

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located at:
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Committee Members Present

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Suzanne Ramos
Paul Bancroft
Clarice Charlie
Christina Hernandez
Leisa Moseley

Committee Members Absent

Kathleen Bergquist
Christine Brady

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman (via AGO-Reno)
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV (via phone)
Lisa South, Assistant to the Council (via AGO-Reno)

1. Call to order and roll call of members.

Suzanne Ramos called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Lisa South conducted roll call of the members and established quorum.

2. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of minutes from April 10, 2013 meeting. (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos asked for a motion on the meeting minutes for April 10, 2013. Leisa Moseley made the motion to approve the minutes. Paul Bancroft seconded the motion. Christina Hernandez abstains. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

4. Review, discussion and possible action regarding education and outreach to Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community. (For possible action.)

Christina Hernandez gave an update. Ms. Hernandez stated Gender Justice Nevada received their non-profit letter and the organization is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Ms. Hernandez stated that the second advocacy class had eleven people graduate as advocates. Ms. Hernandez stated that a space at the Gay and Lesbian Center is being considered for staff to work out of in order to be more visible in the community. Ms. Hernandez stated that the VOCA grant pays for two staff members with the therapists being contractors. Ms. Hernandez talked about the Queer Antiviolence Project (QAVP), which is a program sponsored by Gender Justice Nevada.

Paul Bancroft stated that a few months back that his organization had an all staff training from Gender Justice Nevada. Mr. Bancroft stated that the training was eye-opening and very impactful to the staff. Christina Hernandez stated the training was for the Health division and the training was on Transgender 101.

5. Review, discussion and possible action regarding education and outreach to the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community. (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos stated that Kathleen Bergquist sent out the Lincy fellowship program stats to all Council members at the beginning of August 2013. Ms. Ramos stated that this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. Review, discussion and possible action regarding education and outreach to the African American community. (For possible action.)

Leisa Moseley gave an update. Ms. Moseley stated she is working with the Metro Police department and the Catholic Charities on the Female Engagement Team for Refugee populations. Ms. Moseley stated she is working on programs for perpetrators, on cultural differences and anger management. Ms. Moseley stated that the last Wednesday of the Month the Shepard's Breakfast takes place where the pastors in the community get together with different speakers and discussion on the topics going on in the community. Ms. Moseley stated she is going to promote the Council at the next Shepard's Breakfast.

Suzanne Ramos asked a question pertaining to education and outreach to Leisa Moseley and the group about the Batterers Treatment program. Kareen Prentice stated that she will send Leisa Moseley the Regs for Batterers Treatment.

Christina Hernandez stated if Leisa Moseley has reached out to Safe Nest pertaining to the work their organization is doing in the inter-faith community. Ms. Hernandez stated she will send Leisa Moseley the contact information.

Christina Hernandez stated the No documentary (about rape in the African community) will be shown on campus for the Take Back the Night event and the creator of the documentary will be leading a discussion at the event too. Ms. Hernandez stated she will share the information with the group.

7. Review, discussion and possible action regarding education and outreach to the Hispanic community. (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos stated that she did not have an update at this time.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Clark County Fatality Review Team recommendations to the Committee about working "...with inpatient/outpatient mental health service providers as well as domestic violence shelters statewide to help address specific concerns for domestic violence victims with mental health diagnoses". (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos opened it up to the group for discussion. Kareen Prentice is discussing with Tara from the Clark County Fatality Review Team.

9. Discuss collaborative project "DV Doesn't Discriminate" for October 2013. (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos stated that the North has not met to discuss.

Christina Hernandez stated that the South has met to discuss at the beginning of the summer. Ms. Hernandez stated the South's idea is to have two meetings. The first meeting would invite the underserved populations to have a meeting around domestic violence and to talk about the barriers accessing services from their experiences as well as from providers' experiences. The second meeting would be a larger conversation with providers around the barriers. Maybe have a moderator lead the discussion, so people do not become defensive and are able to come up with solutions to better work together as a community, especially long-term solutions to these barriers. Ms. Hernandez stated that there is the problem with timing and then having a moderator facilitate the discussion.

Paul Bancroft asked Christina Hernandez what the goal of the conversation is. Christina Hernandez stated that the goal of the conversation is to work better together and to understand. Ms. Hernandez stated that Safe Nest and Safe House are not very supportive, are supportive on a larger scale like we will work together, but when you get into working together there are a lot of barriers and a lot of hurt feelings I think that people are not vocalizing. Ms. Hernandez stated things that have happened in the past are just kind of

building. Ms. Hernandez stated there is no communication to allow for a conversation like that happened and now let's move on and how can we best serve the victims and survivors. Ms. Hernandez stated there needs to be a larger conversation and without that there is no movement. Ms. Hernandez stated it is not just our experience that this has happened because other people have had experiences too. Ms. Hernandez stated on a superficial level there is that we all work together and are going to work together and then that does not happen.

Paul Bancroft stated that he facilitates two different domestic violence coalitions in Foster County and Nevada County. Mr. Bancroft stated these coalitions bring all the people (mainly regional people around the Lake Tahoe area) who are involved in domestic violence together to meet quarterly or via e-mail. Mr. Bancroft stated it is a smaller discussion on how we can better meet the needs of victims and survivors and how do we provide those services in a more cohesive and collaborative way. Mr. Bancroft states it has been proven to be really effective in addressing some of the politics and animosity.

Christina Hernandez stated that would be really great because I think for so long it has been only Safe Nest and Safe House. Ms. Hernandez stated that when Bamboo Bridges and Gender Justice there is this territorial thing that we know what we are doing and we do not need you to tell us. Ms. Hernandez stated that is totally understandable on some respects and on other respects is really frustrating. Ms. Hernandez stated it is not like we are trying to tell anyone what to do. Ms. Hernandez stated these are just some of the things that we are hearing that are happening and how can we fix it. Ms. Hernandez stated there are things that are not being said that just need to be said out loud. Ms. Hernandez stated an outside facilitator or like what Paul Bancroft is doing is really great to put it out there and move forward. Ms. Hernandez stated I think it is just stuck right now.

Leisa Moseley stated that there is also the issue of collaborating to get funding and applying for grants. Ms. Moseley stated some of the larger organizations do not want to work with the smaller providers and to partner to apply for grants and funding. Ms. Moseley stated there is the issue to try and get over these barriers. Paul Bancroft stated there is more people applying for the same amount of money. Suzanne Ramos stated you are required to be in the collaborative agreement when submitting for grants now. Christina Hernandez stated if you do not have those partners then you are basically are not going to get the funding and grants. Ms. Ramos stated without those partners you cannot apply, cannot get funding and when you try to collaborate and no one is willing to collaborate with you, especially new agencies. Ms. Ramos stated that you will take away clients as well as feel like they are not doing the job.

Suzanne Ramos stated that an outside facilitator would cost money unless someone voluntarily facilitates. Ms. Ramos stated a facilitator is needed to

facilitate that larger conversation. Ms. Ramos stated really looking at doing something for next year in the North and South and looking into funding too. Ms. Ramos stated that the members in the North will get together and Christina Hernandez stated she will meet with the members in the South to work out the details.

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

Suzanne Ramos stated to keep the agenda items as is and to change the date to October 2014 on item agenda number nine.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Leisa Moseley asked if any events are taking place for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October 2013. Christina Hernandez stated that the Women's Center for their 20th Anniversary is having a Take Back the Night Event. Ms. Hernandez stated the Las Vegas sign, the Venetian Las Vegas and the Palazzo Las Vegas are going purple. Suzanne Ramos stated that Sue Meuschke with the Network usually sends out a calendar of events for October 2013. Lisa South will send out Council brochures to Christina Hernandez, Leisa Moseley and Clarice Charlie.

11. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

Suzanne Ramos asked that Clarice Charlie introduce herself to the group. Clarice Charlie stated she is with the Inter Tribal Council of Nevada and is the Family Women's Prevention Director. The Inter Tribal Council of Nevada does emergency services, outreach and education for all the tribes in the State of Nevada.

12. Adjournment. (For possible action.)

Suzanne Ramos asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christina Hernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Bancroft seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.