

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

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 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

Kathleen Bergquist
Eileen Herrington
Robert Lundquist
Sue Meuschke
Wendy Ronovech
Mike Sprinkle
Andrea Sundberg

Committee Members Absent

Lubna Ahmad
Valerie Cooney
Toni Downen
Christina Hernandez
Suzanne Ramos

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 establish quorum.

Sue Meuschke called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

3. *Review and approval of minutes from the August 2, 2011 meeting.

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

4. *Update, discussion and possible action on Boy Scout Peace begins at Home patch program.

Ms. Ronovech stated that she would be inviting Charmaine Preator-Hillstead to the next meeting of the Boy Scout Domestic Violence Patch Subcommittee. Ms. Preator-Hillstead is heavily involved with the Boy Scouts and will be helping Ms. Ronovech promote the patch in Southern Nevada. For better record-keeping, she has suggested that the patches be kept at the Boy Scout office instead of being disbursed at the round table meetings as Ms. Ronovech had planned to do.

Ms. Prentice reported that Kathy Grost is no longer employed by the Boy Scouts in the North and that Judy Henderson had received a call from the Boy Scout office asking what they should be doing with the patches. Ms. Henderson explained that they were for the boys who had earned the patch. Ms. Prentice said she would reach out to the Boy Scouts to figure out what's going on. Mr. Sprinkle stated that he had planned on contacting the Boy Scout office to follow up on the program in the North and suggested that he and Ms. Prentice could approach the Boy Scouts together.

5. *Update, discussion and possible action on Girl Scout Peace Begins at Home patch program.

Ms. Meuschke stated that she had forwarded an email to the Committee from Julia Ratti at the Girl Scout Council in Northern Nevada. According to the email, approximately 150 girls earned the patch in 2008/2009. Since then the patch has been listed as one of the "Council's Own," which are patches created at the local level. The "Peace Begins at Home" patch is one of many that the girls can choose to earn. Badge completion is not typically tracked so Ms. Ratti could not say how many girls completed the patch since 2009, but that she believed a few girls did. She suggested that the best way to get participation would be to

organize a program event to support the badge work, however the Girl Scout Council will be busy with special projects until the 2012/2013 season.

Ms. Meuschke commented that it will be important in the future to train Girl Scout Leaders on how to do activities for the patch and why it is important. If the program is not institutionalized within their organization, it will get lost.

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

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

Ms. Herrington stated that she had tried to contact West Hills Hospital several times but has not received a return phone call.

Lt. Lundquist stated that he had volunteered to work on the project but that he has not yet had a chance to do so.

ii. Update on approaching EMS Board

Ms. Meuschke stated that materials have been sent to the EMS board and that Judy Henderson from the NNADV presented at the rural conference of EMS providers and was invited to do a training in Fallon as well. Ms. Meuschke is planning to contact the EMS Board for approval of CEUs.

iii. Update on approaching Nursing Board

Ms. Sundberg stated that she had tried contacting the Nursing Board by voicemail and email and has not heard back from anyone. She stated she would keep trying.

7. *Discussion and possible action regarding approaching casino human resources departments.

Mr. Sprinkle reported that after the last meeting, he had planned to work with Ms. Hernandez and Lt. Lundquist to put together some preliminary questions to take to the casinos. Although he and Ms. Hernandez have had some informal conversations, they have not completed the questions. He hoped to have them ready for the next meeting.

Ms. Meuschke asked if everyone had had an opportunity to review the article which had been sent by Staci Alonso. She encouraged the Committee members to go to the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence webpage referenced in the article. There are lots of resources for employers on that website. Mr.

Sprinkle commented that those resources could be added to the list which the Committee planned to prepare for their human resources contacts at the casinos.

Ms. Ronovech stated that she had reached out to the Behavioral Healthcare Options department within UnitedHealthcare and verified with the director that some domestic violence in-services are available at the Station Casinos. Ms. Meuschke asked if it were possible to get copies of the materials that they use. Ms. Ronovech said she would ask.

Ms. Meuschke commented that at the NCPDV meeting in Ely, General Masto said that she would like to see outreach to businesses. She asked Ms. Prentice what exactly General Masto wanted. Since this topic was not agendaized, it will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

8. *Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Agenda items will include outreach to businesses, a combined update for the Boy Scout and Girl Scout projects, the hospital survey, working with EMS and Nursing boards, and the continuing the casino human resources discussion.

Ms. Sundberg asked about a possible 4-H project which was mentioned at a NCPDV meeting. Ms. Prentice reported that the Cooperative Extension in Northern Nevada contacted her and was interested in finding out how to adapt the Boy Scout patch curriculum for 4-H. She will be meeting with a Cooperative Extension representative in December to discuss it. Ms. Herrington stated that she is a 4-H leader and would be willing to get involved with that project. An agenda item regarding 4-H will be added to the next agenda so that Ms. Prentice can report on her meeting. Mr. Sprinkle commented that it might be a good idea to invite the 4-H representative to a Boy Scout Patch Subcommittee meeting if they are interested in pursuing the idea.

Wendy Ronovech suggested outreach to the schools regarding teen violence and bullying. She has some contacts that might be interested in attending meetings. Mr. Sprinkle suggested a general agenda item regarding outreach to schools.

9. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

10. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.