

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, August 29, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located at:
Office of the Attorney General
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Committee Members Present

Brett Kandt, Council for Prosecuting Attorneys
Suzanne Ramos

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Bob Zentz
Robin Sweet
Elyne Greene
Traci Dory

Committee Members Absent

Barbara Aupperle
Dr. Mike Freda
Eileen Herrington

Public Present

None

1. Call to order and roll call of members.
Brett Kandt called the meeting to order, took a roll call of the members and established quorum.
2. Public comment.

There was no public comment at this time.
3. Approval of minutes from May 9, 2012 meeting. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt asked for a motion on the meeting minutes from the May 9, 2012 meeting. Elynn Greene made the motion to approve the minutes. Bob Zentz seconded the motion.

Robin Sweet stated that on page five of seven, second paragraph, that a sentence needs a revision. Currently states "Ms. Sweet said that that is part of the delay in the DA's reporting and that it is a county-wide issue that the court is waiting to be resolved". Ms. Sweet stated that she does not know this and the sentence should be revised as "that it is possible for part of the delay".

Brett Kandt asked for a motion of approval on the meeting minutes and revision. Traci Dory abstained, all else in favor and motion carried.

4. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding *Perspectives on Domestic Violence* curricula for prosecutors, law enforcement and victim advocates.

Brett Kandt stated that the video was created through grant funding. Bob Zentz developed the prosecutor curricula and the curriculum was used at the prosecutor's conference. Mr. Kandt stated that the video and curriculum will be included in the training on October 4, 2012 in Las Vegas. This will assist in utilizing feedback and seeing how effective the video and curriculum are for training.

Mr. Kandt stated that training curricula may be developed around the video for the victim advocate protocols.

Mr. Kandt stated that law enforcement is using the video as part of its POST curriculum and that it is law enforcement specific. Mr. Kandt stated that he will get a copy of the training. Mr. Kandt stated that the Judicial Branch has been given the video, but not sure if they are utilizing the video at this time.

5. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding domestic violence and sexual assault multidisciplinary training opportunities. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt discussed the training on October 4, 2012 in Las Vegas, which is being co-sponsored by the Prosecutors Advisory Council and the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force. Mr. Kandt thanked Elynn Greene for the work she has done on this. Mr. Kandt stated that there are approximately one hundred twenty-five participants already registered and a good curricula planned. Ms. Greene discussed CLE credits, nine hours of POST credit (getting the word out to law enforcement) and social workers credit; not sure on the amount of hours. Ms. Green asked Mr. Kandt about Domestic Violence Provider credits (Batterer Treatment) and Mr. Kandt stated he will ask

Jennifer Kandt about this; she handles the Domestic Violence Committee and Batterers Treatment programs.

Mr. Kandt stated that he is working with Suzanne Ramos about putting together training in the North with the Prosecutors Advisory Council and the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force.

Robin Sweet stated that she is working with Kareen Prentice on domestic violence training hours for the new judge training that will be taking place after election.

Ms. Greene stated that she is working with Kareen Prentice on putting together the Girl Scout program in Southern Nevada for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations from subcommittee on Victim Advocate Protocols. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt stated that the Victim Advocate Protocols Subcommittee had a meeting on August 6, 2012 in Las Vegas. Mr. Kandt stated that the members of the subcommittee are working on developing protocols or best practices to hopefully be endorsed by the Council by the end of this year. Elynne Greene stated the next meeting will be held on September 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference. Ms. Greene stated that the parts have been divided up among members to work on. Ms. Greene is proposing another face-to-face meeting in November to finalize the protocols.

7. Report and possible action regarding Committee goals for 2012. (For possible action.)
 - a. Discussion of possible domestic violence trends based upon review of the Nevada Uniform Crime Report issued annually by DPS (http://www.nvrepository.state.nv.us/ucr_nav.shtml) and domestic violence data from the Annual Report of the Nevada Judiciary.

Brett Kandt stated that he has nothing to report for 7a.

- b. Review of new or existing domestic violence best practice protocols.

Brett Kandt discussed the training and development of victim advocate practices. Mr. Kandt stated there may be a necessity to review any practices due to legislature. Mr. Kandt stated at this time it was a little early to know the impact legislature will have on any practices.

8. Discussion regarding State Bar Ethics Op. 23. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt stated that this item was discussed at the Criminal Justice meeting on May 9, 2012 and the Council meeting on July 18, 2012. Mr. Kandt stated that this item will be removed from the agenda. Mr. Kandt also stated that the State Bar Ethics Op, 23 will be included in the training on October 4, 2012.

9. Discussion regarding NRS 200.359(8), Protection of Children, and Form for Victims Concealing Child for Safety. (For possible action.)

Elynn Greene discussed the form being utilized by LV Metro. It was developed by private attorney who was hired by an individual with minor children who was in shelter to serve as notification to comply with the law that states the victim needs to make notification to the proper authorities. Elynn explained that Metro has been working with this law for a long time and if a victim who is in hiding contacts them, law enforcement will not disclose the whereabouts of the victim and child. If a missing person's report or custody violation comes through to law enforcement, they will just say that they have had contact with the victim and that she and the children are safe. Elynn stated that the law and their response to it is vague, and her concern is that without a standardized form, victims take all sorts of avenues to get their information turned in. The law only protects them from criminal charges and does not protect them from civil action. Elynn stated that the Safe Nest shelter where the form was first used was uncomfortable with the idea of the form. They felt that the information might be shared with the perpetrator. Elynn stressed the need for standardization of a form and procedure because if the victim just leaves a message and that message is not received by law enforcement, they are not protected by the law. Suzanne Ramos said that nothing has ever been done like this up north. Lori Fralick is looking into it. Bob Zentz asked for clarification from Elynn on how the notification is communicated to the patrol division once one comes in. She said that it gets flagged in the SCOPE system. Suzanne is going to follow up with Lori and the Task Force to get some feedback from the north and Elynn is going to check with North Las Vegas, because she knows that they are not currently utilizing the notification method at all. Bob Zentz will follow up with his department also. Elynn will send a version of the form to Lisa, to send out to the Committee. Brett would like to keep this as an agenda item for further exploration.

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

Brett Kandt stated that the agenda will be cleaned up (i.e. remove item eight from the agenda). The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 1:00 pm.

11. Public comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

12. Adjournment. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt asked for a motion to adjourn. Robin Sweet made the motion to adjourn. Suzanne Ramos seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.