

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday, April 18, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located at:
Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202, Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

None

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Anya Arechiga
Deborah Armstrong
Kathleen Bergquist
Matthew Deal
Christina Hernandez
Suzanne Ramos
Dallas Smales

Committee Members Absent

Toni Downen

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, establish quorum.

Suzanne Ramos called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. A roll call was taken and quorum was established.

2. *Review and approval of minutes from December 13, 2010 meeting.

Deborah Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Anya Arechiga seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as submitted. Dallas Smales abstained from voting because she was not yet a committee member at the December meeting.

3. *Discussion and possible action on family court judge survey.

For the benefit of the new Committee members, Ms. Ramos explained that the Committee had been developing a survey to send to the family courts and justice courts that issue temporary protection orders, with the goal of identifying potential issues and determining if some training may be required.

Ms. Ramos had previously contacted Ron Titus and discussed working with the AOC to send out the survey. The Committee discussed approaching Robin Sweet, the Interim Director of the AOC to see about making similar arrangements. Ms. Prentice suggested waiting until after the legislative session with the aim of getting the survey out by August or September.

4. *Discussion and possible action regarding outreach to LGBT community.

- **Potential meeting with direct service providers to discuss concerns and to identify and address issues surrounding the LGBT community.**

Christina Hernandez stated that in the South, Safe Nest had asked that she and Mel Goodwin put together a training for Safe Nest's staff and volunteers. They also put together policies inclusive of transgender, lesbian, and gay victims. However, she has contacted La Red, in Boston Massachusetts for further assistance (www.thenetworklared.org). They specialize in helping shelters to be inclusive and in training staff and volunteers.

Ms. Hernandez reported that she had been tasked with looking for batterers' treatment programs that were inclusive of the LGBT community and the only one she was able to find is the Emerge program in Boston. She has also contacted the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center for information but has not received a return phone call. She stated that because she is not very familiar with batterers' treatment programs, she was not sure what questions to ask. Ms. Ramos suggested inviting Jennifer Kandt, the Administrative Coordinator for the Committee on Domestic Violence to the next meeting to ask about programs in Nevada and what, if anything, they are doing to be inclusive. She would also like to open the topic for discussion and to offer assistance in helping Nevada programs to be more inclusive.

Ms. Prentice stated that she thought that Judy Henderson from the NNADV was working on putting together some policies and protocols and suggested inviting her to the next meeting to discuss what she is working on.

5. *Discussion and possible action regarding selection of speaker for next Council Meeting.

Ms. Prentice stated that she is still waiting to find out the Attorney General's availability. The rural trip will be in July or August and will be held in Ely. Ms. Prentice suggested having council member Kathleen Bergquist talk about her efforts the API community. Christina Hernandez made a motion to have Kathleen Bergquist speak on underserved issues at the next Council meeting. Dallas Smales seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. *Review, discussion and possible action regarding 2011 Committee Goals.

The Committee discussed the goals they would like to work on in 2011:

- Outreach to LGBT community
- Selection of speakers for each Council meeting
- Continue and complete the family court judges' survey
- Outreach to the API community
- Outreach to tribal communities
- Outreach to African American faith based community
- Outreach to Hispanic communities

Kathleen Bergquist made a motion to approve the proposed 2011 Committee goals. Deborah Armstrong seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 27, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Items 3, 4, and 5 will be carried over to the next agenda. Each of the new goals will be an agenda item.

8. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

10.*Adjournment.

Dallas Smales made a motion to adjourn the motion. Deborah Armstrong seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.