

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

## **Minutes of Meeting**

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**Tuesday, May 31, 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**

None

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

Christine Jones Brady  
Dr. Michael Freda  
Elyne Greene  
Brett Kandt  
Robin Sweet

### **Committee Members Absent**

Valerie Cooney  
Mike Sprinkle  
Andrea Sundberg

### **Public Present**

None

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

Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

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

Brett Kandt called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

#### **2. \*Review and approval of minutes from the May 9, 2011 meeting.**

Dr. Freda made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting were approved. Ms. Greene abstained from voting because she was not present at the 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. Kandt stated that this bill has been enacted into law. Ms. Sweet added that it takes effect October 1, 2011.

- 4. \*Review, discussion and possible action regarding SB57 which expands the circumstances pursuant to which a court is authorized to issue certain warrants.**

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This bill has passed out of the second house. However, because it was amended on the Assembly side it has to go back to the Senate for concurrence. Rather than amending the Uniform Act regarding custody enforcement, it creates an enforcement tool for the Children's Advocate in the Attorney General's office. Mr. Kandt stated that he did not expect any problems in the Senate or when it is forwarded to the Governor for his signature.

- 5. Update and discussion on impact of budget cuts on victim services.**

Ms. Brady stated that this item was put on the agenda at her request but that she had not received any responses. Ms. Greene stated that she had submitted a comment that was included with the meeting materials. She said that there was a definite impact at the law enforcement level. Vacancies are not being filled; positions are being held open or eliminated. She reported that training money has been cut completely. Utilizing grants for training money is no longer an option because the match still has a fiscal impact. Free training that is offered is generally for law enforcement and not victim services personnel. Those who want to attend conferences must pay for them personally. She said that once grants expire in North Las Vegas, it may be the end of their program with some of the services being absorbed by the city. However, the advocates in the City Attorney's Office are waiting to find out if they will be among the 200+ employees that will be losing their jobs. She added that she thought Henderson was pretty stable, and that she didn't know about Nye County.

Mr. Kandt stated that in the North, the Reno City Attorney's Office has eliminated two of the three victim advocates employed there. Dr. Freda added that the victim advocate program at the Washoe County District Attorneys Office had been eliminated as well.

Ms. Greene noted that because the system-based advocate programs are funded by taxes, we probably haven't seen the worst of it yet as property taxes continue to decline. She thought it would be at least two more years before things stabilized.

Mr. Kandt added that the impact of the State shifting the cost of services to the local level should also be considered.

Ms. Brady asked if there were something the Attorney General and the Council could do to educate the public of the impact of these cuts on the safety of communities. She stated that she had not heard news reports or those in the community talking about the issue. Nobody seemed to be concerned that these services are being cut and it is disconcerting to her. Mr. Kandt stated that he thought those efforts were being made. Dr. Freda said that it doesn't seem to be talked about because those who are impacted don't have much of a voice.

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

Mr. Kandt stated that because the session is almost over, he will leave it to the Chair to schedule the next meeting. For agenda items, he said he thought it is never too early to think about potential bill draft requests for the next legislative session.

Dr. Freda stated that he and Valerie Cooney would continue working on a potential BDR regarding required training for those performing custody evaluations.

Ms. Brady said she would be happy to help Ms. Sundberg in working on getting sexual violence and domestic violence education in the schools. She may approach the Education Committee to discuss it.

#### **7. Public Comment.**

There was no public comment.

#### **8. \*Adjournment.**

Dr. Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elynne Greene seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.