

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

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**Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.**

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

### **Committee Members Present**

None

### **Committee Members Present Via Teleconference**

Christine Jones Brady  
Valerie Cooney  
Dr. Michael Freda  
Elynne Greene  
Brett Kandt  
Mike Sprinkle  
Andrea Sundberg  
Robin Sweet

### **Committee Members Absent**

Sue Meuschke  
Ron Titus

### **Public Present**

None

### **Attorney General's Office Staff Present**

Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

**1. \*Call to order and roll call of members.**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Mike Sprinkle at 10:01 a.m. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

**2. \*Review and approval of minutes from March 7, 2011 meeting.**

Andrea Sundberg made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Dr. Freda seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Robin Sweet abstained from voting because she was not in attendance at the March 7, 2011 meeting.

3. **\*Review, discussion and possible action regarding SB66 which revises provisions relating to multidisciplinary teams to review the deaths of victims of crimes that constitute domestic violence.**  
(<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/SB/SB66.pdf>).

Mr. Sprinkle stated that the bill was heard on March 14<sup>th</sup> and that testimony was provided by Keith Munro, Kareen Prentice, Brett Kandt, himself, and several others. He said that an amendment would be attached to the bill.

Mr. Kandt stated that the bill would get a mock-up which will include proposed amendments so that legislatures can look at it in an amended form in a work session. This may take a while because LCB was busy drafting bills to meet a deadline on March 21<sup>st</sup>. He said that a deadline for bills to be introduced to committee is set for March 28<sup>th</sup> and so he does not expect the mock-up to be completed immediately. Hopefully the bill will be scheduled for a work session on March 30<sup>th</sup>, however LCB is still working on the amendments.

There are three potential amendments to the bill. The first was proposed by Clark County to ensure that all the applicable laws and restrictions are adhered to when the statewide fatality review team communicates with a child death review team. The second proposed amendment came from an individual who would like to include some issues regarding pets in domestic violence situations. Mr. Kandt stated that Ms. Prentice was working to assist this individual with other venues to address her concerns. The third amendment may come from DCFS regarding communication with child death review teams. He believes that the first and third potential amendments are technical in nature and did not think there was reason to oppose them.

4. **\*Review, discussion and possible action regarding SB163 which revises provisions governing the procedure upon arrest of a person alleged to have committed a battery constituting domestic violence.**  
(<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/SB/SB163.pdf>).

This bill has not been scheduled for a hearing. If it is not scheduled by Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, it will die. The Committee will continue to follow this bill.

5. **\*Review, discussion and possible action regarding SB57 which expands the circumstances pursuant to which a court is authorized to issue certain warrants.** (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/SB/SB57.pdf>)

Ms. Cooney reported that Sue Meuschke, April Green, Caryn Sternlicht and she are meeting on Thursday to discuss their concerns about SB57. She stated she had contacted Vic Schulze about her concerns and planned to discuss the

response she received by email. She has invited Mr. Schulze to join the discussion.

Mr. Kandt stated that the bill was amended and passed out of committee but may not have been considered by the full house yet.

Ms. Cooney asked that this item stay on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Sweet asked for clarification on the role of the Committee in supporting or opposing the bill since this is a bill that came from the Attorney General's Office and General Masto is the Chair of the NCPDV. Ms. Cooney stated that the Committee would not generally oppose an Attorney General bill. This situation is unusual in that the issues are generally better vetted at this stage. Mr. Sprinkle added that if the Committee were to take an action other than full support, he would first want to meet with Keith Munro and the Attorney General's team to express the Committee's concerns.

**6. \*Schedule future meetings & agenda items.**

Agenda items will include AB314, SB66, SB163, and SB57.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**7. Public Comment.**

There was no public comment.

**8. \*Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.