

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

**Minutes of Meeting**

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*Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 3:00 p.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**

Lubna Ahmad  
Valerie Cooney  
Christina Hernandez  
Eileen Herrington  
Robert Lundquist  
Sue Meuschke  
Mike Sprinkle

**Committee Members Absent**

Kathleen Bergquist  
Suzanne Ramos  
Wendy Ronovech

**Public Present**

None

**Attorney General's Office Staff Present**

Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General (by phone)  
Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman  
Karen Cruz, Assistant to the NCPDV

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

Valerie Cooney called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 March 1, 2012 meeting.**

Sue Meuschke made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mike Sprinkle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved by all present members.

**4. Update, discussion and possible action on Boy Scout and Girl Scout “Peace Begins at Home” patch programs.**

Valerie Cooney stated that the Boy Scout Subcommittee was unable to hold a meeting because they did not meet a quorum; therefore, there is nothing to report on the Boy Scout portion of this agenda item.

Kareen Prentice said that she does not have an update on the Girl Scouts for northern Nevada; that it is her understanding that they will not be able to do anything with the patch program for a year. She also said the Southern Nevada group wants the Committee to give them new patches with their name on it.

With regards to the Boy Scouts, Ms. Prentice said she spoke with a woman at Washoe County Sheriff’s Office about the Boy Scout Patch and believes she now has better questions to discuss with the Boy Scouts in a meeting she will set up within the next three months. During that meeting, Ms. Prentice said she will discuss information about a merit badge college, and training people who can be available to Boy Scout leaders who, in turn, can sign off on the Boy Scout patch.

Ms. Prentice clarified that she was only talking about reaching out to people in the north and doesn’t want to interfere with Wendy Ronovech and Charlie Preator-Hillstead, who are working with people in the south.

Because the Girl Scouts are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and won’t be able to do anything for a year, it was suggested and approved that the Girl Scout portion of this agenda item be removed until January 2013.

**5. Review, discussion and possible action regarding 4-H program utilizing patch curriculum for education project.**

Eileen Herrington said she sent a copy of the “Peace Begins at Home” project to Sandy Wallen, who oversees the Carson and Story County 4-H programs, for her review. Ms. Wallen informed Ms. Herrington that they don’t have a similar merit badge system, but will investigate what 4-H has at the national level that might correspond with the same format. She also said that, although they don’t have a project area that fits it, that doesn’t mean that 4-H couldn’t take this on as a self-determined project and will get back to Ms. Herrington in the future.

Ms. Cooney said the Committee will have Ms. Herrington continue with this project and follow up on her contact with Ms. Wallen.

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

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

Ms. Cooney said that she has received survey responses from approximately six hospitals in the rural areas who indicated that they have some type of staff training that is done on an annual basis. Some of the hospitals said that they partner with CADV. The hospitals also indicated that they have brochures and pamphlets available and have some protocols in place as well. None of the hospitals have provided any type of protocols.

Ms. Cooney asked for further direction from the Committee on what to do next. She stated that part of the Committee’s efforts included trying to determine what training hospitals and EMTs have, what protocols they use and whether or not they would share some of their information with the Committee. Also, of some concern was whether or not there was a need to provide additional training to the hospitals and EMTs.

The Committee previously divided the hospitals among four Committee members because the Committee got such a poor response to the survey. Those members committed to make individual contact with each hospital to determine what kind of domestic violence training and policies the hospitals have in place.

Ms. Cooney said that she will compile the data once it is received the Committee members then decide what to do with the data at the next meeting. Mike Sprinkle said that he felt that the

Committee may very well decide to move on from this issue, hoping that something comes of it in the future, to which the Committee agreed.

**ii. Update on approaching EMS Board.**

Mr. Sprinkle reminded the Committee that he met with Christina Conti in Washoe County and, in turn, they met with REMSA, who is putting together a training program for its paramedics and EMT intermediates that ride in the ambulance within their organization. He said that REMSA is very excited about putting the training together.

REMSA is going to use the PowerPoint presentation that was presented in Elko last year as a basis of their training program. Their program will include a basic domestic violence 101 training to teach paramedics and EMTs how to recognize domestic violence victims and then a documentation training to teach them how to document so that their documentation can be used in the prosecution of domestic violence batterers. Bruce Hahn, a prosecutor for a county that has prosecuted a lot of domestic violence cases, is willing to participate in the next meeting with REMSA to give an insight as to what prosecutors look for in documentation of utterances that are made in the back of an ambulance.

Mr. Sprinkle said the training program will consist of a “pre-knowledge survey” that will be used as a knowledge base to determine the paramedic’s and EMT’s basic understanding of domestic violence. An educational presentation will then be created that will last approximately one-hour, some of which will be completed on line and some in a face-to-face classroom presentation. Finally, in order to determine the effectiveness of the class, a follow-up survey will be given to see how much of the training information was retained by the paramedics and EMTs after taking the class.

Mr. Sprinkle said that, although he and Ms Conti will attend the meetings and oversee the programs, REMSA will be creating the training program and is willing to pay for it in its entirety. He feels that if the training package is a quality program, it might be used as a best practices model for the entire state and possibly be legislated as part of required continuing education for pre-hospital care personnel.

Mr. Sprinkle said that he thinks it might be best to have people already trained in domestic violence to review the training program REMSA puts together to ensure correct information is used in the PowerPoint slides and literature that will be presented and then provide the initial training of the trainers. He said that he will talk to the Committee and Ms. Meuschke about this once they are closer to completing the training program, which he feels will be in the early fall.

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

**i. Behavioral Healthcare Options PowerPoint “Recognizing the Warning Signs of Potential Workplace Violence.” (Wendy Ronovech)**

Rob Lundquist informed the Committee that he attended the monthly meeting of the security chiefs for the hotels in Las Vegas on April 5<sup>th</sup> and, while he was not the primary focus of their meeting, was able to give a short presentation. He talked to them about the survey that was sent to the hotels to see what kind of services they have and said he got some mixed responses. He said the security chiefs said the hotels don't want the image of having a problem with domestic violence in their hotels and they are concerned about legal issues regarding the same. He assured them that there weren't really any issues.

Mr. Lundquist said that overall, the presentation went well. He is in the process of following up with some of the security chiefs who approached him after the fact and he thinks that there are some opportunities in that direction. He hasn't spoke with Ms. Ronovech, so he doesn't know as far as approaching the human resource aspect of it, but he does think there is potential to move forward with this and thinks it needs to be somewhat calculated how it is done so the Committee doesn't shut the casinos down.

Mr. Lundquist said that his next step will be to follow up with the people who expressed interest and have a “one-on-one” meeting where he can discuss what they need and what they are looking for. He said he will also continue to attend the security chief's monthly meetings and will meet with Ms. Ronovech to see what she has done on the human resource side. He will report back to the Committee during the next meeting.

Mr. Sprinkle said that he needs to step away from this issue with the casinos because he is the only one involved with the paramedic

and EMS training with REMSA and asked if someone else could take over in the north. He said he did an initial outreach with Circus Circus, but it was a while ago, therefore it really would be starting from scratch at this point. Ms. Cooney stated the issue of who can take over the north end of this issue will be discussed during the next meeting.

**8. Review, discussion and possible action regarding outreach to businesses regarding domestic violence awareness.**

Ms. Meuschke noted that this agenda item was at the request of the Attorney General at the last Council meeting and suggested that perhaps General Masto will be okay with the outreach to casinos at this point. It was suggested and agreed upon that this agenda item remain on the agenda but be discussed further at a later date.

**9. Review, discussion and possible action regarding outreach and education to Nevada youth.**

Because Ms. Ronovech was not in attendance for this meeting, it was suggested and agreed upon by the Committee that this agenda item be held off for discussion until the next meeting.

**10. Schedule future meetings & agenda items.**

It was agreed by the Committee that the next meeting be held after the Rural Road trip. Therefore, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

**11. Public comment.**

There was no public comment.

**12. Adjournment.**

It was moved by Ms. Meuschke and seconded by Mr. Sprinkle to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.