

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday, June 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located at:
Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202, Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

None

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Suzanne Ramos
Kathleen Bergquist
Christina Hernandez
Larry Mosley

Committee Members Absent

Christine Brady
Anya Arechiga Gonzalez
Leisa Moseley

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

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

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

Suzanne Ramos called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and quorum was established.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

3. Approval of minutes from April 11, 2012 meeting. (For possible action.)

Kathleen Bergquist noted that item ten on the minutes for the meeting on April 11, 2012 needed to be amended. The town hall meeting in Yerington is on July 17, 2012 and not on July 18, 2012. Suzanne Ramos confirmed that the date for the town hall in Yerington is on July 17, 2012.

Suzanne Ramos asked for a motion on the amended meeting minutes. Christina Hernandez made the motion to approve the amended minutes. Larry Mosley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the amended minutes were approved.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding review of protection order process in Nevada by Administrative Office of the Courts and Department of Public Safety. (John McCormick, Administrative Office of the Courts). (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos noted that John McCormick was not present and had not joined the meeting. Suzanne Ramos tabled this item for now to see if John McCormick would join the meeting. If not, item would be tabled and discussed at next meeting.

5. Review, discussion and possible action regarding education and outreach to Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community. (For possible action.)

Christina Hernandez stated the grant from VOCA (Gender Justice Nevada) has been received and will allow the hiring of a part-time service coordinator as well as an advocate assistant. Training for advocated will begin around October.

Suzanne Ramos asked Christina Hernandez about making contact with the University of Nevada, Reno. Christina Hernandez stated the student groups are really involved, but has not made contact with UNR.

Christina Hernandez stated that the second grant through OVW will hear in late September to October if grant will be approved. The grant would allow the hiring of a full-time person to oversee the entire program.

Discussion on Gender Justice Nevada, which is a new organization. Christina Hernandez stated three of Gender Justice Nevada focuses particular to the LGBT community 1) anti-violence; pertaining to sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and hate crimes. 2) education; pertaining to educating the transgender community about their civil rights, particularly around the legislature passed in 2011. This includes businesses or public places who are not accommodating to transgender individuals. 3) clinical; pertaining to having

support groups for hates crimes and the current support group of two years for sexual assaults.

Larry Mosley talked about the Equal Rights Commission in particular to gender biases in the employment area and NERK. Christina Hernandez stated that Gender Justice Nevada is involved with NERK as well as the ACLU.

Suzanne Ramos stated that it is great to have counseling to deal with the LGBT community's specific issues.

6. Review, discussion and possible action regarding education and outreach to the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community. (For possible action.)

Kathleen Bergquist stated that there are no updates at this time.

Kathleen Bergquist mentioned the site visit from the Attorney General's Office with Liz Greb and Marti Washington and that the site visit went really well. Kathleen Bergquist stated that no monies have been spent, but looking into target recruiting to expand the pool of applicants and pay to send those applicants to advocate training to broaden the linguistic and cultural access to the API community.

Suzanne Ramos addressed the North and UNR pertaining to the LGBT and API communities and stated that she would contact someone at UNR as well as UNR's Psychology department in getting involved with the committee. Suzanne Ramos talked about the domestic battery cases and the possible gap in counseling in the North.

Christina Hernandez stated that Gender Justice Nevada does training for professionals inclusive to LGBT individuals. Christina Hernandez stated that counseling needs to focus on the reason for seeking counseling and not on gender or sexual orientation.

7. Review, discussion and possible action regarding education and outreach to the African American community. (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos stated that Debra Armstrong is no longer with the committee in the North and has moved to Las Vegas. Suzanne Ramos is looking for outreach in the North for the African American community. Larry Mosley stated that Christine Brady has shown interest for the North and was not able to attend the meeting due to being at a trial.

Larry Mosley has spoken to the Delta Sorority who has made trips up to Carson City and has taken an active role in the community in the South and is willing to help out in the North.

Larry Mosley spoke about the faith-based perspective and that he was invited to a meeting with General Masto and Dr. Robert Fowler. Dr. Robert Fowler is the pastor for the second largest church in the Southern Nevada area for African Americans. The church would like to partner with the AG's Office and the Underserved Populations Committee.

Discussion concerning what type of value does the committee and the AG's Office provide to partnerships with groups throughout the underserved populations and/or communities. Also, need to ensure coordination of functions, programs, funding support, etc. to these groups throughout the underserved populations and/or communities. Suzanne Ramos stated that there is no money for funding; however, the AG's Office in late Summer into Fall will have a process to apply funds for those organizations working with domestic violence.

Suzanne Ramos discussed building trust relationships within the underserved populations and/or communities. Maybe have town hall meetings and/or individual or specific meetings to see where there are gaps (i.e. services, programs, language barriers, cultural issues, religion, etc.) and do outreach for domestic violence. The underserved populations and/or communities may prefer different methods pertaining to outreach and must be sensitive to those needs.

Larry Mosley posed a question about the value of a town hall meeting and maybe that the committee look into strategic planning. Suzanne Ramos stated that the committee is an extension to the underserved populations and/or communities. Basically see where the barriers and/or gaps are in services, conduct outreach to get the message across pertaining to domestic violence and assist in a way that the populations and/or communities can do the work themselves.

Larry Mosley posed the question "What do we do as the committee to communicate what types of assistance and/or direction to these partnerships?" Suzanne Ramos stated that the committee needs to decide what we are doing as far as what type of impact and making an impact on the underserved populations and/or communities. Suzanne suggested adding strategic planning to the agenda to discuss at future committee meetings.

8. Review, discussion and possible action regarding education and outreach to Hispanic community. (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos stated that she is still conducting domestic violence education classes in the Hispanic community as well as radio announcements in the form of PSA's (about an hour in length) on the Hispanic radio stations. Suzanne Ramos stated that she is trying to get in touch with Anya Arechiga Gonzalez pertaining to television announcements in the Hispanic community.

9. Schedule future meetings and agenda items. (For possible action)

Suzanne Ramos stated the town hall meeting in Yerington on July 17, 2012 has been cancelled. The Rural Road Trip is still on in Battle Mountain for July 18, 2012. There will be no time to meet before or after pertaining to strategic planning for the committee. Henna Rasul stated in order to meet will need an agenda in order to be in compliance with the Open Meeting Law too. Suzanne Ramos will be sending Karen Cruz a report from a town hall done years ago pertaining to the prevention council to reference when discussing strategic planning at the next committee meeting.

Suzanne Ramos would like agenda items to remain the same, but add one for review, discuss, and for possible action regarding the strategic planning for the Underserved Populations Committee. Larry Mosley would like to add an addendum and make it very clear on one item; being able to articulate what the value the committee can bring not just to the underserved populations, but also to the partners regarding the Underserved Populations Committee. Suzanne Ramos asked if there any other agenda items and there was not.

The next meeting for the Underserved Populations Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Suzanne Ramos asked that Karen Cruz send out the appointment reminder, so members can accept or decline.

10. Public comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

12. Adjournment. (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christina Hernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen Bergquist seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.