

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
VICTIM ADVOCATE PROTOCOLS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**Monday, January 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

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The Office of the Attorney General  
100 North Carson Street  
Mock Court Room  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**With  
Public Access Via Videoconference Located At:**

Grant Sawyer Building  
555 East Washington Street  
Room # 4500  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

**Committee Members Present**

Elynne Greene  
Barbara Aupperle  
Suzanne Ramos  
Lori Fralick (Public Member)

**Committee Members Absent**

Brett Kandt

**Public Present**

None

**Attorney General's Office Staff Present**

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

1. Call to order and roll call of members.

Elynne Greene called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Conducted roll call of the members and established quorum.

2. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Review and approval of minutes from the September 24, 2012 meeting. (For possible action.)

Elynn Green asked for a motion on the meeting minutes for September 24, 2012. Lori Fralick asked a question about being in the committee members present section instead of the public present section. Karen Prentice stated that Brett Kandt should be in the committee members section instead of the staff present section.

Ms. Greene asked for a motion to accept the amended meeting minutes for September 24, 2012. Barbara Aupperle made the motion to approve the amended minutes. Ms. Fralick seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the amended minutes were approved.

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

Elynn Greene thanked Lori Fralick and Suzanne Ramos for submitting their summaries and she stated that Barbara Aupperle submitted her summary at the last meeting.

Ms. Greene deferred to Lori Fralick to discuss the State Victim Assistance Academy. Lori Fralick stated the State Victim Assistance Academy is in the planning process. The federal grant that is given to states is for developing training curriculum and standardized requirements and recommendations for victim advocacy training. It is going really well. There is a statewide steering committee and the timeline is to have the first academy in late-Fall of 2013. The funding comes with being able to put on for the first few years at no cost hopefully for participants. Have it in several locations, North, South and Rural, throughout the three years so people can participate. There will be some scholarships available too.

Ms. Fralick stated that there is a National Victim Assistance Academy. The statewide academy will consist of statewide instructors, experts and national trainers. Ms. Fralick stated that the foundation training covers so many topics and helped pull this training document together for this committee. This makes it accessible to the rural areas too. Ms. Fralick stated that a piece of the grant includes agency capacity. Nevada has many rural communities with small agencies. That is a barrier to training due to having coverage. The capacity piece of the grant would recommend coverage, so advocates can attend training, for all types of advocates too. Hopefully there will be an advanced course for service providers.

Ms. Greene discussed condensing the summaries to create a two or three-page bulleted guideline. Then introduce into the SVAA component as they are developing their program. Ms. Greene stated pulling out the key pieces and

starting to build that document. Make the document readable and visible too. Ms. Greene suggested that once the document is finalized to conduct a quarterly follow-up. Ms. Greene stated that best practices will need to be revisited annually to keep it updated.

Discussion on the various components.

**Training Component.** Ms. Fralick will add other resources available, confidentiality, law enforcement offered training, custodial interference and child custody, sexual exploitation of minors, trafficking of adults and minors, and funding, grant writing and organizational sustainability/capacity.

**Documentation Component.** Ms. Greene had a question on release of information for victims. This will be added to the training component, so the victim is informed on release of information to assist law enforcement and possible prosecution. Suzanne Ramos will add lack of privilege to confidentiality. Another addition is that advocate should inform of services available if there is a sexual abuse component.

**Confidentiality Component.** Ms. Greene stated that it will include the NRS for confidentiality and privilege. Ms. Greene stated that she will cut back the narrative. Discussion on a .pdf with the title of the documents and a link to the documents.

**Resources Component.** A document on resources can change weekly and get outdated pretty quickly. Have advocates keep a list of resources updated and maybe update those resources yearly. Have advocates also network with these resources. Provide a link to statewide resources (programs and agencies) for domestic violence and sexual assault. Add law enforcement agencies, district attorneys and city attorneys. Add NV 211 and the various hotlines for domestic violence and sexual assault.

Ms. Greene stated to send any revisions or amendments to Lisa South by January 28, 2013.

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

Elynn Green stated this will be tabled until a meeting date is set for the Criminal Justice Committee.

6. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment. (For possible action.)

Elyne Greene asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne Ramos made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Aupperle seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.