

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, July 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

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Minutes of Meeting

July 7, 2008

Office of the Attorney General
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Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

Adrianna Botello
Ellen Ewing
Suzanne Ramos

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

None

Committee Members Absent

Rebecca Smokey
Miriam Ohata Sims

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Lisa South, Legal Researcher
Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General

1. *Call to order, roll call of members, and introduction.

Suzanne Ramos called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established. She confirmed the Committee members had received the minutes from the previous meeting via email. A Ms. Ewing made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Botello seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

2. *Discussion on Possible Action of future plans for the Underserved Population Committee

Ms. Ramos stated that future plans could include work on the TPO process, a DV Program Survey, and/or a Report on Bilingual Services.

The Committee could look at the TPO process and having bilingual protection orders. She suggested maybe the Committee table that item. Ms. Ramos asked what the members thought they should be doing as the Underserved Committee. Ms. Ewing indicated she would like to have more information regarding the services available for disabled people to get to the courts or to services. Ms. Ramos responded that most police departments and government agencies now have handicapped ramps, so they are able to access the facilities and even the courtrooms.

If they do a survey to the court they can include in the survey questions regarding what type of services they provide for the blind and the hearing impaired. Ms. Ewing mentioned a lot of people do not do Braille. Completely blind people use it, but visually impaired people like her do not. They could suggest to the courts that someone be available to walk them through the system and read everything to them.

Ms. Ramos mentioned they have Braille, and then people who do sign language. There are two forms of sign language. She has had cases in the past that had to be continued so the deaf person could get someone who did the same kind of signing that he was able to understand. They also have under contract a Spanish speaker for all of their victims, because that constitutes the majority of their cases. They do have other languages that come into play, so they always have to make sure that all of their victims and their witnesses have someone to interpret for them in their language.

Ms. Ramos suggested they should look into doing a survey, and indicated Becky was working on that. Before the next meeting she will ask Becky to send out a sample survey for the Committee members to look at, and then they can comment on it, and they will compile a draft of everyone's comments for review, to make sure they are providing services to their underserved.

Ms. Ramos suggested they send a survey to shelter-based programs to see how they help children. Adrianna mentioned that one of the strategic planning focus areas that the Council decided on was to focus on children. She said they could look at that; she then read the statements from the applicable document to the Committee. There were two statements on the strategic planning, for the Council to look at, ranked numbers seven and nine. The Council had been working on the first three ranked items in their strategic planning.

Ms. Ramos mentioned that in Las Vegas the DV programs have coloring books and some police departments. They are looking for something that will give an explanation to the child of what they are going to experience. Those items were then added to the agenda for the next meeting. Ellen Ewing will look at the brochures and give them to the Committee members. Ms. Ramos asked about the target audience for the brochures, and Ms. Ewing responded they have them for children and for adolescents. They will also check clearinghouses to see what is available out there. So for the next meeting they will have the survey, look at the children's books, and the two other priority strategic planning items that were designated for the Council.

3. * Review, discussion, and action on speaker for the next Council meeting

Ms. Ramos mentioned the next Council meeting is Monday, September 8th and they should have underserved speakers at each meeting. Ms. Ewing mentioned she thought it was interesting that the Native American women came to that meeting and had specific issues they wanted to address; she suggested having someone from that group as a guest speaker, since they are looking for a way to include them as part of the process.

The suggested speaker does not, however, work directly in the field of domestic violence. It is Bob Fulkerson from the Progressive Alliance, but he does not deal with domestic violence, he deals with all the political issues. He does deal indirectly with domestic violence issues. Ms. Ramos mentioned that if the Council wanted to get into that arena, she knew a couple of people she could contact, and she would do that. She made a note to get in touch with a speaker from that particular population.

4. *Discussion of Battered Immigrant Summit

Ms. Ramos stated the Council had done a Summit in collaboration with the AG Office two or three years ago, but with visas changing drastically now, women who are submitting their certificates now have to go to ICE and get a letter. So, that will put them in danger if they have been in and out of the country and had illegal entry and have been caught, and have had deportation letters. There are a lot of changes now with immigrant women.

If the Council does have a Summit she does not think they can do it without submitting a grant application. In the past they have submitted a STOP grant application to do that in collaboration with the Attorney General's Office in terms of doing a statewide conference. It was two years ago when they did one via videoconference. The people in Las Vegas did not get much out of it because of the electronic equipment, so

Ms. Ramos stated the Council will probably have to do one Conference in the north, and one in the south.

They would need to get national speakers to come in from D.C., and the National Immigration Rights group. They are highly regarded and know a lot about immigration. She asked if they want to table the issue for the next meeting. A Committee member asked what the cost was last time, and Ms. Ramos responded they asked for \$10,000 - \$15,000. She indicated with the high cost of travel this year, it may run up to \$20,000 to get the speakers flown in, and host two conferences. She mentioned also that it is a lot of work to put it together logistically.

She also stated the speakers were really fantastic, discussing family law, public entitlement, and the national VAWA process as well. Immigrants are impacted in all of those areas. She suggested the Council might want to collaborate with other agencies to do that, spearheading the effort. She wanted to put that idea out there for possible discussion. People had asked her if the Council was going to do another conference, since there had been so many changes. She mentioned we are one of the only states where law enforcement can sign visa certificates.

5. * Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting of the Underserved Population Committee will be held on August 19th at 11:30 a.m. in the Reno office of the Attorney General.

Ms. Ramos requested that they put membership removal on the agenda, in the case of one particular individual. Ms. Ramos asked if the Committee would need to notice her. Ms. Rasul applied in the affirmative, then mentioned that person will need sign a waiver, however, the person is very difficult to contact. She also mentioned the person in question had not yet signed a recommitment letter so the Committee may not need to do that. They have been unsuccessful in contacting this person, and owing to this person's non-attendance, they have had quorum issues. She wanted to bring it on the agenda, notice the person, and discuss her attendance. Ms. Rasul mentioned they will have to send a certified letter to the person, so they have evidence that the notice was received.

6. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

7. *Adjournment.

Adriana Botello moved to adjourn. Ms. Ewing seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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5. *Discussion and possible action on the Battered Women Immigrant Summit.
6. *Discussion and possible action regarding Rural Transportation Issue along I-80 Corridor for Victims of Domestic Violence.

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Suzanne Ramos
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Adrianna Botello
Ellen Ewing
Susan Filon
Toni Downen

Committee Members Absent

Rebecca Smokey

Public Present

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Attorney General's Office Staff Present

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2. *Discussion on Possible Action of future plans for the Underserved Population Committee

Ms. Ramos stated that future plans could include work on the TPO process, a DV Program Survey, and/or a Report on Bilingual Services.

The Committee could look at the TPO process and how they are being heard in the rurals. A discussion ensued regarding creating a domestic violence survey.

It was suggested that the Committee create a Survey Subcommittee. Vic Hutchings, Toni Downen and Adrian Botello volunteered to be on this subcommittee & report at the next meeting.

3. * Review, discussion, and action on speaker for the next Council meeting

Suzanne reported that at the next Council meeting, there will be a presentation by the Henderson Coordinated Community Response Team.

4. *Discussion of Battered Immigrant Summit

Ms. Botello made a motion to table this item. Ms. Hutchings seconded the motion.

5. *Discussion and possible action regarding Rural Transportation along I-80 Corridor for Victims of Domestic Violence.

The Committee discussed making this issue a question on the survey previously discussed. The Committee also thought it would be a good idea to look at Amtrak and Greyhound routes.

6. * Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting of the Underserved Population Committee will be held on January 12th at 2:00 p.m. in the Reno office of the Attorney General.

It was requested that they place an item on the agenda regarding survey questions and how the rurals are having TPO's heard. Another question to be discussed would be training for hearing masters.

7. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

8. *Adjournment.

Adriana Botello moved to adjourn. Ms. Ewing seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.