

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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 1, 2013, at 10 a.m.

Meeting location:
Rapport Executive Retreat, 1536 Alamo West Road, Alamo, Nevada 89001

Committee Members Present

Catherine Cortez-Masto
Maricar Andrade
Paul Bancroft
Kathleen Bergquist
Christine Jones Brady
Chris Cappas
Nanci Glogauer
Dorie Guy
Christina Hernandez
Brett Kandt
Lt. Robert Lundquist
Judge Patricia Lynch
Sue Meuschke
Suzanne Ramos
Elynne Wernikove-Greene
Chief Don Zumwalt

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Committee Members Absent

Dr. Lubna Ahmad
Barbara Aupperle
Clarice Charlie
Dr. Michael Freda
Mark Jackson
Dr. Shazia Kirmani
Robin Sweet
Robert Zentz

Public Present

Erica Kelly
Brenda Cole
Denice Brown
District Attorney Kelly Brown

Judge Jack Lenardson
Judge Nola Holton
District Attorney Daniel Hooge
Marjorie Davis
Darla Davis
Captain Gary L. Davis
Derek Foremaster
Dave Maxwell
Judge Mike Cowley
Maribah Cowley
Allison Smith, DEC Coordinator
Maxine Lantz, Victim/Witness Services

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General (filling in for Henna Rasul)
Ana Booker, acting as Assistant to the Council
Liz Greb, Grants/Projects Analyst
Melissa Brown, Attorney General Tri-County Prosecutor

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

General Masto called the meeting to order. A roll call of members was done and quorum was established.

2. Introduction of members of the public and public comment.

General Masto asked the members of the public to introduce themselves. General Masto stated that after every agenda item that she will open it up to the members and the public for comment.

3. **For possible action:** Review, amend and approve minutes from the January 11, 2013 Council meeting.

General Masto asked for a motion on the meeting minutes for January 11, 2013. Paul Bancroft made the motion to approve the minutes. Judge Patricia Lynch seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

4. **For possible action:** Election of new Council Officers:
 - a. Vice-Chair

General Masto asked for a nomination. Judge Patricia Lynch nominated

Brett Kandt for Vice Chair. Elynn Greene seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and the nomination was approved.

b. Treasurer

General Masto asked for a nomination. Brett Kandt nominated Suzanne Ramos for Treasurer. Judge Patricia Lynch seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and the nomination was approved.

c. Secretary

General Masto asked for a nomination. Suzanne Ramos nominated Elynn Greene for Secretary. Brett Kandt seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and the nomination was approved.

5. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on presentation from local stakeholders to include representation from: Sheriffs Jones, Lee and Watts, District Attorneys Beutel, Brown and Hooge, Judges Bishop, Cowley, Fairman, Holton, Kalleres, Lendardson, Schweble and Chief Judge Dobrescu. Also Julie Proctor of S.A.F.E. House and Maxine Lantz of Victim/Witness Services – White Pine County Sheriff’s Office.

General Masto opened this agenda item for discussion. General Masto had the Council members introduce themselves.

Maxine Lantz read an e-mail from Undersheriff Chief Logan and Sheriff Ken Jones from the Eureka County Sheriff’s Office, since they were not able to attend the meeting today. Undersheriff Chief Logan and Sheriff Ken Jones had a question on domestic violence brochures and those brochures being updated with current information on domestic violence and services. Sue Meuschke stated that the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence offers educational and informational materials on domestic violence and services statewide. Ms. Meuschke stated the cards for rural areas have been revised due to new legislation this year and are available to use.

Maxine Lantz discussed the victim and witness services for the area.

Brett Kandt asked a question on how the statewide Victim Notification System (VINE) has had an impact on the community. Mr. Kandt opened the question up for discussion.

Discussion on VINE. The people working in the jail are satisfied with the system and victims are signed up as quickly as possible in order to be notified and updated on the offender. The judges in the area are proactive with temporary

protection orders for victims of domestic violence.

Discussion on safe houses. There are no safe houses available and there is a lack of public transportation to safe houses.

Discussion on batterer treatment programs, including online and other options available. Allison Smith stated that Judge Pearson and Judge Patricia Lynch have begun a new Domestic Violence Specialty Court in Washoe County where people convicted report to the judge once a week to give an update. Maxine Lantz stated there are counselors available, but batterers are not able to pay for those services. Ms. Lantz stated batterers are being referred to the churches and the support group programs offered there for alcohol and drug abuse or counseling. Judge Mike Cowley stated that he has been informed by someone at the AG's Office that a judge can on an individual basis, case by case, meet the requirements of the batterer's treatment program per individual. Judge Cowley stated that Joel West at New Frontier Counseling in Caliente has a modified program for batterers by offering alcohol and drug counseling. Judge Cowley stated that a couple years back a representative from LRS came to the South Central Judges meeting to present on an online batterers treatment program. Judge Cowley stated he would like to do an online batterers treatment program for batterers with court oversight every four to six weeks where batterers would come into the court. There were negotiations going on with Westcare, but there was an issue with certification for a batterers treatment program.

Kareen Prentice stated the Committee on Domestic Violence and the Batterer's Treatment Certification Committee have a workshop on August 15, 2013 to discuss and solicit comments on proposed regulation changes to Chapter 228 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). General Masto asked Kareen Prentice to place this information on the AG's Website. Ms. Prentice stated that comments can be submitted prior to or at the workshop. Ms. Prentice stated that Jennifer Kandt will be giving an update on the Committee on Domestic Violence later on in the meeting (agenda item number thirteen).

Brett Kandt asked a question as to the effect on the community pertaining to sexual assault and the State Nursing Board new standards for certification for a sexual assault nurse examiner. Mr. Kandt opened the question up for discussion. Maxine Lantz stated that it is helping and making a difference in the community.

6. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on 2013 legislation (Brett Kandt)
 - a. Update and discussion of **SB30**: Attorney General could access the

criminal history depository for AG-DVFRST (Fatality Review Team)
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB30.pdf>

Brett Kandt stated on behalf of the Attorney General that SB30 gives the Attorney General access to the criminal history depository. This includes the Attorney General's Fatality Review Team and looking at fatalities from domestic violence.

- b. Update and discussion of **SB26**: VINE Bill
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB26.pdf>

Brett Kandt stated on behalf of the Attorney General that SB26 pertains to the Victim Notification System (VINE) statewide.

- c. Update and discussion of **AB67**: Attorney General's sex trafficking and human trafficking bill
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB67.pdf>

Brett Kandt stated on behalf of the Attorney General that AB67 pertains to sex trafficking and human trafficking. General Masto stated that this bill helps pursue prosecution for these types of cases.

- d. Update and discussion of **AB284**: Provides for early termination of lease agreements for victims of domestic violence
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB284.pdf>

Brett Kandt stated that AB284 was introduced by Assemblymen Flores and Elliot Anderson and provides for early termination of lease agreements for domestic violence victims.

- e. Update and discussion of **AB115**: Revises provisions governing information required to be provided to victims of domestic violence by law enforcement
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB115.pdf>

Brett Kandt stated that AB115 was introduced by Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Sprinkle, Bustamante Adams, Daly, and Neal and pertains to victims of domestic violence. Protection orders may include certain protections for animals.

Working Lunch Break

7. **For possible action:** Update and discussion of **AB207**: Revises provisions relating to criminal procedure. Concerns, update, and discussion by Sue

Meuschke of Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/AB/AB207.pdf>

Sue Meuschke provided a brief overview on AB207. Ms. Meuschke stated the concerns that were expressed were great enough to make the NV Network Against Domestic Violence go to the Attorney General's Office and request that they begin looking into how juveniles are affected by domestic violence laws. Ms. Meuschke stated that we should have roundtable discussions to get the stakeholders together to discuss juveniles and domestic violence. Ms. Meuschke opened this agenda item for discussion.

General Masto stated a planning committee will be put together. General Masto asked for volunteers to join the planning committee. The volunteers are Suzanne Ramos, Sue Meuschke, Liz Greb, Melissa Brown, Dorie Guy, and Christine Brady as well as Kareen Prentice and Brett Kandt. General Masto stated the planning committee will be placed on the AG's website and will work on setting a meeting date and agenda.

8. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on reports/ updates from the following Committees of the Council:

a. **Criminal Justice Committee** (Brett Kandt)

- i. 2013 Goals Update
- ii. Update on Victim Advocate Protocols Subcommittee

Brett Kandt gave an update on the Criminal Justice Committee. Mr. Kandt gave an update on the Victim Advocate Protocols and that these protocols should be ready for review and approval at the next Council meeting. Mr. Kandt discussed the Notice of Detention, Concealment or Removal of Child Pursuant to NRS 200.359(8) and creating a standard form for service providers to provide the necessary information to law enforcement agencies. Mr. Kandt stated there is a one day multidisciplinary training on investigating and prosecuting cases of domestic violence strangulation. The training is being offered on two days on October 7, 2013 and October 8, 2013.

b. **Education Committee** (Sue Meuschke)

- i. 2013 Goals Update
- ii. Update on Boy Scout "Peace Begins at Home" project

Sue Meuschke gave an update on the Education Committee. Ms. Meuschke discussed the Boy Scout and Girl Scout patch projects. Lt. Rob Lundquist gave an update on the Boy Scout patch project. Ms. Meuschke

stated that the Girl Scout event will take place on October 5, 2013. Ms. Meuschke stated that the committee is working on workplace violence education for employers (a toolkit), teenage outreach and mental health and domestic violence. Ms. Meuschke gave a brief overview on the Cut It Out Program, which is a national program through the Cosmetology Board that trains salon professionals on domestic violence as well as services and referrals.

c. **Legislative Committee** (Christine Brady)

i. 2013 Goals Update

Christine Brady gave an update on the Legislative Committee. Ms. Brady discussed outreach to legislators in the off season. For instance, a postcard with domestic violence statistics or educational outreach and training (i.e. juveniles, teenage outreach, dating violence, etc.). Ms. Brady opened this up to the group for discussion. Elynn Greene stated that Nevadans for the Common Good conduct community education and training to reach out to legislators. Ms. Greene stated maybe partnering with them. General Masto stated she would like to see a proposal and bring this back to the Council for review and approval at the next meeting.

d. **Nominating Committee** (Suzanne Ramos)

- i. 2013 Goals Update
- ii. Application

Suzanne Ramos gave an update on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Ramos stated there are currently twenty-four members on the Council and the committee is accepting applications if interested in becoming a member by 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2013. Ms. Ramos stated that the committee is looking for representation of applicants from Native American, clergy, rural, and media. Ms. Ramos stated the committee will be reviewing applications at the meeting on September 23, 2013. Ms. Ramos stated that with this meeting that all the jurisdictions have had a Rural Council meeting. Ms. Ramos stated that the committee will need to decide where to hold the Rural Council meeting for Summer 2014.

e. **Public Information Committee** (Maricar Andrade)

i. 2013 Goals Update

Maricar Andrade gave an update on the Public Information Committee. Ms. Andrade stated the committee has four goals, which are to promote the prevention aspect of domestic violence, increase media awareness, update brochure and website as needed, and increase recognition of the Council. Ms. Andrade stated the committee is reaching out to the 2nd Judicial District who is conducting outreach to teens on domestic violence. Ms. Andrade stated there is a new brochure for the Council and the website has been updated and is more user friendly. Ms. Andrade stated the committee is promoting the Council by handing out brochures at events. Ms. Andrade stated that the committee would like to update the website as the other committees develop educational and informational materials and toolkits. Ms. Andrade stated the committee is working on writing articles about the Council and will bring drafts of those articles to the Council to review and approve.

f. **Underserved Populations Committee** (Suzanne Ramos)

i. 2013 Goals Update

Suzanne Ramos gave an update on the Underserved Populations. Ms. Ramos stated the committee is working on outreach to the underserved populations and how to get that education out to the communities. Ms. Ramos stated a Girl Scout, Victoria McCrea earned her Gold Award and domestic violence patch by creating a video on domestic violence. Ms. Ramos stated that she would like Victoria McCrea to present her video at the Fall Council meeting. Ms. Ramos stated she will work on placing the video on the AG's website, if appropriate.

g. **Judicial Training Committee** (Dr. Michael Freda)

i. 2013 Goals Update

General Masto stated no update available for the Judicial Training Committee.

h. **VINE Governance Committee** (Kareen Prentice)

i. **SB26** Vine bill update

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Bills/SB/SB26.pdf>

Kareen Prentice gave an update on the VINE Governance

Committee. Discussion on members for the committee (i.e. remain with current members or appoint new members). General Masto asked Kareen to have the VINE Governance Committee put together a proposal for VINE recommendations and present to the Council. Ms. Prentice thanked Lincoln and White Pine Counties for attending the meeting today.

9. **For possible action:** Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman (Kareen Prentice)

Kareen Prentice gave a report. Ms. Prentice stated that the Committee on Domestic Violence NAC regulations on the AG's website will be updated. Ms. Prentice gave an update on the Fatality Review Team. Ms. Prentice stated the team is working on a two-page summary for Elko partners.

- a. Update on the White Ribbon Campaign

Kareen Prentice stated this is rolling out to five counties in Fall/Winter of 2013.

- b. Court Assessments

Kareen Prentice gave an update on court assessments.

10. **For possible action:** Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (Elynn Greene)

Elynn Greene gave a report and stated she submitted a written report. Ms. Greene stated the task force is working on a Family Justice Center in Southern Nevada. Ms. Greene stated the task force has partnered with the Rape Crisis Center and their new facility will be an expanded site to include domestic violence, human trafficking, etc. Ms. Greene stated the task force will unveil the domestic violence homicide plaque at the 15th Anniversary of Take Back the Night event at UNLV.

11. **For possible action:** Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force (Suzanne Ramos)

Suzanne Ramos gave a report. Ms. Ramos reiterated the one-day multidisciplinary training on investigating and prosecuting cases of domestic violence strangulation. The training is being offered on two consecutive days on October 7, 2013 and October 8, 2013.

12. **For possible action:** Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant and update on Grants Unit activities (Liz Greb)

Liz Greb gave a report on grant unit activities from the AG's Office.

13. **For possible action:** Report from the Committee on Domestic Violence (Jennifer Kandt)

General Masto stated that Jennifer Kandt has submitted a written report.

14. **For possible action:** Report from the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (Sue Meuschke)

Sue Meuschke gave a report. Ms. Meuschke stated the Network is in the process of presenting a Train the Trainer on Hanging Out Or Hooking Up in Winnemucca on August 14, 2013 and in Las Vegas on September 17, 2013. Ms. Meuschke stated the Network is offering a public health training in Las Vegas on September 16, 2013. Ms. Meuschke stated the Network is conducting a Train the Trainer on Green Dot in Northern Nevada on September 24 through September, 27, 2013 as well as another training at UNLV in the Spring of 2014.

15. **For possible action:** Report from Drug Endangered Children Project (Allison Smith)

Allison Smith gave a report on the Drug Endangered Children Project. Ms. Smith stated that brochures are available with DEC's website to get more information on the project. Ms. Smith stated that she is working on regional training in the North and South for evidence collection.

16. **For possible action:** Report from Tri-County Prosecution Project (Melissa Brown)

Melissa Brown gave a report and stated there are nineteen active cases.

17. Comments from the Chair

General Masto stated no comment on this agenda item.

18. **For possible action:** Report and discussion on reports/updates from the following Council Officers:

a. Vice Chair

No report from Brett Kandt.

b. Treasurer

Suzanne Ramos gave a report on the budget.

c. Secretary

No report from Elynne Greene

19. **For possible action:** Discussion and scheduling of future meetings and agenda items

Karen Prentice stated she is planning a meeting for the White Ribbon Campaign.

20. Public Comment

General Masto opened it up to the group for additional public comment. General Masto stated to the group to reach out and keep the conversation going on domestic violence.

<p>Note: No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)</p>
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21. **For possible action:** Adjournment

General Masto adjourned the meeting.