

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located at:
Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202, Reno, Nevada 89511

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Committee Members Present

Brett Kandt

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Suzanne Ramos
Robin Sweet
Elynn Greene
Bob Zentz

Committee Members Absent

Barbara Aupperle
Dr. Mike Freda
Chief Don Zumwalt

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

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.

Brett Kandt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., conducted roll call of the members and established quorum.

2. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of minutes from the June 12, 2013 meeting. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt asked for a motion on the meeting minutes for June 12, 2013. Bob Zentz made the motion to approve the minutes. Elynn Greene seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

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

Brett Kandt stated he had no updates and no updates from any of the members.

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

Brett 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. The training is a collaborative effort between the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force, the Prosecution Advisory Council and the Family Justice Center Alliance. The Family Justice Center Alliance has lined up the speakers, which include a prosecutor, a law enforcement person and a medical professional. The training is free and being held at the Regional Public Safety Training Center in Reno. The registration for the event is through the Regional Public Safety Training Center's website. Suzanne Ramos stated that registrations should be coming in and lunches have been donated for both days.

Robin Sweet stated that Kareen Prentice is doing a webinar presentation for the court staff on handling domestic violence victims. Ms. Sweet stated the webinar will give thousands of people access to the presentation.

Brett Kandt raised the issue with several pieces of legislation that impact domestic violence cases. Mr. Kandt asked Robin Sweet if the AOC is scheduling training to advise the judges of any changes in the laws as a result of legislature. Ms. Sweet stated training will be held in September 2013 in a webinar format that can be access if people cannot make the training that day.

Elynn Greene stated on October 3, 2013 the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Memorial plaque will be unveiled for domestic violence deaths through June 2013. Ms. Greene stated she will be sending out flyers for the event.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Victim Advocate Model Protocols. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt stated at the meeting on June 12, 2013 that a motion was approved on the draft of the Victim Advocate Model Protocols document with Brett Kandt making any formatting changes. Mr. Kandt is bringing back the draft document to the members to review and discuss the changes to the Victim Advocate Model Protocols.

Suzanne Ramos made the motion to approve the Nevada Victim Advocate Model Protocols as revised. Elynn Greene seconded the motion.

Mr. Kandt opened the motion to the members for discussion. Mr. Kandt suggested adding the website for Victim Assistance Academy of Nevada (VAAN) when available to the document. Robin Sweet had a question on pages five and six of the document concerning government based advocates. Mr. Kandt stated changing the wording to Advocated for Community-Based Agencies as well as Advocated for System-Based Agencies. Mr. Kandt stated changing government-based to system-based throughout the document.

Mr. Kandt asked for a motion of approval. Robin Sweet is abstaining. The motion is approved.

Mr. Kandt stated that the revisions and formatting will be corrected. Then the Victim Advocate Model Protocols document will be presented to the Council at the next Council meeting for approval.

7. 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 he had nothing to report and the members had nothing to discuss at this time. Robin Sweet stated that the link provided has not been updated.

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

Brett Kandt went over the statute. Mr. Kandt went over the Notice of Detention, Concealment or Removal of Child Pursuant to NRS 200.359(8) form with the members. Mr. Kandt stated this is a standard form to use. Mr. Kandt stated the Lisa South has the form in a pdf format that is editable and fillable.

Mr. Kandt opened the form to the members for discussion. Mr. Kandt stated there is the issue of developing a form to provide the necessary information to law enforcement agencies. Mr. Kandt stated there is a policy issue of how shelters handle the situation where someone is within the scope of the statute. Mr. Kandt stated that Lisa South suggested submitting the form online then this does not implicate the shelter. An agency can place the form on their website and the signature could be a digital signature upon submission of the form. Mr. Kandt stated that he left the header of the form blank, so an agency could customize the header to their needs on the form.

Mr. Kandt stated the he is willing to work with the Sheriffs and Chiefs, the District and City Attorneys and Law Enforcement Agencies on utilizing the form so victims are able to provide some type of notification.

Bob Zentz made a motion to bring the form to Sheriffs and Chiefs, the District and City Attorneys and Law Enforcement Agencies. Elynne Greene seconded the motion. Mr. Zentz withdrew his original motion and made a new motion to bring the form as is to the Council for consideration and further action as deemed appropriate. Elynne Greene seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Kandt stated that he will water mark DRAFT on the form before submitting the form to the Council, so the Council knows the form is in development.

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

Brett Kandt asked Lisa South to remove item agenda four from the agenda.

The next meeting will be on December 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

10. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

Bob Zentz is now the Chief of the Criminal Division.

11. Adjournment. (For possible action.)

Brett Kandt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Zentz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elynne Greene seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.