

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

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Office of the Attorney General
Mock Courtroom
100 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**With
Public Access Via Videoconference Located At:**

Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington Avenue
Room #4500
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

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

1. Roll Call.

Committee Members Present:

Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt, Chairman

Patty Cafferata

Clarice Charlie

Lynne Greene

Cory Hernandez

Karl Hall

Elisa Moseley

Suzanne Ramos

Angela Brindle

Paul Bancroft

Mark Jackson
Christine Jones Brady
Megan Jordan
Susan Marschke
Denise Yoxsimer

Committee Members Absent:

Dorie Guy
Sgt. Blake Smith
Robin Sweet
Hon. Patricia A. Lynch
Dr. Emily I. Troshynski

Public Present:

Kristy Orio
Kimberly Mui
Clairia Hubbard

Attorney General Staff Present:

Arlene Rivera
Dawn Buoncristiani
Sue Dehnen

2. Introduction of Members and Staff.

Members of the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (“Council”) who were present and staff identified themselves.

3. Public Comment. None.

4. For Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of minutes from the October 20, 2016, meeting. **Attachment One (1),**

Member Patty Cafferata (“Cafferata”) commented that the name “Cory”

should be inserted before the name "Hernandez" to distinguish between Christine Hernandez and Cory Hernandez on the top of page 13.

MOTION by Member Cafferata, with a second by Member Suzanne Ramos ("Ramos"), to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried with Messrs. Jackson, Bancroft, Mesdames Meuschke and Yoxsimer abstaining.

5. **For Discussion and Possible Action: NRS 228.490(2)(a).** Review presented by Ombudsman Arlene Rivera ("Rivera") in regards to the rural judges' responses to survey on domestic violence resources.

Member Cafferata commented that the problem with the rurals is the travel distance.

Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt, Chairman ("Chairman"), stated that we could find the correct training for them.

Member Megan Jordan ("Jordan") stated there are issues with the survivors and witnesses showing up to court. We have done training for process servers and have had a great deal of success.

Member Mark Jackson ("Jackson") stated that he has a full-time investigator on staff that is grant funded. He stated that his Department is lacking resources to do a good job, and his concern is that judges do not see the need for every community to have a Memorandum of Understanding for community service. There are never enough domestic violence community services; i.e., certified counselors. He was of the opinion that the domestic violence victims should not be jailed for refusing to testify against perpetrators.

Member Elynn Greene ("Greene") stated if they cannot be located, the District Attorney is not going to have any more success in serving them. She also agreed with Member Jackson.

Chairman Laxalt introduced Agenda Items Nos. 6 and 7, simultaneously.

6. **For Discussion and Possible Action: NRS 228.490(2)(b).** Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (NCPDV) to make findings and recommendations based on judge's responses which will be included in the 2017 Biennial Legislative Report. **Attachment 2**
7. **For Discussion and Possible Action: (NRS 228.450(1)(a).** Review presented by Rivera regarding information included in reports by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History. NCPDV to comment on further findings and recommendations to be included in the 2017 Biennial Legislative Report. **Attachment 3**

Member Christine Jones Brady (“Brady”) recommended that we do a bullet point summary and present it to the Legislature Counsel. Member Brady commended that she would like to have the rurals receive more money. She questioned why the domestic violence cards were given to offenders. They are normally intended for the victim.

Member Meuschke stated she would like someone from public safety come talk to the Committee.

Chairman Laxalt suggested that the group send a note to Arlene if they have specific questions for the Legislature.

Ombudsman Rivera commented she would review what the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence had done for the last two years; the judge’s responses; the 2017 objectives for the committee, which are due January 20th; proposed legislative issues; and, the judge’s training. She also commented that they are moving forward with merging the committees.

Members Brady and Meuschke volunteered to help Rivera.

Member Meuschke requested a report or summary on what has transpired in the last two years.

Chairman Laxalt commented that the scholarships will be coming out in February and suggested that the Committee send an email to Arlene on scholarships they were interested in pursuing.

Member Meuschke stated that she received five (5) \$1,000 grant Michael Bolton scholarships for survivors. She also discussed the Ombudsman position and the role the position plays.

Rivera stated that the next VINE committee meeting would take place on January 5, 2017.

8. For Discussion: Latest NCPDV Financial Report presented by Treasurer Suzanne Ramos. **Attachment 4**

Member Ramos commented that we were under budget. Member Meuschke questioned what happened if we don’t spend the money; do we lose it. Rivera replied she did not know but would look into it and get back to the committee

Member Ramos stated that if the court fees are not paid, we do not get the money. Member Meuschke requested a copy of the report in February on

collections instead of revenue.

9. Council Member Comments.

Member Greene stated that there would be a Sex Trafficking meeting on February 13, 2017. There will be representatives from the state, and it will be held at Metro's headquarters.

Member Leisa Moseley suggested that when we think of the Committee's name, let's think of the ways we can prevent domestic violence. Perpetrators have multiple victims. She asked the Committee to think of things they could do to reduce domestic violence, and suggested they think of ways in which to accomplish this task. Member Brady volunteered to work with her on this issue.

Member Cory Hernandez stated that they had a great turn out for the Bride's March parade. She commented that people either supported it or did not.

Member Meuschke stated that the Nevada Network on Domestic Violence would close on December 31st and reopen on January 31st. She invited everyone to join.

10. Establish dates for 2017 meetings and possible topics for discussion.

March 22, 2017

July 26, 2017

October 4, 5, 2017

Member Ramos: BDR's for the next agenda.

11. Public Comment. None

12. Adjournment.

MOTION by Meuschke, with a second by Member Ramos, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by _____
Office of the Attorney General
