

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
BOY SCOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PATCH SUBCOMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Present

None

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Valerie Cooney
Judy Henderson
Charmaine Preator-Hillstead
Wendy Ronovech
Mike Sprinkle

Committee Members Absent

Robert Lundquist

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

1. Call to order, roll call of members, establish quorum.

Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

3. *Review and approval of minutes from October 13, 2011 meeting.

Valerie Cooney made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Wendy Ronovech seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. *Update, discussion and possible action regarding promotion of Boy Scout patch program in Southern Nevada. (Wendy Ronovech)

Ms. Ronovech invited Charlie Preator-Hillstead to the meeting. Miss Preator-Hillstead will be helping Ms. Ronovech with promoting the patch in southern Nevada. Ms. Ronovech stated that her goals were to figure out how to market the patch and to find people to help her. She also discussed doing a six-month follow-up to see how the program was progressing.

Ms. Preator-Hillstead stated that she is heavily involved in the Boy Scouts program within the Las Vegas Area Council. In the Las Vegas Area Council there are eight districts comprised of approximately 800 troops. There are quarterly meetings with all of the Scout Masters and their education groups. She thought it might be best to train the Scout Masters and the education person for the districts and let them take it the program back to the troops. Another possibility is presenting the patch at the merit badge clinics. There are several large merit badge clinics where a number of boys could be reached. When a boy completes the requirements for a merit badge, the Scout Master fills out a form that is taken to the Boy Scout office. The office can then issue the patch. The office maintains a roster of who receives the patch and can provide a list of who has completed the project. She thought the biggest challenge would be the training of the merit badge counselors.

Ms. Cooney asked if Ms. Preator-Hillstead was proposing that the Scout Masters be trained. Ms. Preator-Hillstead said that they could, but that merit badge counselors are recruited because they have a certain depth of knowledge of a particular subject. She stated that she would be willing to work closely with the Boy Scout office to have a training once a month or once every other month to train merit badge counselors. The patch could then be presented at merit badge clinics where a lot of boys can be educated over the course of one day.

Ms. Henderson noted that domestic violence educators from the two domestic violence programs in the south may also be able to help with training.

Ms. Cooney asked how far in advance these merit badge clinics are set up and whether the same types of patches are available at each clinic. She wanted to make sure there is sufficient time to have educators available. Ms. Preator-Hillstead stated that each of the districts typically set up two or

three merit badge clinics per year. Activities are rotated according to the time of year, but she thought that the Committee could ask to be fit in at any time and did not anticipate any problems about getting in to the merit badge clinics. She didn't recommend going to the huge events like the Boy Scout Expo, but thought that some of the larger clinics would be appropriate. There are four of these larger clinics per year.

Ms. Ronovech stated that once she knows the dates of these merit badge clinics she will reach out to Safe Nest to see if there are any educators available to train the merit badge counselors. Ms. Ronovech asked if anyone knew of Council members in the south who might be willing to take the initiative to help get people trained.

Ms. Cooney asked Ms. Henderson if there were people in southern Nevada who could become familiar with the curriculum and then teach the classes at the clinics. Ms. Henderson thought that it would take a combination of resources because everybody's time is limited. She thought that the initial train the trainer component might best be done by someone engaged in the program. She said that there is volunteer training all the time and suggested that new volunteers who have completed 40 hours of training may be very interested in working with Boy Scouts.

Valerie Cooney made a motion to give authority to Wendy Ronovech, Charlie Preator-Hillstead and Judy Henderson to move forward with what was discussed and report back at the next meeting. Wendy Ronovech seconded the motion. Ms. Ronovech said she would start by delivering the patches to the corporate office and talking to Safe Nest to see if there was anyone she could get to help with training the trainer. Ms. Preator-Hillstead will get the dates of the upcoming merit badge clinics. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

This Committee returned to this agenda item after discussion of item #6. Ms. Ronovech stated that Ms. Preator-Hillstead was interested in learning more about domestic violence so that she could participate in training the trainer. She will check with Safe Nest but asked if someone from the NNADV would be able to help train Ms. Preator-Hillstead. Ms. Henderson said that they could possibly do it by teleconference and would work something out if Safe Nest or Safe House could not help.

5. *Discussion and possible action regarding statewide distribution of Boys Scout "Peace Begins at Home" patch.

Mr. Sprinkle said he thought that Ms. Prentice might have an update regarding northern Nevada but that she was unable to attend the meeting. He stated he will follow up with her.

He thought it was a good idea to have the Attorney General do some kind of recognition of boys who complete the patch requirements if her schedule will permit it.

6. *Discussion and possible action regarding Spanish translation of Boy Scout “Peace Begins at Home” materials.

Wendy Ronovech stated that she had initially asked about having the Boy Scout curriculum translated into Spanish. Ms. Preator-Hillstead advised the Committee that there is a Spanish speaking district in Las Vegas and there may be people within the district who are willing to do the translation.

Mr. Sprinkle stated that he didn’t know if there was any kind of budget for translating and printing the materials. He asked Ms. Preator-Hillstead if she knew whether or not there was money in the budget of the Spanish speaking district for production of materials. Ms. Preator-Hillstead said that she could find out.

Ms. Cooney thought that there were probably volunteers who would be willing to translate the materials. Ms. Henderson suggested putting all of the materials on the Attorney General’s website, the Boy Scout’s website, and social networking sites so that people can download them as needed. That would reduce the cost of printing materials for the agencies. Mr. Sprinkle said that he would contact Traci Dory, the Chair of the Public Information Committee to see if that Committee could assist.

Ms. Cooney asked Ms. Preator-Hillstead if the Spanish translation would need to be certified. Ms. Preator-Hillstead said no, and suggested that maybe someone at Safe Nest would be able to translate the materials. Ms. Ronovech stated that she would check with Safe Nest to see if someone has the time to donate.

7. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

8. *Public Comment.

None.

9. *Adjournment.

Judy Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Ronovech seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.