

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 5, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

The Opera House
31 South Main Street
Eureka, Nevada
89316

Council Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto (AGO-LV)
Paul Bancroft (AGO-CC)
Christine Jones Brady (AGO-CC)
Clarice Charlie (AGO-CC)
Elynne Greenee (AGO-LV)
Sherril Grotheer (AGO-LV)
Dorie Guy (AGO-CC)
Brett Kandt (AGO-CC)
Mariana Kihuen (AGO-LV)
Hon. Patricia Lynch (AGO-CC)
Sue Meuschke (AGO-CC)
Dr. Camille Naaktgeboren (AGO-LV)
Lt. Loren Napier (AGO-LV)
Suzanne Ramos (AGO-CC)
Robin Sweet (AGO-CC)
Rev. Victoria Warren (AGO-CC)
Robert Zentz (AGO-LV)

Council Members Absent

Maricar Andrade (AGO-LV)
Doris Diaz (AGO-LV)
Dr. Michael R. Freda (AGO-CC)
Nanci Glogauer (AGO-CC)
Christina Hernandez (AGO-LV)
Mark Jackson (AGO-CC)
Magann Jordan (AGO-LV)
Sheriff Richard Machado (AGO-CC)
Leisa Moseley (AGO-CC)
Denise Yoxsimer (AGO-CC)

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman (AGO-CC)
Colleen Platt, Deputy Attorney General (AGO-CC)
Anjanette Bitsie, Assistant to the Council (AGO-CC)
Beatriz Aguirre, Public Information (AGO-LV)
Melissa Brown, Deputy Attorney General (AG-Elko)

Public Present

Juanita M Colvin
Jason L. Naaktgeboren
Terra C Naaktgeboren
Maxine Lantz
Andrea Rossman
Rhonda Brown
Allison Smith
Cindy Garcia
Amy Jensen
Keith Logan
Kristy Oriol
John Schweble
Brad Hester
Dallas Smalles
Michelle Bowers
Iskandar Alexandar
Judge Brad Hester Jackpot Justice Court
George Merimore-Barrett Mining
Bridget Lavington- Nevada State Director -Everytown for Gun Safety
Kayle Johnnie
Michelle Brazzanovich-Fallon Tribe
Judge Juanita Colvain JP Esmeralda Township
Melanie Lawson - Barrick Gold
Judge Jones Swavel - Eureka JC

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

General Masto called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Colleen Platt conducted roll call of the members and established quorum.

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

General Masto welcomed the public.

Andrea Rossman a survivor of domestic violence spoke about her experience. Ms. Rossman stated as a survivor in a rural environment there are limited resources for victims to get help. Sue Meuschke from NNADV stated they are

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trying to get more services into small rural communities. General Masto acknowledged that this is a goal the Council has in place and they are here to help figure out how they can partner and bring services to the community. Maxine Lantz stated that there are not any domestic violence based programs in the area.

3. **For Possible Action:** Review, amend and approve minutes from the April 2, 2014 Council meeting.

General Masto asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 2, 2014. Discussion followed with the following amendments. On page one change "Notice of Public Meeting" to "Meeting Minutes". Also, on page one add Hon. Patricia Lynch to "Council Members Present". Agenda item number six, paragraph three, "Ms. Meuschke discussed that the definition is too broad", should read "Ms. Meuschke discussed that there are concerns that the definition of domestic violence is too broad". Agenda item number nine, paragraph two states "Robin Sweet stated webinars are available for others to view", should read "Robin Sweet stated that webinars are available for other judges and court staff to view". Dorie Guy made a motion to accept the April 2, 2014 meeting minutes with the amended changes. Hon. Patricia Lynch seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the meeting minutes were approved.

4. For possible action: Election of new Council Officers:

- a. Vice-Chair :

General Masto introduced Brett Kandt as the current Vice Chair. General Masto called for a nomination for the position of Vice Chair. Dorie Guy nominated Brett Kandt as Vice Chair. Elynne Greene seconded the nomination. Brett Kandt accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and Brett Kandt was voted in unanimously.

- b. Treasurer:

General Masto introduced Suzanne Ramos as the current Treasurer. General Masto called for a nomination for the position of Treasurer. Dorie Guy nominated Suzanne Ramos as Treasurer. Hon. Patricia Lynch seconded the nomination. Suzanne Ramos accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and Suzanne Ramos was voted in unanimously.

- c. Secretary:

General Masto introduced Elynne Greene as the current Secretary. General Masto called for a nomination for the position of Secretary. Suzanne Ramos nominated Elynne Greene as Secretary. Paul Bancroft

seconded the nomination. Elynn Greene accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and Elynn Greene was voted in unanimously.

5. Report, discussion and presentation from local stakeholders to include representation from: Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Judiciary, Victim Services, Tribal Agencies and Public.

General Masto opened public comment and after each agenda item for public comment. Maxine Lantz, White Pine County Victim Services addressed the Council. Ms. Lantz gave an update on the video counseling batterers treatment pilot program for convicted batterers in Lincoln County. The program has been in place for a month. Ms. Lantz stated that the in person check-in system has increased perpetrator accountability. In the past they were unable to enforce the batterers restitution requirement and now they can with this program. General Masto asked, "If this was the only community in the state that is doing this?" Ms. Lantz stated Lincoln County started this program in August. General Masto asked Ms. Lantz what her top three challenges were. Ms. Lantz responded that the top three challenges are public transportation, transitional housing and victim services in the area. Grants do not cover many things since they are restricted. General Masto asked Ms. Lantz what her top three things are that she would like to see come to her area in terms of resources. Ms. Lantz responded with travel, transportation and training. Hon. Patricia Lynch asked Ms. Lantz if LRS is approved through the Committee on Domestic Violence. Ms. Lantz confirmed that it has been approved. The program is administered in the courtroom. Ms. Lantz reminded the Council that this is a pilot program that is a month old and she will have more information on the program's progress at the next Council meeting.

Hon. Patricia Lynch asked about the batterers' treatment, "How quickly do the providers let you know they are not attending counseling?" Ms. Lantz stated that program is new and they have not been in operation long enough at this time. Cindy Garcia with the Eureka Justice Court commented that one of the challenges of keeping counselors is due to travelling.

Eureka County Undersheriff Keith Logan asked, "If there was anything available in telemedicine?" They have the ability at their office, but they need someone to facilitate it. That would be a great assistance if they can do it. Colleen Platt stated that there if there was legislation then they could do something with telemedicine. General Masto stated that they will look into putting it into legislation. Undersheriff Logan stated that Child Welfare Services comes from as far as Ely and the same goes with court monitoring. They do participate in VINE. They do not have personnel resources. They need to expand their resources.

Melissa Brown is the Tri-County Special Prosecutor Deputy Attorney General who represents Eureka, Lincoln and White Pine counties. Ms. Brown gave her

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caseload statistics. Ms. Brown stated police are wearing lapel cameras and that has been helpful. Bob Zentz stated it is not unique to see victims go back to their abusers. Mr. Zentz identifies with Ms. Brown in terms of trying to convey that they are not fighting the people, but the violence. Ms. Brown stated that there are no shelters in the area. Ms. Brown stated they have a very active defense bar. Ms. Brown added as convictions come out of White Pine County they are setting appearances more regularly. Mariana Kihuen asked regarding her cases, regarding recanting of the witnesses, how far has she gone into the process without the victim's testimony. Ms. Brown stated in Eureka and Lincoln counties the 911 calls are recorded. White Pine County has voice over internet and 911 calls will not be recorded. 80 percent of the cases come from White Pine County. Ms. Brown brings in the officers and they state what happened. Ms. Kihuen asked how useful is the written voluntary statements and using experts witnesses been. Ms. Brown stated she has been in contact with a detective regarding getting expert testimony about how victims behave which will be useful. Ms. Brown uses voluntary statements regularly. Ms. Kihuen asked "If there been language issues in her cases?" Ms. Brown had one case where they had to have a Spanish interpreter brought in from another court.

Ms. Lantz explained that there is another program through the STOP Grant and the GEAP grant. The funds provide an investigator who specializes in domestic violence, sexual assault and in stalking. Eureka County is utilizing Maribah Cowley who has over 36 years of experience. They get a lot more bargaining when Ms. Cowley is involved in the case. There is an additional problem in that the grants require that individuals need to be thirteen years or older. There are definitional issues of domestic violence versus interpersonal violence. They have victims that were thirteen that were victimized by their family members. Many of their cases fall under interpersonal violence. It makes it a real problem with Ms. Brown's role. General Masto asked "If the wordings with the Feds are new?" Sue Meuschke stated that we are talking just about grant language. The STOP grants have particular definitions and they provide funding for a particular set of issues. Child abuse or other family violence there are other grant programs available that are not STOP grants. There are a lot of federal funding sources. The definition in VAWA is very broad. It is about looking around and pulling the pieces of the puzzle to support the work that you are doing. The federal government will not change for those grant programs. It becomes our responsibility to identify the other kinds of grant programs that have a larger definition. We need to look in that direction.

General Masto stated she will need to talk with Ms. Brown regarding her issues and work on filling the gaps. Ms. Brown will work with child welfare attorneys to figure it out.

6. **For Possible Action:** Report from Attorney General Masto regarding the Attorney General's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Statewide Team (NRS 228.495) Update from June 3, 2014 Joint Meeting.

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Kareen stated they invited council members and all three state fatality review team members to attend the meeting. They met on June 3, 2014 via video conference in Las Vegas and Carson City. They looked at the overall process to see how it is working. They identified barriers for conducting case review. They are drafting the report which will be out hopefully by October 2014. Recommendations came out of the April 2014 meeting and some have been implemented. They are putting together a team to work on implementation and recommendations. The fatality review team is looking at cases from 2005 to review in October or November 2014.

7. Update on the Nevada White Ribbon Campaign activities in rural Nevada. (George Fennimore, Barrick Goldstrike Mines and Jennifer Adams, White Ribbon Campaign, by phone from Canada)

George Fennimore from Barrick Gold and Jennifer Adams from White Ribbon Canada gave a brief history about White Ribbon project in Nevada. Barrick Goldstrike engaged in the White Ribbon Project to assist with domestic violence outreach and awareness in Nevada. They focus on men and boys for prevention work. They have worked with local Tribes and Hispanic communities in Northern Nevada. They raise awareness of what men and boys can do to prevent domestic violence. They challenge behaviors in the community. They are working with Spring Creek School with an anti-bullying curriculum. General Masto thanked them for their work.

General Masto asked them about the impact that they have seen so far? Mr. Fennimore stated it is early and there are no statistics. They feel good about the positive response to their roll out. They are looking to sustain the direction they are going. General Masto asked about the next steps in general for the next year. Jennifer stated that they are working with the Pace Coalition in Elko. They plan to continue working with the schools and school curriculum development which will carry them into 2016. General Masto asked George and Jennifer if they can work with Eureka to start something similar. Jennifer and George stated they could.

8. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Summary of Community Dialogues regarding Juveniles and Domestic Violence meetings held in Washoe and Clark counties in March and April 2014. (Brett Kandt)

Brett discussed NRS 33.018; he stated that it is a broad definition. It encompasses more than just intimate partner violence. It encompasses acts of violence between relatives. There has been some debate about the broadness of the definition. Specifically in incidents regarding juveniles. There is a perception rightly or wrongly that they were facing prosecution under the domestic violence statutes in instances that were far outside the intended scope of intimate partner violence. As a result there have been proposals in the legislature to modify the definition and proposals were made to handle juveniles differently. In an effort to facilitate communication with the stakeholders and the

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other parties involved, discussion was held in March 2014. They have talked to Clark and Washoe counties. They identified common threads and denominators in the common issues. These discussions were facilitated by Judge Aycock. Participants included professionals from the criminal justice system, victim advocates and therapists. The first dialogue was in Clark County. There Judge Voy gave statistics for a data driven approach. There were one thousand domestic violence cases brought forward by the juvenile justice system. Very few involved intimate partner relationships.

The same was said in Washoe County which had three hundred sixty-one cases in 2012; 5% involved intimate partner relationships. The rest were in the form of some other form of family violence. The numbers do not reflect statistics nationwide. They questioned if they are working with good data. They looked at the intake process from the juvenile justice system. They looked at social services involvement. There needs to be better communication. It was discussed that there should be a regular dialogue. There needs to be better assessments and services. The education piece needs to be improved upon in addition to getting better data. They talked about collateral consequences of juveniles facing domestic violence charges. It affects their ability to enter the military or their immigration status. General Masto asked if legislators were part of the dialogue. Mr. Kandt stated they expressed interest but did not attend.

Sherri Grotheer asked what types of charges are being charged under domestic violence. Mr. Kandt stated the broad definition accords a great deal of discretion of the criminal justice system and how they handle it. Every case is fact specific; the fact that there is an original arrest doesn't necessarily lead to a juvenile justice case. It does not necessarily find someone being found guilty of domestic violence. The form of the violence is it intimate form of violence or family violence. The response is not to amend the definition and narrow it.

Sue Meuschke stated in juvenile cases nationwide a lot of conversations have been taking place regarding the need for training and education and more resources. Resources are always a challenge in this state. Ms. Meuschke stated the meetings were about the criminal justice system. Ms. Meuschke does not understand the data numbers. The concern was raised over the numbers. There is a larger issue as to why these juveniles are not disclosing this information. Where is the place for juvenile relationships? Where do they go to get help? Mr. Kandt stated that it is significantly underreported. We cannot come to the conclusion that intimate relationship problems do not exist in this state. Christine Jones Brady stated that there were cases with types of violence that can be blurry. Suzanne Ramos stated there are a lot of high school students that are convicted and they have partners who are still underage in high school. Mr. Kandt stated they want to go back to the stakeholders.

9. Presentation on the risks posed by firearms when they intersect with domestic violence; including an update on efforts, both state and federal, to reduce

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domestic violence homicides. (Bridget Lavington, Everytown for Gun Safety and Sue Meuschke, NNADV)

Sue Meuschke, Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV) introduced the NNADV, their history and purpose. Ms. Meuschke stated Nevada leads the nation in women who are killed by guns. The Attorney General's Office has started a team that looks at domestic violence that ends in fatality. People who are convicted of domestic violence are restricted from owning and buying firearms. In the last legislative session SB 221 was a bill that would close a loop hole in current legislation. It would have required private sellers to conduct a background check. Until then only licensed dealers were required to perform this check. Ms. Meuschke attended the Federal senate judiciary committee hearing that was held last week. They focused on two pieces of legislature the first is S 1290 <https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/1290>, which will define intimate partner. It will now include dating relationships and also stalking. Senator Blumenthal also introduced S.2483 – Lori Jackson Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act <https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/2483/text>. This bill will add temporary protection orders to the gun ban. Ms. Meuschke stated that leaving is the most dangerous time for a woman in an abusive relationship and it is helpful to get a protection order.

Bridget Lavington introduced herself. Ms. Lavington represents Everytown for Gun Safety which is based out of New York, but have people in different states. Nevada has become the center of the organization's focus. Ms. Lavington gave statistics regarding gun violence. She discussed a bill from the 2013 Legislative session that was introduced and made it through, but was vetoed by the governor. The coalition is looking to add comprehensive background checks to the 2016 ballot. General Masto asked "If the initiative petition, the one with the Secretary of State?" Ms. Lavington stated yes. General Masto asked "Is there similar legislative that is coming before the next legislative session?" Ms. Lavington stated that there is a similar bill that could be reintroduced but there are no guarantees. Ms. Lavington said that there are no easy solutions and small victories means lives saved.

10. Presentation and discussion by Office of the Statewide Coordinator for Children Who Are Endangered by Drug Exposure program update. (Allison Smith)

Allison Smith introduced herself. Ms. Smith reported progress of her program. Ms. Smith had over 300 stakeholders at her recent trainings. Ms. Smith held trainings in Reno and Las Vegas. There is a webinar that will be available to all rural areas. They have all the counties with the exception of White Pine County and Eureka County in MOUs. They are in the final drafting stages. Undersheriff Logan has been instrumental for Eureka. With grant funding recently awarded they will be able to work with the educational community.

11. **For Possible Action:** Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding Victim Witness Advocate Model Protocols. (Brett Kandt)

Brett Kandt introduced the proposed Victim Witness Advocate Model Protocols. The Criminal Justice Committee developed the protocols.

Discussion and comments was held on the protocols. There was a comment on page six, bullet four when they talk about “inform victim of the criminal justice system to say “inform victim of the criminal justice process. Mr. Kandt recommends the change. Mr. Kandt would submit it to the Council for approval and encourage its use for training. General Masto thanked Mr. Kandt and asked for comments. Elynne Greene commented that the changes do not affect the content. The integrity is still there.

Mr. Kandt is looking for the Council to approve. General Masto called for a motion. Sue Meuschke moved to approve the Victim Advocate Model Protocols. Elynne Greene seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the protocols have been unanimously been approved.

The protocols will be distributed through the state prosecutors, the state prosecutors website, and the Attorney General’s website. Mr. Kandt stated that the document is broader than the scope of domestic violence and includes domestic violence and sexual assault and their needs. The goals are to develop the practices by peer review processes. The process is never a static process. It will evolve. This document is a start to improve the system.

Elynne Greene stated that the first presentation of the Victims Assistant Academy will be held later this month. They would like to present this document as a training tool.

12. Report and discussion on reports/ updates from the following Committees of the Council:

- a. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt)

- i. 2014 Goals Update.

Brett Kandt stated they adopted the protocols and thanked the Council. They will identify future goals. They will look at various best practices and model protocols for the various disciplines. With enforcement they will need to relook at old best practices.

- b. Education Committee (Sue Meuschke)

- i. 2014 Goals Update.

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They will be finalizing the workplace toolkit. They will have the final draft in time for the next Council meeting. They plan to get it on the Attorney General's website. They are working on the Boy Scout Patch. Sherri Grotheer will be restarting that work. They took on the Council history process. It will begin from the inception in 1995. They have identified prevention work of individuals who have been working in the schools. They will be working with those individuals. The next meeting of the committee is September 24, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. General Masto asked if they are working with the cosmetology programs. Sue Meuschke stated yes.

- c. Legislative Committee (Christine Brady)
 - i. 2014 Goals Update.

They will be working on the Biennial report. They are waiting on the Judicial Training Committee who is working on the judge's survey, which will be sent out through the Attorney General's Office. They are now looking into bills that will be introduced into the next years' legislative session.

- d. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos)

- i. 2014 Goals Update.

Suzanne Ramos gave a status update. They have been to all the Districts 4, 5, 6, and 7. They are at twenty-seven members. They have three openings. They will work on it on the following year.

- ii. **For Possible Action:** Discussion regarding recommendations to change the Nominating Committee name to Membership Committee, and to make changes to their scope of work to include, the recommitment process, monitoring of member participation, recommendations for member removal and appointment, length of membership requirement before joining the Nominating Committee.

Suzanne Ramos stated that her committee wanted to change the committee name from Nominating Committee to Membership Committee. They have other functions; they look at participation at council meetings and participation at subcommittees. They send out recommitment letters. They asked the Council to change the name today. They want to be allowed to work on the recommitment process, monitoring the council participation, and work on member removal. They also want to change the requirement to be a part of the committee that an active member serves over one year with the Council.

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Mr. Kandt moves to change the name of the Nominating Committee to Membership Committee and to allow the committee to change their scope of work to include w/o limitation the recommitment process, monitoring of member participation and recommendations for member removal and appointment, length of membership requirement (1 year) for joining the committee and any other related duties as assigned by the chair. Elynne Greenee seconded the motion. General Masto called for discussion: Sue Meuschke stated that there is no place in the bylaws that describe the duties. Ms. Ramos affirmed that there is no place at this time and she would like to push this to the Bylaws Committee to review and include the description. Mr. Kandt stated that item be sent to the Bylaws Committee to be sent to Anjanette Bitsie for the next meeting for further review. General Masto called for a vote, and the motion was passed unanimously.

e. Public Information Committee (Maricar Andrade)

- i. 2014 Goals Update
- ii. **For Possible Action:** Discussion, recommendations and approval regarding allocation of the Michael Bolton Charities Grant funds for a Domestic Violence Awareness Month print campaign.

Suzanne Ramos stated there was a written report submitted by Maricar Andrade.

They are requesting \$4000.00 for print media campaign for October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. General Masto asked about content. Kareen Prentice stated that they are looking at the NO More Campaign. General Masto read the list of publications and their costs. General Masto wanted to see the substance of ad. Christine Jones Brady made the comment that the Nevada Lawyer might do a a pro bono ad. Brett Kandt stated that the Nevada Lawyer does do pro bono work. Mr. Kandt stated he does not know when the next issue will hit. General Masto asked if it is only one time. Ms. Ramos stated yes. General Masto stated they will want to specify the money.

Mr. Kandt made a motion to approve the \$4000.00. Reverend Victoria Warren seconded the motion. General Masto called for discussion. Hon. Patricia Lynch questioned the importance of the money. Hon. Lynch asked if there are better things that are more productive where that can be spent. Hon. Lynch was listening to the public and should the money be spent in the rurals. Dorie Guy agreed. Elynne Greenee asked "What was the time frame to spend the money?" Kareen Prentice stated that they have until June 30, 2015. General Masto stated that there were no strings attached.

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They can take it and give it to a community or a program for prevention or one that is in need. Sue Meuschke stated the needs are overwhelming and the needs are great. Ms. Meuschke stated that this is the first request and understands the needs. Bob Zentz is concerned that they do not have the substance. They have a short amount of time to get this together. If they do not have substance, would rather not spend the money.

Sherri Grotheer commented that advertising is about the messaging. To come up with one message she needs that information today. She is shocked that the universities will charge, she feels that they should be giving the space for free. Mr. Kandt is willing to withdraw the motion. It will require the consensus of the council. Mr. Kandt is not sure on the Nevada Lawyer, perhaps they were not called or were called and asked about rates. They have a justice coordinator who focuses on the issue on the legal unmet needs in our state. Maybe that has not been explored to the full extent. It is premature. Reverend Warren agrees and withdrew her second, Mr. Kandt withdrew his motion. General Masto stated that the Council needs to figure out how the money is spent. The Council has to set what they prioritize. It can help somewhere. General Masto is open for the best way of doing that. General Masto is willing to put together a team to brainstorm ideas on how to spend the money. Ms. Prentice stated the money was given in December 2013, and it was placed into a State work program in July 2014.

Mr. Kandt stated if they are looking to award the money for direct services they need to develop a method for selection where the communities and organization can competitively seek the funding. The proposals can be objectively reviewed and awards made. The second point is that the money is a one-time grant only. The problem with allocating one-time money is there is no sustainability. General Masto stated that the options is to take an existing committee to identify how the money is spent or they can take individuals together to brainstorm and make recommendations to make to the Council as to how the money will be spent. Colleen Platt stated that the recommendations have to be put into an agenda. Ms. Greene stated that the Public Information Committee should take another look at the project and focus on the rural communities and see how they can help them build awareness and come back with a proposal. General Masto asked for comments. Ms. Meuschke stated not only should the Public Information Committee do so, but all other committees as well. If they have failed to do so in the past they can try again. The next Council meeting will be in the fall. The members will have until the fall to get their committees together to make proposals. General Masto stated that if a person in the rurals has an

idea they can get together with anyone in the Council and send them their ideas. It can be put through committees and subcommittees. Ms. Prentice stated they can contact her.

f. Bylaw/Structure Committee

- i. **For Possible Action:** Discussion, recommendations to appoint a chair for the Bylaw/Structure Committee.

Bob Zentz and Judge Lynch are the only members currently on the committee. Brett Kandt stated that committee has not met in years and is only activated when needed. The list of members was read by Colleen Platt. The chair is vacant. Ms. Platt's recommendation is to appoint a chair. Suzanne Ramos made a motion to appoint Bob Zentz as chair. Mr. Kandt seconded the motion. Mr. Zentz accepted the nomination. A vote was taken. Mr. Zentz was voted in unanimously. Ms. Ramos volunteered to join the committee.

g. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

- i. 2014 Goals Update.
- ii. **For Possible Action:** Discussion, recommendations and approval regarding allocation of the Michael Bolton Charities Grant funds for the Northern Nevada Women of Color Network Training.

They have arranged for speakers. This year's goal is to work with the Women of Color Network for training. They have been working on a provider resource list statewide. Suzanne Ramos is requesting two thousand in funds for another Women of Color conference in the North and for the rural populations. They had it in the South in April. They have grant money of \$3000.00 to help with training costs. Brett Kandt asked "Where did they have the first training, how did it go, and who was it funded by?" Ms. Ramos stated that training was at the health center in Clark County, the funding was through the STOP grant funding and was well attended. Mr. Kandt asked "Who has attended?" Ms. Ramos stated that members of the Council and local organizations in Las Vegas. No one from the rural areas had attended. Those that attended service underserved and minority populations in Clark County. Mr. Kandt asked "If they hold it up North will they hold it in a rural community?" They stated they will hold it in Reno or Tahoe. Rev. Victoria Warren stated that Tahoe is considered as a rural community. If the meeting is held there it is rural site. Paul Bancroft confirmed. Mr. Kandt asked "If they were to give the money what will it cover?" Kareen Prentice stated that \$3000.00 from the

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grants unit. Mr. Bancroft has offered the use of his conference room for free. Ms. Prentice stated the Women of Color staff prefer you do not hold it in a criminal justice venue. Some of the funds will have to go to travel. They will do a full day for training and then half day for wellness of victim advocates. \$2000.00 will be from the Michaela Bolton Charity grant funds and from the STOP grant unit. It will be \$5000.00 in total including the match.

General Masto asked "What does the Women of Color bring to the table?" Women of Color works with people for each agency and strengthens the relationships. They work through identifying three types of populations unserved, underserved and inadequately served. Clarice Charlie explained that they educate through the three tier approach to strengthen communities. Sherri Grotheer asked about the money for travel. Liz Greb in the grants unit will negotiate as they are a technical assistance provider. Mr. Kandt summarized the proposal. Ms. Prentice stated the budget is not clearly set yet.

General Masto asked "What the class limit is?" Ms. Prentice stated around thirty. Bob Zentz asked "If it is possible to have training in the east?" General Masto stated that in order to do so they will have to see if they have the funding available.

General Masto asked for a motion. Mr. Kandt made a motion to allocate \$2000.00 of the Michael Bolton Charities grant funds for the Northern Nevada Women of Color Training. With the receipt of that that the priority be for the receipt will be for travel assistance for attendees from rural area and set a travel perimeter remote location outside Washoe and Douglas counties. The motion was seconded by Elyne Greene. Christine Jones Brady does not want to totally exclude people from Washoe or Douglas counties. Brett clarified that the key word is priority and doesn't preclude them.

Hon. Lynch asked "Is the training good?" Ms. Ramos stated the training is good, for a woman of color, the empower them and to help them understand they are not alone and they can work as a team. They deal with issues with isolation, language barriers and other issues that preclude them for getting services. Clarice Charlie stated it was a great learning experience. The training was open to everyone. Paul Bancroft stated the training was for victim advocates. The training is working with underserved populations and communities. The heart of it was identifying the three tiers, deepening networks of service providers and coalition building and identifying resources needed and providing them in places where they don't have them. It will provide new skills and resource brokerage to get those resources out. Ms. Jones Brady commented

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that the judicial system and services are not inclusive and sensitive to a variety of cultures. Hon. Lynch asked “If they could do it for less than \$3000.00?” Ms. Prentice stated if they can do it for less than \$3000.00, they will leave the Michael Bolton funds available for other projects. General Masto called for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

- iii. Presentation and discussion regarding domestic violence issues in Nevada rural tribal areas by Dallas Smales.

Clarice Charlie with ITCN introduced Dallas Smales. Ms. Charlie brought Dallas Smales who lives and works on tribal land. Dallas Smales stated she is a survivor of domestic violence and sexual assault. Ms. Smales’s experience affected her in her personal life to where she was diagnosed with PTSD. Ms. Smales is healing through her job. Barriers that she experiences in the tribal communities are mostly with the judicial system. There are only two venues with the Temoke Tribe. There is a lack of accountability in the tribal court systems. There are jurisdiction issues. Some tribes have an MOA with the state. Her tribe has an MOU with the county. Each area is different. It is hard for victims to report and get some sort of action.

Another barrier is that domestic violence is an issue that is kept quiet from a community perspective. Ms. Smales does outreach in the eastern agencies and tribes. Ms. Smales focuses on the youth and has had conferences and trainings. Ms. Smales works with the White Ribbon training. The dispositions and prior arrests are not being shared. There are no programs available on some of the reservations. Their officers are not trained or inadequately trained. There is a lack of funding. Ms. Smales has to go through long distances to get help for her clients. They have to travel across the state. Mr. Kandt stated some of the challenges are unique to the tribes. One that everyone suffers from is dispositions with prior arrests. They do not share information with the states.

- h. Judicial Training Committee (Robin Sweet)

- i. 2014 Goals Update.

Robin Sweet stated the Judicial Training Committee met and invited presenters from the National Judicial College and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. To discuss what education Nevada Judges receive and what domestic violence training they offer. They made recommendations to the survey. They stated that judges will listen better from their peers than from an advocate. She introduced the survey for the biennial report.

- ii. **For Possible Action:** Discussion regarding judicial survey for 2015 NCPDV Biennial Report

She stated if they list several items rather than ask open questions they should answer. Ms. Sweet went through the questionnaire. She asked for approval of the questionnaire form the Council. . General Masto called for comments. A motion was made to approve by Brett Kandt and Suzanne Ramos seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

- i. Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) Service Committee (Kareen Prentice)

- i. 2014 Update.

Kareen Prentice gave the update. They elected Traci Dory as chair. She discussed current statistics of the service. The BJA grant was completed in March 2014. The JAG grant has salary savings and that will be shifted to fund service fees for July 2014. The JAG grant will be finished in August 2014. All agencies are live with the VINE service with the exception of the Parole Board. Work continues on their implementation. Appriss is conducting training in LV and Henderson next week. A VINE survey has been built into the service and has been receiving completed surveys. An online VINE webinar is live on the State's E-learn site. Elynne Greene stated there are problems with minor offenders not being in the VINE service. Ms. Greenee recommends that this is point for education. Ms. Prentice agreed.

- 13. Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman. (Kareen Prentice)

Kareen Prentice stated the office offered law enforcement training in Elko, Winnemucca and Lovelock. Trainers included Polaris, Battered Womens Justice Project and Rachell Ekroos. Training subjects included domestic violence, protection orders, sexual assault issues, and human trafficking. Training will be provided again the week of September 16. Trainings will be offered in Fallon, Caliente, Ely and Tonopah.

The coordinator, Jennifer Kandt resigned in June from the Committee on Domestic Violence. An RFP will be drafted for this position once approved by the Attorney General's Office. We have twelve hundred purple ribbon pins that are available free for distribution.

- 14. Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant and update on Grants Unit activities and VAAN. (Liz Greb)

Liz Greb submitted a report which Kareen Prentice read. Marty Washington has left the grants unit. There will be an opening soon as a grants specialist I or II. Nevada has tentatively been allocated for \$1,544,461.00 for STOP/SASP awards with a ten percent increase from last year.

15. Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force. (Elynn Greenee)

Elynn Greenee submitted her report and she wanted to mention they are doing their domestic memorial unveiling, which has homicides from July 1, 2013 through July 1, 2014 reflected on the memorial. They will coordinate domestic violence awareness with the national night of awareness. It will be at their headquarters. They are finalizing details.

16. Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force. (Suzanne Ramos)

Suzanne Ramos has a meeting tomorrow. They are refocusing goals and objectives and training on domestic violence and priorities.

17. Report from the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence. (Sue Meuschke)

Sue Meuschke discussed current advocacy efforts. They are working with healthcare providers in terms of screening for domestic violence and making referrals safely. They are working with practices that require health care insurance to pay for these screenings. They ensure that providers ask the correct questions and have the referrals accessible that need to be made.

NNADV is working on a pilot project with Washoe County schools on the Greene Dot program. They are working with UNR and UNLV with the Greene Dot program. They are developing a twenty hour study course that will be available online for those who have trouble accessing training. They are in the process of supporting efforts on how to address the closure of the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence and to bring together folks for a conversation on revitalizing the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence.

18. Comments from the Chair.

General Masto had no comments.

19. Report and discussion on reports/updates from the following Council Officers:
 - a. Vice Chair

Mr. Kandt had no report

b. Treasurer

Suzanne Ramos gave the financial report. Ms. Ramos stated court assessments are down. General Masto stated that the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice, Victims of Crime Subcommittee is reviewing state fines, fees and assessments. Ms. Ramos stated that in Washoe courts they order straight jail time and do not make them pay the fees or assessments.

c. Secretary

Elynn Greene had no report.

20. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and scheduling of future meetings and agenda items.

Brett Kandt wants one agenda item, discussion and recommendations and possible action on the adoption of a competitive award process for the allocation and of remaining Michael Bolton Charities grant money.

21. Public Comment.

Undersheriff Keith Logan thanked the Council for coming to Eureka. Undersheriff Logan requests that they please use their influence to keep funding in the community. He hopes they understand better how distance affects logistics in providing services. General Masto thanked him and stated that she will work on this area as long as she is still the Attorney General.

22. Adjournment.

General Masto adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.