STATE OF NEVADA COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (BATTERER'S TREATMENT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Office of the Attorney General Grant Sawyer Building 555 East Washington Street, Room 4500 Las Vegas, Nevada

> Office of the Attorney General 100 North Carson Street Mock Courtroom Carson City, Nevada

Telephone Conference 1-877-411-9748 Access Code: 9890482

1. Roll Call.

Committee Members Present:

Tim Hamilton, Chair
Judge Max Bunch
Moreen Scully
Christopher Hazlett-Stevens
Annette Scott (via teleconference)
Dr. Lorraine Benuto
Kelsi Herrick
Todd Peters

Committee Members Absent:

Lisa Arnold

Public Present:

Dennis Fitzpatrick
Aaron Williams
Theron Morgan
Kimberly Broussard

Erica Williams

Barry Goldstein

Brian Kaiserman

Attorney General Staff Present:

Arlene Rivera

Dawn Buoncristiani

Chairman Tim Hamilton ("Chairman") asked the members of the public to identify themselves; Brian Kaiserman, Barry Goldstein, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Arron Williams, Kimberly Broussard, Erica Williams, and Theron Morgan.

2. Public Comment:

- Dennis Fitzpatrick ("Fitzpatrick"), domestic violence supervisor, stated he had four suggestions to improve the proposal to revise NAC 228:110:
 - 1. He would expand the list of 15 topics at 1(f) by adding the phrase, "or any committee approved CEU." Of the seven committee approved courses in 2016, none are on the list. He commented why limit the worthwhile recommendations of other members of the committee.

He stated the list only reflects the Duluth approach. Other approaches that should be recognized are Choice Theory, Cognitive Behavioral Training, the work of Dr. Gabor Mate, MD, MRT (Mortal Reconation Therapy), and a mixture of the above approaches, etc. Some of us see Power and Control as a symptom, not a cause.

Only 3 topics are presently available in approved CEU courses. The other 12 topics are non-existent in approved CEU courses. Missing from the list of approved topics are curriculum courses, which are important for a counselor to learn in teaching agency clients. Also missing is the topic of meditation which has documented success in stopping violence through teaching self-control. Also missing is the topic of treating epigenetic attachment disorders that lead to domestic violence as discussed in the

work of Dr. Gabor Mate, MD.

- 2. Fitzpatrick suggested deleting the requirement at 1(e) for a non-existent course requirement of 12 hours in clinical supervisor until such a course can be reviewed by the committee. Even where available, such college courses concern individual counseling; not group counseling.
- 3. Fitzpatrick questioned if we should be making attorneys of our counselors rather than having counselors learn how to stop future violence and the teaching of intimacy skills. Fitzpatrick stated that is why Massachusetts changed the name of their program from the punitive term "Batterer's Intervention Program" that turned away non-violent offenders, to "Intimate Partner Education Programs."

Fitzpatrick believed it was enough to require counselors to take 2 hours of Confidentiality and 2 hours of Ethics, and 2 hours in Domestic Violence law. The total of 6 hours is similar to the 6 hours required by the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors every two years. He suggested that more could be added later, if needed.

- 4. Fitzpatrick's final suggestion was the annual renewal requirement of 15 CEUs could be changed to a biannual requirement of 30 CEUs with 6 CEUs required in Confidentiality, Ethics and 228. In addition, he suggested simplifying the work of the committee by renewing agencies every 2 years instead of annually.
- 3. Recess to Regulatory Workshop for Discussion and Possible Action: Update on the progress for the amendments to NAC 228 by Deputy Attorney General Dawn Buoncristiani (Buoncristiani).

Agenda for Workshop (A.)

A.I. Chairman Hamilton closed the Committee on Domestic Violence ("CDV") meeting and recessed to the Regulatory Workshop Adoption Hearing agenda item.

Chairman Hamilton stated that the Regulatory Workshop Adoption Hearing was called to order.

- A.2. Public Comment None
- A.3 Presentation of LCB File No. R116-16 Revised Amendments

Buoncristiani read a letter addressed to Peter Keegan, Deputy Attorney General, from the Legislative Counsel Bureau stating the proposed regulation R116-16 of

the CDV had been examined pursuant to NRS 233B.063 and was returned in revised form. The existing law requires the CDV to adopt regulations for the evaluation, certification and monitoring of programs for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence. (NRS 228.470) Existing regulations prescribe the training requirements for providers of treatment and supervisors of treatment at programs for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence. (NAC 228.110) This regulation revises such training requirements and removes the requirement that providers of treatment and supervisors of treatment complete inservice training.

Max Bunch ("Bunch") was of the opinion that the CDV should go through each item individually since we received comments from the public.

Chairman Hamilton stated that the first change is NAC 228.110(1)(d) where the language was removed because it was repetitive. Member Kelsi Herrick ("Herrick") stated there were two changes on the first page where the numbers were crossed out.

Fitzpatrick stated that 228.110(1)(e) should be omitted because there are no currently existing CDV approved 12-hour clinical supervisory approved courses.

Member Christopher Hazlett-Stevens ("Hazlett-Stevens") suggested we say 12-hours of clinical supervision and training so they don't have to wait for the CDV to approve some course in training and supervision, which would satisfy this requirement. He suggested removing the words "Committee approved".

Chairman Hamilton stated that as a provider, there was not 12-hours of supervisory approved training available anywhere because if it was available, it could be submitted to the CDV for approval. His Board offered it once every few years. For the social workers, this is not available in Nevada.

Fitzpatrick stated that 228.110(1)(e) should be deleted in its entirety because if there was training, it is for individual counseling and not group counseling.

Theron Morgan ("Morgan") commented that at this point 228.110(1)(e) was not doable because there are no courses available in that regard anyway. He is certified in three other states besides Nevada, and in almost nowhere in those states do they have certified criteria for supervisors to get credit hours. However, it is recommended for supervisors to get credit hours because what they do is considerably different than what rural providers do. Morgan was of the opinion that 228.110(1)(e) should be deleted.

(Ombudsman Arlene Rivera ("Rivera") left the meeting at 10:30 a.m. She returned at 10:40 a.m.)

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Member Moreen Scully ("Scully"), to strike 228.110(1)(e) in its entirety since it was unattainable. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hamilton was not in agreement to change the requirement to complete at least 15 hours of training within two years as stated in 228.110(1)(f) because these programs have to be certified annually. He believed that we need to make sure everyone gets their 15 hours of credit yearly.

Fitzpatrick stated he would like to have the courses he spelled out at the beginning of the meeting included in the required training.

Chairman Hamilton believed that since this would be a curriculum change, he would have to see the research on how these courses apply to Domestic Violence that Fitzpatrick is suggesting instead of just arbitrarily saying we need to add these items before we can make a decision.

Member Annette Scott ("Scott"), via teleconference, stated that she agreed that we need more information and details on the topics.

Scully suggested adding the words "or additional topics or courses submitted to the committee for approval" be added rather than individually adding topics.

Bunch stated that it would be after item 228.110(1)(f)(12). We would add a number 13, which would be adding a CDV approved course.

Scully suggested that the new language be added after number 11, and should say "any training approved by the committee" or "any training submitted for approval, or "any other training submitted to and approved by the committee", and remove the word "and" after number 11.

Fitzpatrick did not believe that counselors need six hours of training in law. We need more training in how to stop the violence.

<u>MOTION</u> by Member Todd Peters ("Peters"), with a second by Herrick, to add additional language to 228.110(1)(f) after item 11, as well as deleting the word "and". The motion carried unanimously.

Fitzpatrick was of the opinion that under item 228.110(2), we do not need six hours of Nevada law training. The client has already been arrested; is now in front of a provider who is trying to have the client stop the violence and learn intimacy skills. He stated what good is it to look back at NAC Chapter 228 and Nevada Domestic Violence Laws. You cannot do anything about that; all you can do is try to teach. He didn't think providers needed three hours of Nevada Domestic Violence Law training and need only two hours of NAC Chapter 228.

Chairman Hamilton stated that within the groups, all providers know we have perpetrators who will argue with us as to what is legal and what is not. This goes to being familiar enough as to what is legal and what is not. He suggested that maybe the hour numbers are high, but providers need some familiarity with domestic violence laws.

Bunch believed a provider should understand the law. He suggested that maybe the hours could be reduced.

Chairman Hamilton suggested removing (c) and include one (1) hour of domestic law within (d) on the training on NAC Chapter 228.

Bench suggested one (1) hour of domestic law and two hours of NAC Chapter 228, for a total of 3 hours.

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Sevens, with a second by Dr. Lorraine Benuto ("Benuto"), approving one (1) hour of training in Nevada Domestic Violence Law in Subsection (c), and two hours of training in the provisions of NAC Chapter 228 in Subsection (d).

Hazlett-Stevens commented that a provider should know the basic tenants of the Nevada Domestic Law. He was of the opinion that a well-rounded therapist or clinician can use the information as she or he chooses. He believed it was imperative. He stated that a one (1) hour course in Nevada Domestic Law would be sufficient.

Morgan stated there were different forms of discussing the laws in different states. It is very important that we discuss the laws in the State of Nevada on Domestic Violence.

Scully stated that people need to know they can go to prison for a long time for committing a domestic violence crime.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hamilton stated that 228.110(8) has only minor changes of language applying to the previous changes, as well as the numbering from there through 228.110(8)(c). He was of the opinion that (c) was a removal of redundancy.

Hazlett-Stevens stated that it was not redundant language, and that provision as it was enacted originally written precluded providers and supervisors being approved by the committee because we didn't have the appropriate things in place. Providers and supervisors were precluded from getting approved for giving treatment by this provision.

Bunch stated that the language "any other training submitted to and approved by the committee", be added after number 11 on page 8, and the removal of the word "and" after number 11 on page 8.

MOTION by Peters, with a second by Bunch, to add the above-referenced language to 228.110(8) on page 8. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hamilton stated that the changes in 228.110(9)(c) were one (1) hour of training in Nevada Domestic Violence Law in Subsection (c), and two hours of training in the provisions of NAC Chapter 228 in Subsection (d).

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Judge Bunch, to change the hours of training in Nevada Domestic Violence Law to one (1) hour in Subsection (c), and two (2) hours of training in the provisions of NAC Chapter 228 in Subsection (d), which is required of providers. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hamilton stated that the Legislature Counsel Bureau has completely taken out the in-service training, which is just not going to work for the Committee.

Buoncristiani suggested that someone from the CDV call the Legislature Council Bureau and ask why they removed the requirement for in-service training. She believed there was something in the regulation that they were not happy with.

Chairman Hamilton commented that the in-service training piece is crucial to a supervisor understanding how to do the domestic violence service within a group setting. We need to watch already skilled persons doing the work so we will be able to provide the service. Removal of Section 228.110(11) completely removes this requirement.

Hazlett-Stevens agreed with Buoncristiani that maybe there is an issue that can be overcome. There could be a conflict with this issue and a statute that we don't know about within another statute somewhere else that we are not looking at. He was of the opinion that there must be a reason why these provisions were stricken. We just need to know why.

Buoncristiani was of the opinion that a telephonic conversation with the Bureau to find out why these issues were stricken would suffice. Someone from the CDV needs to be available to discuss the substantive issues along with Deputy Attorney General Peter Keegan ("Keegan") to deal with the legal issues.

Bunch stated that we don't know why the Legislature does what it does, and when the statute comes it, it turns out to be something totally different than expected because you don't know what happened behind the scenes. So we

need Chairman Hamilton to have a discussion with Keegan, and Keegan to talk to the Legislature Council Bureau or be there and then contact Chairman Hamilton and let them explain to you why they left this item out. You can explain why it has to stay in, and thus resolve the issue. We as the CDV can make a recommendation to keep it in.

MOTION by Bunch, with a second by Scully, to leave in 228.110 (11)(a)(b)and (c) on pages 9 and 10, and 228.110(13)(b) subsections (I), (II), and (III) on page 10.

Buoncristiani suggested modifying the motion to request leaving the statutes in, but request how it could be modified as to what it is the Committee is objecting to so as to give the Deputy and Chairman something to work with.

Bunch suggested leaving it in or have the Legislature modify the statute with the approval of the Domestic Violence Committee.

<u>MOTION</u> by Bunch, with a second by Scully, to recommend that we leave in paragraph 11 and pages 9 through 11, and if the Legislative Counsel does not agree with their recommendation to leave it in, for them to give us suggestions on how we can create something along that line. The motion carried unanimously.

Buoncristiani requested that the Chairman state some reasons why the statutes should be left in.

Chairman Hamilton replied the in service training piece is necessary so that potential providers will understand directly through on-the-job training; the dynamics of domestic violence; the potentials for collusion; the potentials for managing victim's sensitivity. One can hear about this through the CEU's, but it is a very different thing to actually go out and do it. A parallel might be you can read about law all day long but that does not mean you can go to court and adjudicate or argue law.

A.4. Question and Answer – None

A.5. Public Comment - Fitzpatrick thanked the Committee for listening to all of his concerns.

A.6. Adjournment of Regulatory Workshop

(Recess taken at 11:40 a.m. Reconvened at 11:45 a.m.)

- 4. Return from Workshop and Reopen CDV meeting. Reconvened to Committee on Domestic Violence Batterer's Program
- 5. For Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of minutes from the July 7,

2016, meeting. Attachment 1

<u>MOTION</u> by Bunch, with a second by Hazlett-Stevens, to approve the July 7, 2016, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. For Discussion: Introduction of new Ombudsman Arlene Rivera (Rivera) and update on Committee Budget and Court Assessment Fees.

Rivera introduced herself as the Ombudsman for the Domestic Violence. Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking. She commented that there are a lot of changes currently taking place. Not long after she was hired for the position over ninety days ago, Rivera stated Herrick left the CDV. The position is currently based in Las Vegas because of the need there, but she will be travelling to Carson City and other rural areas. We are working on educational programs and prevention regarding Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking. Rivera thanked the CDV and the public for all of their patience while she transitions to this position. Herrick has been a great help. Rivera presented an overview of the budget, which the Legislature has approved \$49,861.00 for this committee for July 1, The number is like a credit amount, and if we receive all the core assessments, we will have the money available to us for different things and expenses for the CDV. Rivera reviewed the CDV expenses. Rivera stated that she is fully committed to the CDV, and will be completely transparent when it comes to any of the budget items, her commitment to work with the CDV and adjust to the changes.

- 7. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for domestic violence continuing education credits and/or formal training (for possible action):
 - **A. Training Application:** (Trainer), Walter Dimitroff
 - 1. American Comprehensive Services
 - 2. Reviewed by: Benuto

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Herrick, to approve the application as presented for 18 credits; 1 credit for victim services and 17 credits for perpetrator services. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Training Application: (Trainee), Elsa Espino
 - 1. Nevada Network against Domestic

Violence

2. Reviewed by: Bunch

<u>MOTION</u> by Peters, with second by Benuto, to approve the application as presented for 11 credits; 9.75 for victim services, and 1.25 for perpetrator services. The motion carried unanimously.

- **C. Training Application:** (Trainee) Pamela Brown
 - 1. Winnemucca Batters Intervention
 - 2. Reviewed by: Bunch

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Herrick, to approve the application as presented for 14 credits; 10 for victim services, and 4 for perpetrator services. The motion carried unanimously.

Bunch commented the CDV is receiving two different forms that are on the website. As CDV, we need to decide which form we are going to use. Chairman Hamilton stated that some use the old form and some use the new form. Bunch suggested that we include the number of credits for victim services and perpetrator services. Bunch suggested that Chairman Hamilton work with Rivera to make the change on the form.

Herrick questioned if the changes to the form would have to be updated after the LCB stuff, and Chairman Hamilton responded that this would be a good discussion item.

- **D. CEU Submission:** Dennis J. Fitzpatrick
 - 1. Own you Own Agency
 - 2. Reviewed by: Scott

MOTION by Peters, with a second by Bunch, to approve the CEU Submission for Own you Own Agency. The motion carried unanimously.

- **E. CEU Submission:** Dennis J. Fitzpatrick
 - Aaron Williams Therapy The STOP Program: Understanding & Treating Intimate Partner Violence
 - 2. Reviewed by: Arnold

<u>MOTION</u> by Bunch, with a second by Hazlett-Stevens, to approve the application as presented for 36 credits; 7 for victim services, and 29 for perpetrator services. The motion carried unanimously.

- **F. CEU Submission:** Dennis J. Fitzpatrick
 - 1. "Teaching the Domestic Violence Class
 1"
 - 2. Reviewed by Arnold

MOTION by Bunch, with a second by Hazlett-Stevens, to approve the application as presented for 7.5 credits; 3.5 for victim services, and 4

for perpetrator services. The motion carries unanimously.

G. CEU Submission: Dennis J. Fitzpatrick

- 1. "When Love Hurts" Charlene Price
- 2. Reviewed by <u>Hazlett-Stevens</u>

<u>MOTION</u> by Bunch, with a second by Scully, to approve the application as president for 6.25 credits for victim services. The motion carried unanimously.

- **H. CEU Submission:** Dennis J. Fitzpatrick
 - 1. "Slide Guide for Domestic Violence Part 3 of 4, classes 13-21."
 - 2. Reviewed by: <u>Peters</u>

<u>MOTION</u> by Bunch, with a second by Hazlett-Stevens, to approve the application as presented for 7 credits; 3 victim services, and 4 for perpetrator services. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of NEW PROVIDERS:
 - A. New Provider: Theron Morgan
 - 1. LRS Systems
 - 2. Reviewed by: Herrick

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Benuto, to approve the request for Theron Morgan as a new provider. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

Bunch stated he would abstain on all of the new provider requests because as a judge, he may have to set in a court and any one of these providers could be in contempt of court. It is just a blanket statement that he makes at every meeting. He just approves the training. Bunch wanted to avoid having a conflict of interest.

- B. New Provider: Elizabeth Munoz Brueckman
 - 1. ABC Therapy
 - 2. Reviewed by: Herrick

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Benuto, to approve the request for ABC Therapy as a new provider. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

- C. New Providers: Kathi Morisette and William Gallego
 - 1. Treatment Solutions
 - 2. Reviewed by: Scully

MOTION by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Herrick, to approve the request

for Kathi Morisette as a new provider. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

MOTION by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Herrick, to approve the request for William Gallego as a new provider. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

D. New Provider: Charlene Price

1. LRS Systems

2. Reviewed by: Hazlett-Stevens

MOTION by Benuto, with a second by Herrick, to approve the request for Charlene Price as a new provider. The motion carried with Judge Bunch abstaining.

E. New Provider: Ron Mackey

1. Aaron Williams Therapy

2. Reviewed by: Chairman Hamilton

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Benuto, to approve the request for Ron Mackey as a new provider. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

F. New Provider: Theron Morgan and Lucy Reyna Howell

1. Spectrum

2. Reviewed by Chairman Hamilton

Chairman Hamilton stated that since Morgan has been previously approved, we just need to approve Lucy Howell.

MOTION by Hazlett-Sevens, with a second by Benuto, to approve the request for Lucy Reyna Howell as a new provider. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

- 9. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of NEW AGENCIES:
 - **G.** Spectrum: 1. Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick

2. Reviewed by: Chairman Hamilton

Chairman Hamilton stated that the application is missing the treatment providers. We need to make a change to the form to add the provider and their names.

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Scully, to approve the request for Spectrum as a new agency. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

H. Aaron Williams Therapy LLC:

Submitted by: <u>Dennis Fitzpatrick</u>
 Reviewed by: Chairman Hamilton

Chairman Hamilton asked Buonocristini if we could provisionally approve the new agency in order for the business to operate because they are missing another provider. Buonocristini asked if they had this requirement in their regulations, and if so, recommended that Chairman Hamilton make a motion to provisionally approve the new agency and then have Keegan and Rivera follow-up. Rivera stated that the applicant did submit all of the required information. Bunch stated that this had been done in the past.

MOTION by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Benuto, to provisionally approve certification of the application of Aaron Williams Therapy on the condition that the other provider information be submitted within 30 days so that we have a quick turn around on this so that Aaron Williams can continue to conduct business and we can approve the other person as a provider as well. In addition, that we receive an understanding as to whether or not a conditional approval is found within our regulations and allowed, which would go to Keegan for his assessment. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

I. Treatment Solutions of Nevada

1. Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick

2. Reviewed by: <u>Chairman Hamilton</u>

Chairman Hamilton stated he would ask Fitzpatrick if this is the same as the above-referenced Items G. and H. If so, he would recommend a provisional approval also. Fitzpatrick respond that it was identical to Items G. and H.

Scully commented that we previously recommended approval of Item 8.C, which is Treatment Solutions.

<u>MOTION</u> by Scully, with a second by Herrick, to recommend full certification and approval of Treatment Solutions of Nevada as a new agency. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

- 10. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for CERTIFICATE RENEWAL from the following agencies:
 - A. ABC Therapy:

1. Randy Stiles

2. Reviewed by: Herrick

MOTION by Benuto, with a second by Hazlett-Stevens, to approve the request

for Certificate Renewal for ABC Therapy. The motion carried with Bench abstaining.

- B. Options:
- 1. Paul Reeves
- 2. Reviewed by: <u>Peters</u>

<u>MOTION</u> by Hazlett-Stevens, with a second by Scully, to approve the request for Certificate of Renewal for Options with the provision that we receive the Certificate of Completion from the four providers within 30 days. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

- C. Winnemucca Batterers:
 - 1. Pamela Brown
 - 2. Reviewed by: <u>Scott</u>

<u>MOTION</u> by Peters, with a second by Herrick, to approve the request for Certificate Renewal for Winnemucca Batterers. The motion carried with Bunch abstaining.

11. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding training meeting to review process for new members: Discussion on member training for the review process. Members to vote on a date.

Scott believed that this would be helpful to the CDV to have training for the new members. Bunch questioned if the Attorney General would like to meet with us to know what we actually do. Rivera stated she would try to make that happen. We just need to be clear on what we would like the Attorney General to know. Benuto believed that an introduction paragraph would be helpful to new members. Bunch believed that could save some time and bypass the training for new members.

12. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding training on Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 228 and Nevada Domestic Violence Laws for treatment providers and supervisors for Batter Treatment Programs.

Fitzpatrick questioned when the new rules become affective, and Buoncristiani responded that they had to go back to the Legislature Council Bureau for approval.

<u>MOTION</u> by Chairman Hamilton, second by Herrick, to ask the already existing training and trainer providers to resubmit their training for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Public Comment:

Chairman Hamilton suggested that we add an agenda item regarding program auditor and updating the forms. Herrick also commented that we need to schedule our meetings for next year.

Adams William, thanked the CDV for approving the Certification of the agencies, and also commented that he would like to see more diversity on the CDV. He did not find any people of color, especially people that are teaching the classes, and hoped that this would change in the future. He stated that people of color who teach people of color have an advantage over the majority in staying out of trouble.

Barry Goldstein, with Spectrum, thanked the CDV for approving his organization's license. He believed that having the funds and sponsorship program is very important. He would be willing to help bring money into this organization.

Scully stated that her organization has two new advocates in the Lyon County District Attorney's office for violent crimes who will go to court with the victims and assist them.

For future agenda items, Bunch stated that we need to do an update on our video conference pilot project. It is happening in White Pine and Lincoln Counties. He would like to have an update on this.

Future Meetings for 2017:

February 23, 2017: 10:00 a.m. May 25, 2017: 10:00 a.m. August 24, 2017: 10:00 a.m. November 16, 2017: 10:00 a.m.

14. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Hamilton thanked all the members of the Committee for their hard work.

Minutes respectfully submitted by	
Office of the Attorney General	