

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

## **Minutes of Meeting**

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**Monday, May 9, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.**

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

**Committee Members Present**

Mike Sprinkle

**Committee Members Present Via Teleconference**

Christine Jones Brady  
Dr. Michael Freda  
Brett Kandt  
Andrea Sundberg  
Robin Sweet

**Committee Members Absent**

Valerie Cooney  
Elynne Greene

**Public Present**

None

**Attorney General's Office Staff Present**

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman  
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

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

Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

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

Dr. Freda made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Robin Sweet seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. Christine Brady abstained from voting because she was not in attendance at the April 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\\_R1.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/SB/SB66_R1.pdf)

Mr. Sprinkle stated that the SB66 had its second hearing in the Assembly and that no action was taken. Mr. Kandt said he expected the bill to pass through the work session and get moved out without any problems. He will let the Committee know if any issues develop.

- 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>

Mr. Sprinkle stated that this bill died in Committee.

- 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\\_R1.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/SB/SB57_R1.pdf)

Mr. Kandt reported that SB57 was heard on April 27, 2011 and that because there were some concerns with the bill, amendments had been submitted. There will be no changes to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. Instead, NRS 432, which establishes the Children's Advocate in the Attorney General's Office, will be amended to give the Children's Advocate some enforcement authority. Mr. Kandt expects the bill to be scheduled for a future work session.

- 6. \*Review, discussion and possible action regarding AB314 which revises provisions governing a course of instruction on sexual education.**

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/AB/AB314.pdf>

Ms. Sundberg reported that this bill was killed in Committee due to lack of support. She stated that it will be submitted again during next legislative session. Concerns included expanding sex education too far, specific information on sexual assault prevention, and fiscal concerns related to training and development of a new curriculum. Mr. Sprinkle said that perhaps the Committee could work on it to make it a stronger bill next time. Ms. Brady suggested that since sexual assault is another form of violence and coercion, perhaps it could be included in a bullying bill. Ms. Prentice stated that there are two bullying bills this session and will have Ms. Webber send them out to the Committee.

**7. \*Review, discussion and possible action regarding AB269 which revises certain provisions relating to the use of a grand jury.**  
**([http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/AB/AB269\\_R1.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/AB/AB269_R1.pdf))**

Mr. Kandt stated that currently, if a prosecutor does not have a key witness or the Court does not find probable cause at a preliminary hearing and dismisses the matter, then the prosecutor could bring it to a grand jury. This bill would allow a defendant to submit a statement to the grand jury that the case was previously dismissed at a preliminary hearing. Mr. Kandt stated that this bill has passed out of the senate judiciary.

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

The next meeting was scheduled for May 31, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Brady asked for an agenda item updating the Committee on the impact of budget cuts on services for victims.

**9. Public Comment.**

There was no public comment.

**10. \*Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.