

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

January 12, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202
Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

None

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Valerie Cooney
Eileen Herrington
Wendy Ronovech
Mike Sprinkle
Sue Meuschke
Andrea Sundberg
Christina Hernandez

Committee Members Absent

Toni Downen
Suzanne Ramos

Council Members/ Non-Committee Members Present

Dr. Mike Freda

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

1. *Call to order, roll call of members, and introduction.

The meeting was called to order by Valerie Cooney at approximately 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. *Review and approval of minutes from the October 5, 2010 meeting.

Andrea Sundberg made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Eileen Herrington seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. *Update on Boy Scout Peace begins at Home Patch program.

Ms. Cooney asked if any progress had been made on identifying funding sources for the patch. Ms. Prentice reported that the Boy Scout Domestic Violence Patch Subcommittee was waiting for Kathy Grost to provide budget information and the dates of the next merit badge fair.

Ms. Ronovech reported that she had been in touch with Shane Calendine from the Las Vegas Area Boy Scouts and is working on setting up a face-to-face meeting with him to discuss rolling out the patch program in Southern Nevada.

4. *Update on Girl Scout Peace Begins at Home Patch program.

There was nothing new to report. The Committee briefly discussed the budget and funding for the Girl Scout Patch program in relation to the Boy Scout patch program which is underway. The cost of the Girl Scout program, including patches and the launch, was about \$2000; however, without a budget from the Boy Scouts, it is difficult to know if the Committee can expect a similar expense.

5. *Review, discussion and possible action on current CUT-IT-OUT activities.

Ms. Meuschke reported that so far the program has trained more than 1000 cosmetologists statewide. There are 39 trainers available and more than 10,000 pieces of material have been distributed including 2800 participant guides, 4000 pocket cards, and almost 1000 posters. The program is in the process of winding down, however ongoing training will continue to be offered. Ms. Cooney suggested the Committee have another update in a year or so.

6. *Review, discussion and possible action on health care outreach efforts.

i. Update on Hospital Survey regarding Hospital-based Domestic Violence programs.

Ms. Cooney stated that last time the Committee met, they had discussed whether the Hospital Association would be willing to resend the survey and if the Committee could better identify people to whom the survey should be sent.

Ms. Herrington stated that she had volunteered to contact some hospitals but had not done so yet. Ms. Cooney commented that she had done the same.

Ms. Sundberg said that she has spoken to a representative from St. Rose and that they were in the process of getting contacts from two of the Southern Nevada Hospitals for her.

Ms. Cooney asked the Committee if they wanted to proceed with contacting hospitals at this time. Ms. Herrington stated that she would be willing to work on it if she knew which hospitals she should be contacting. Ms. Cooney stated that she had volunteered to contact five of the rural hospitals. Ms. Cooney, Ms. Sundberg and Ms. Herrington will continue to work on contacting the hospitals. Ms. Sundberg added that she thought it was a worthwhile project because when she did contact a hospital, she was able to educate them on what the law says about reporting domestic violence incidents to law enforcement.

7. *Review, discussion and possible report regarding Boards and Commissions.

i. Update on approaching EMS Board

Kareen Prentice stated that there is a woman in the North Las Vegas City Attorney's Office who has developed a domestic violence and sexual violence training module for EMS workers. Ms. Prentice has invited her to be on this Committee and will make sure she attends the next meeting.

Mr. Sprinkle said that there have been some changes at the EMS Board but that he will continue to try to follow up with them.

ii. Update on approaching Nursing Board

Ms. Sundberg reported that she would follow up with her contact at the Nursing Board.

iii. Update on approaching casino human resources departments

Ms. Ronovech stated that she had recently lost the accounts she had at the Grand Sierra in Reno, The Palms, and the Las Vegas Hilton casinos. However, she did approach them and ask about posting domestic violence resource information in the employee bathrooms, changing rooms and dining rooms. All three properties were adamant that there could be nothing posted. She stated that The Palms had had a bad experience with Safe Nest and didn't want to work with them anymore. The other two casinos told her they liked to communicate things in house and were open to doing a workshop or in-service, but that she would need to work with their training departments.

Mr. Sprinkle said he had spoken to Lorraine Biard, Human Resources Director for Circus Circus in Reno. He reported that she seemed extremely interested and wanted to set up a meeting between the two of them and the human resource directors of the Eldorado and the Silver Legacy. They had discussed training for new employees as well as a possible program for existing employees. He planned to follow up with her.

Ms. Cooney suggested that an approach similar to the Cut-It-Out program, where they could go in and train the trainers in the human resources or security departments might be a good idea.

Ms. Sundberg reported that she has a meeting with a representative from MGM's human resources department next week and that she is waiting to hear back from Harrah's. She stated that they also seemed interested in training that they could then impart to their staff.

Ms. Cooney asked if there was a state association of human resource professionals. Ms. Sundberg found a link online and sent it to Ms. Webber for distribution to the Committee.

Ms. Meuschke asked the Committee to consider who would be doing the training and what the training would consist of. She said that local programs are doing outreach to various businesses including casinos. Before jumping in, it would be a good idea to figure out what is already being offered by others. She thought more discussion was necessary and that the Committee needs to develop a product that it can offer the casinos. Ms. Sundberg commented that her objective in meeting with the casinos was to help identify what kind of training was needed. Ms. Cooney added that it makes sense to contact the casinos to see what their level of understanding on the topic is, and what they perceive their needs to be. The Committee agreed that more discussions on the topic are necessary. They would need to consider who the audience will be, what the role of the Committee is, who they can partner with, etc. Committee members were

urged to think about the issue and be prepared to discuss goals and objectives at the next meeting.

iv. Ideas of other boards and commissions to approach

There were no new ideas regarding boards or commissions to approach.

8. *Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

9. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

10. *Adjournment.

Ms. Cooney adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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