

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

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Via Teleconference with Public Access Located at:  
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**Committee Members Present - Reno AGO**

Brett Kandt

**Committee Members Present Via Teleconference**

Valerie Cooney  
Elynne Wernikove-Greene  
Robin Sweet  
Christine Jones Brady

**Committee Members Absent**

Dr. Mike Freda

**Public Present**

**Attorney General's Office Staff Present - Reno AGO**

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman  
Lisa South, Assistant to the Council

1. Call to order and roll call of members.

Kareen Prentice called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and quorum was established.

2. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Review and approval of minutes from the May 31, 2011 meeting. (For possible action.)

Kareen Prentice asked for a motion on the meeting minutes for May 31, 2012. Elynne Greene made the motion to approve the minutes. Robin Sweet seconded the motion. Valerie Cooney abstained. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

4. Election of new chair. (For possible action.)

Kareen Prentice asked for a nomination of a new chair. Valerie Cooney nominated Christine Jones Brady. Brett Kandt seconded the nomination. Nomination approved. Christine Jones Brady has been elected as the new chair for the Legislative Committee.

5. Discussion of VOC Compensation fund to pay sexual assault exam fees and take burden off Counties. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt stated that this is an issue taken up by the Victims of Crime Subcommittee of the Statutory Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice. The Attorney General chairs that subcommittee. The subcommittee forwarded a recommendation on to the Statutory Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice, which endorsed it and submitted a bill draft request. This would simply allow for those counties that lack the resource (mainly rural counties) to enter into inter-local contracts with the Victim of Crime Compensation Fund to have the fund assist those counties in paying those forensic exam and emergency care fees resulting from a sexual assault (basically reimburse that county for those costs). Kareen Prentice stated that this is operating under State law, since the County DA's currently pay for these costs. Hopefully VOC would take over these costs and pay with Federal monies.

Elynne Green made a motion to endorse the concept of the bill. Valerie Cooney seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carries.

6. Update on Legislation impacting victims of crime for 2013 Legislature. (For possible action.)

**BDR 213**: Attorney General could access the criminal history depository for Fatality Review.

**BDR 214**: VINE Bill.

**BDR 403**: Attorney General's sex trafficking and human trafficking.

Kareen Prentice stated that on December 13, 2102 there will be a meeting with the Attorney General's Office, the Polaris Project and Assemblyman Hambrick. Michon Martin from the Attorney General's Office will be discussing the legislation; establishing sex trafficking of an adult and child as a crime in place of the pandering statute with stiffer penalties. The Polaris Project will discuss

several bills that are going into the legislative session. Assemblyman Hambrick will discuss the bills that he submitted on sex trafficking and human trafficking.

**BDR 525**: Victims of Domestic Violence to terminate leases for a house or apartment.

**BDR 628**: Animal protection bill for pets of Domestic Violence victims.

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

The next meeting for the Legislative Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

8. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment. (For possible action.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.