing a Polycom system, and that if LRS was going to invest in a Polycom system, it would cost approximately seven to ten thousand dollars.

There was further discussion on whether LRS could utilize the Attorney General's Polycom system to offer the treatment, and Jennifer stated that she was not sure, but

that she could see potential issues with using the Attorney General's Office as there would be no way to access the facility outside of regular business hours and that if a meeting needed to be conducted with Attorney General staff it would take precedence.

Sue recommended that the agency look further into the locations that Rural Mental Health is connected to in Las Vegas. Additionally, there was discussion that the University system may utilize Polycom and that they may have better options with hours.

Zach indicated that they would continue to research options and would report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

7. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding revisions to Committee forms. (For possible action.)

Jennifer stated that revisions were needed to the training application and training review checklist due to the regulation changes. She stated that there were still some adjustments needed to the formatting. Additionally, she stated that she created a change of address form.

Judge Bunch stated that he felt that the post-test should be eliminated from the training application and training checklist since it was not actually a requirement and therefore creates confusion.

Motion: Sue moved to accept the changes with the deletion recommended by Judge Bunch and administrative changes to the design. 2nd: Neil

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

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

- a. Application for 6.5 training credits
Dennis Henson
"Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD"
January 10, 2014 Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Meri Shadley)

Meri stated that the training was applicable to domestic violence, but that the research contained in the training is no longer valid. She stated that she would recommend that the Committee approve this training for this particular date, but not for the two year period, and that the Committee have a future discussion about training research. Additionally she stated that after subtracting time for breaks, the training would be valid for 6 hours.

Motion: Sue moved to approve for 6 victim credits. 2nd: Traci

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

- b. Application for 8 training credits
Dennis Fitzpatrick
"Domestic Violence and Children"
Distance Media Training
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue stated that the training consisted of watching two 55 minute videos and answering 100 multiple choice questions. She stated that the applicant had provided information to substantiate the Committee approving other courses with videos and fewer questions, but that the applicant failed to take into account the reading materials which accompanied those trainings. She stated that this training had no related reading materials. Additionally, she stated that the applicant provided a link to NBCC which indicated that credits for continuing education are based on time viewing videos or time reviewing materials in which they utilize a standard of 4,000 words per hour of continuing education. Sue stated that she would be willing to recommend approval of a total of 3 hours for the course. She also stated that she felt the Committee should have further discussions regarding online training approval standards.

Motion: Neil moved to approve for 1.5 victim and 1.5 perpetrator hours. 2nd: Judge Bunch

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Application for 4 training credits

Dennis Fitzpatrick

“Four Major Approaches to Teaching Domestic Violence Classes: Duluth, Glasser, CBT and Dr. Gabor Mate Models”

October 2014, Las Vegas, NV

(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Judge Bunch recommended approval of 1 victim and 3 perpetrator credits.

Motion: Traci recommended approval. 2nd: Neil

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

(Note: This motion was subsequently amended to approve 2 victim and 2 perpetrator credits.)

d. Application for 16 training credits

Relationship Training Institute

“Staying Ahead of the Curve”

November 2013, San Diego, CA

(Reviewed by Carol; Continued from December meeting)

Jennifer stated that additional materials were not received from the agency and that the item would need to be continued.

Motion: Traci moved to continue. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Application for 21 training credits

National Institute of Crime Prevention

“Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault”

Various Dates Reno and Las Vegas, NV

(Reviewed by Neil Rombardo)

Neil recommended approval of 17 victim hours and 4 perpetrator hours.

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

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

- f. Application for 4 training credits
Dr. Alfred Hughes
“Ethical Considerations for Domestic Violence Intervention Programs and Adopted Modifications to the Nevada Administrative Code”
Various Dates Reno and Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Judge Bunch)

Judge Bunch recommended approval for 1 victim and 3 perpetrator hours and stated that item 8c should have been approved for 2 victim and 2 perpetrator hours.

Motion: Neil moved to amend previous vote in item 8c to approve 2 victim and 2 perpetrator hours and moved to approve 8f for 1 victim and 3 perpetrator hours. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

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

- a) Safe Nest
Las Vegas, Mesquite, and Boulder City, NV
(Reviewed by Sue Meuschke)

Sue recommended approval.

Motion: Traci moved to approve. 2nd: Meri

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

- b) Great Basin Counseling
Reno, Sparks, Fernley, Carson City, NV
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim recommended approval with the condition that the agency provide a missing annual evaluation. He stated that all other items were in order.

Motion: Sue moved to approve conditioned upon agency providing missing annual evaluation. 2nd: Traci

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

- c) Ready for Change
Henderson, NV
(Reviewed by Traci Dory; Continued from December meeting)

Traci stated that a site review had been conducted by Dr. Hughes, but that the corrective action plan had not yet been reviewed and that the facilitators did not have adequate continuing education. She recommended that the renewal be continued pending review of the corrective action plan and completion of continuing education requirements.

Motion: Neil moved to continue. 2nd: Sue

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

- d) Cornerstone Counseling Center
Las Vegas, NV
(Reviewed by Cheryl Hunt)

Jennifer stated that Cheryl recommended that the renewal application be denied due to the facilitator and supervisor not having completed the continuing education requirement and due to the results of the site review. There was discussion that the agency had not yet had an opportunity to respond to the site review report, and that typically agencies are given at least one continuance to try to come into compliance.

Motion: Sue moved to continue. 2nd: Neil

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

10. Updates from Committee Coordinator, Jennifer Kandt.

Jennifer stated that there was not a hearing for Mesa Family Counseling on the agenda as they had voluntarily withdrawn. She also stated that the regulations would go before the Legislative Commission next week and that she and Tim would be attending the meeting in case there were any questions.

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

There was discussion that the next meeting date would remain unchanged and that the training subcommittee would meet to discuss the training items that had been noted as needing to be addressed.

12. Public comment.

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13. *Adjournment. (For possible action.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 10:50a.m.