

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located at:
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Committee Members Present

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Sue Meuschke
Paul Bancroft
Christina Hernandez
Magann Jordan
Rich Machado
Maricar Andrade

Committee Members Absent

Sherri Grotheer

Public Present

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Colleen Platt, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV (via phone)
Anjanette Bitsie, Administrative Assistant (via AGO-Reno)

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

Sue Meuschke called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Anjanette Bitsie conducted the roll call of members. Quorum established.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Review and approval of minutes from November 5, 2014 meeting. (For possible action.)

Sue Meuschke asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 5, 2014. Christina Hernandez made the motion to approve the

meeting minutes. Magann Jordan seconded the motion. Paul Bancroft abstained. A vote was taken and the meeting minutes were approved.

4. Discussion and potential recommendations on Dating Violence Education (For possible action.)

Sue Meuschke stated that Christina Hernandez updated the list for Southern Nevada for education in the schools. Ms. Meuschke stated this will need to be done for Northern Nevada and the Rurals. Ms. Meuschke asked a question on "What to do with the lists?" Christina Hernandez suggested posting it on the AG's website. Discussion on posting and approval of the lists. Ms. Meuschke stated that Ms. Hernandez will update the list for Southern Nevada. Ms. Meuschke will update the lists for Northern Nevada and the Rurals. Ms. Meuschke stated providing an updated lists document to review at the next meeting for potential recommendation to the Council to approve to place on the AG's website. Ms. Meuschke discussed updating the lists and that need to look at who is on the list and the work they are doing as well as getting approval to be on the lists.

Ms. Meuschke opened the discussion on dating violence education. Ms. Meuschke discussed sexual education curriculum include dating violence. Ms. Bitsie clarified that health education curriculum include dating violence. Ms. Meuschke asked the committee members "How to proceed with this?" Paul Bancroft asked if curriculum can be mandated in schools. Colleen Platt stated no to this question. Ms. Platt suggested speaking to the Department of Education to open that dialogue in order to revise standards. Ms. Platt discussed the 389 NAC for health education standards in schools. Mr. Bancroft asked if the 389 NAC includes dating violence education. Ms. Platt discussed NAC 389.2423 Pre K – 2nd Grade Health, which states "Instruction for Pre K – 2nd Grades must be designed so that pupils meet the standards by the completion of 2nd Grade". Ms. Platt went on to read sub section four; "Analyze the influence of family, peers, culture, media, technology, and other factors . . . Ms. Platt stated not much on dating violence. Rich Machado asked "What age group is being targeted?" Ms. Platt discussed that at the Council meeting about addressing them all as well as including domestic violence with dating violence. Ms. Meuschke stated she has a compilation of health standards to circulate to the committee members, which includes NAC 389.281, NAC 389.294, NAC 389.381, and NAC 389.455. Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Machado are interested in reading more about the health standards. Mr. Bancroft discussed potentially reviewing those health standards and that if there is a consensus that the health standards are lacking pertaining to dating violence and/or domestic violence to make a recommendation. Ms. Platt stated the recommendation would need to be brought to the Department of Education. Ms. Platt stated the standards have been updated recently. Ms. Meuschke will send to Ms. Platt what she has to review and if that is the version to use she will send out to the committee

members. Ms. Meuschke stated to table this for now and discuss at the next meeting to see if the committee members want to move forward on this topic.

5. Review and discussion and possible update of the "NCPDV History Document". (For possible action.)

Sue Meuschke stated she received a couple of updates. Angie Bitsie stated that Karen Prentice added a few things to the document; financials and the Boy Scout and Girl Scout patches. Ms. Bitsie stated that the Membership Committee would like to add something to the document and is putting it on the next meeting agenda to discuss.

Ms. Meuschke will table this agenda item until the next meeting. Ms. Meuschke asked that the committee members please review the changes and additions to the document before the next meeting.

6. Discussion regarding Green Dot model for mobilization. <http://www.livethegreendot.com/> (For possible action)

Sue Meuschke stated that Christina Hernandez asked at the last meeting if the Council had taken a position on Green Dot. Christina Hernandez stated that the Sexual Violence Prevention Group is using Green Dot. Ms. Hernandez stated she wanted to bring Green Dot to the Education Committee to discuss. Ms. Meuschke asked the committee members if they knew what Green Dot is and does. Paul Bancroft stated that he is familiar with Green Dot. Ms. Hernandez gave an overview to the committee members on Green Dot; a bystander intervention prevention program. Ms. Hernandez discussed bystander education specific to violence and how individuals are trained as bystanders to prevent violence. Ms. Meuschke discussed the letter read by Mark Jackson at the last Council Meeting from a young woman to advocate mentors violence prevention. Ms. Meuschke discussed that the Council did not take action on this. Angie Bitsie clarified that the letter was entered and read in for public comment at the Council meeting. Ms. Meuschke discussed that the young women is working with the Washoe County School District and Catherine Cortez Masto to implement into curriculum in Northern Nevada. Paul Bancroft discussed that a staff member at Incline High School is on the Green Dot Advisory Council overseeing the process. Ms. Meuschke asked Christina "What would she like to have happen? What are you recommending?" Ms. Hernandez stated she is not recommending anything and more of a discussion. Ms. Hernandez discussed that she is a member on the Sexual Violence Prevention Group and the Education Committee and that the Sexual Violence Prevention Group is using Green Dot; get on the same page and have a unified front. Mr. Bancroft asked Sue if the Green Dot Advisory Council would be a good liaison to see what is happening in the state of Nevada or is it just Northern Nevada who is using Green Dot. Ms. Meuschke stated UNLV and UNR have implemented Green Dot and Incline High School is a pilot high school to see

how it works and act as a model for other high schools. Ms. Meuschke discussed this is a building year for communities to develop this program. Ms. Meuschke discussed that Judy and Justine presented Green Dot to the Council a few years back. Ms. Meuschke discussed there was interest and that is was a good idea. Ms. Meuschke suggested presenting Green Dot at a future Council meeting. Ms. Meuschke discussed having a conversation with another group effort like the mentors violence prevention. Mr. Machado discussed this committee having a good working knowledge of the Green Dot program (i.e. have a liaison to see how the program is working, the committee members assisting and supporting the program, getting it implemented into high schools). Colleen Platt suggested inviting someone from Green Dot to the next committee meeting. Ms. Meuschke stated she can certainly do that and have someone do another presentation on the Green Dot program. Ms. Meuschke stated Christina is working on implementing Green Dot at UNLV and could act as a liaison. Ms. Meuschke asked the committee members "What they would like?" Mr. Machado would like more information on the Green Dot program. Ms. Meuschke stated she will invite someone to the next committee meeting to provide an overview on the Green Dot program.

7. Discussion and development of the NCPDV Michael Bolton Foundation Scholarship award process. (For possible action.)

Sue Meuschke opened this agenda item for discussion. Ms. Meuschke stated that the committee members should have received a flyer and the application. Angie Bitsie stated she sent out the rubric, application and flyer to the committee members.

Ms. Meuschke discussed the flyer and the application and if it will meet the need for the scholarship award process. Ms. Meuschke also discussed what the process will look like to accept and process the applications. Christina Hernandez had a few questions. "Would this committee or another committee made up of Council members be rating applications and making the decision on who receives the scholarship?" "How to distribute the monies?"

Ms. Meuschke opened the flyer for discussion and any changes. Ms. Meuschke stated to look at the edited and commented flyer provided. Magann Jordan had an edit to "Awards up to \$1000 for the year" to remove for the year. The \$1000 scholarship is for the school year 2015-2016. Ms. Jordan asked if the scholarship "Is five one thousand scholarships or can be in other denominations?" Discussion on that question pertaining to award amounts. Ms. Jordan asked the committee members if awarding up to a thousand or just doing five one thousand awards is a better option. Mr. Machado, Mr. Bancroft and Ms. Hernandez stated the five one thousand awards would simplify the process. Ms. Hernandez asked if the monies need to be spent by a certain time. Ms. Jordan stated the monies can be disbursed to the school as a credit for the applicant to use in 2015-2016. Ms. Jordan suggested removing from the flyer

the sentence "If you are selected for the scholarship, you will be awarded the highest award for which you qualify". Committee members in agreement with that change to the flyer.

Discussion on Michael Bolton Foundation to Michael Bolton Charites on the flyer and application.

Discussion on the flyer with "Enroll in a college/university or trade school." Should it include in the State of Nevada. "What about online schools (i.e. University of Phoenix)?" Mr. Bancroft asked "Does the applicant need to be a resident of Nevada for eligibility?" Ms. Jordan and Ms. Henderson stated that this can be added to the flyer. Mr. Bancroft asked "How do you prove this?" Ms. Jordan discussed an address is required on the application. Mr. Machado discussed driver's license. Ms. Hernandez discussed that the applicant is signing the application that the information they are submitting is true and correct.

Ms. Meuschke had a question on restricting to Nevada schools. Ms. Jordan stated leaving it open, but need to be a Nevada resident.

Ms. Meuschke had a question on scholarships being awarded based on need. Discussion on need. Ms. Jordan discussed it being for victims of domestic violence. Ms. Hernandez discussed how to assess the financial need. Ms. Hernandez discussed FASBA and eligibility and not looking at financial need. Ms. Jordan discussed less is more since the deadline is March 2, 2015. Mr. Bancroft discussed that FASBA may limit and potentially miss out on applicants.

Ms. Meuschke opened the discussion on the application and any changes. Ms. Jordan discussed changing "Applying for Fall 2015" to reflect the flyer with school year 2015-2016. Ms. Bitsie went over the layout of the application. Ms. Meuschke asked about providing a date of birth on the application. Ms. Hernandez discussed good to have if two people have the same name. Ms. Bitsie stated better to have than not on the application. Colleen Platt had a question on the application that there is the general information and then the application process. Ms. Platt discussed that it looks like two separate processes of the application. Ms. Platt discussed moving the application process to a separate document or removing the application process from the document. Ms. Jordan discussed making the document the scholarship application. Ms. Platt asked about the potential date that the scholarships would be awarded. Ms. Jordan discussed the award date of May 7, 2015 and adding the award date to the flyer and application.

Discussion on interviewing applicants. Ms. Jordan stated there is not time to interview the applicants. Ms. Jordan discussed the group of people that would be involved in reviewing the applications (i.e. Education Committee or a group of members from the Council). Ms. Meuschke asked if the Council will be

meeting before March 2, 2015. Ms. Platt discussed that Karen Prentice would need to discuss the scholarship with the new Attorney General, General Laxalt and schedule a date to have a meeting. Ms. Hernandez asked about sending the flyer and application out to gain interest. Ms. Hernandez discussed making the changes and then e-mail to Angie to send out to the committee members for approval. Ms. Platt suggested that the Education Committee members finalize and then send to General Laxalt for final review before sending out and posting on the AG's website. Ms. Jordan is keeping track of changes to the flyer and application. Ms. Meuschke stated that Magann and Angie will work on updating the flyer and application. Ms. Platt asked Angie to send the finalized flyer and application to her and she will present it to General Laxalt for review, since Karen is currently out of the office until next week. Ms. Meuschke stated that Christina will work on the review process of the application and discuss at the next committee meeting.

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

A special Education Committee meeting on the scholarship process will be held on January 28, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The scholarship deadline for applications is March 2, 2015. Ms. Meuschke stated there may need to be another special meeting on the scholarship process in March 2015. The next general meeting will be held on April 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Meuschke asked to keep agenda items number four, five, six, and seven. Ms. Meuschke asked to add selecting a new chair to the agenda. This will be for the general meeting held on April 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

9. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

Angie Bitsie discussed the Women of Color Training for the North. Ms. Bitsie stated there is grant funding for travel assistance and travel needs to be submitted to her by January 27, 2015. Ms. Bitsie asked the committee members to help distribute the training to those who will benefit.

10. Adjournment. (For possible action.)

Sue Meuschke asked for a motion to adjourn. Rich Machado made the motion to adjourn. Magann Jordan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.