

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
VICTIM ADVOCATE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, June 18, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Present

None

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Elynn Wernikove-Greene
Barbara Aupperle
Suzanne Ramos
Lori Fralick

Committee Members Absent

None

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 and roll call of members.

Elynn Wernikove-Green called the meeting to order at 9:01 p.m. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

3. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding Victim Witness Advocate Model Protocols. (For possible action.)

Ms. Greene suggested dividing the protocols into four categories: (1) defining confidentiality and privilege for the state of Nevada; (2) training for advocates; (3) recordkeeping and documentation of victim contact; and (4) types of services provided. And further subdivide them into “community based” and “systems based” protocols and then identify additional issues relating to rural communities. Ms. Greene suggested meeting together in person for the next meeting in order to bring the pieces together, and then take a look at it to see what works for our state. The categories were divided among the Committee Members as follows:

Elynne:	Confidentiality and privilege
Barbara:	Types of services provided
Suzanne:	Recordkeeping and/or documentation
Lori:	Training for advocates

The Committee discussed issues relating to the need for separate systems-based and community-based protocols, especially when looking at confidentiality vs. privileged information. Ms. Greene clarified that the Committee needs to make it clear in terms of the protocols that the protocols are recommendations only.

Ms. Prentice suggested that the Committee invite a community-based advocate and offered to contact the Network for a possible referral. Ms. Greene suggested having a representative from both northern and southern Nevada.

4. Schedule future meetings & agenda items. (For possible action.)

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

5. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

6. Adjournment. (For possible action.)

Barbara Aupperle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne Ramos seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.