

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

**Meeting Minutes**

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***Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.***

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1. Call to order, roll call of members, and establish quorum.
  - a) Present Members
    - i. Tim Hamilton
    - ii. Todd Peters
    - iii. Moreen Scully
    - iv. Christopher Hazlett-Stevens
    - v. Judge Max Bunch
    - vi. Lisa Arnold
    - vii. Kelsi Herrick
  - b) Absent Members
    - i. Annette Scott
    - ii. Dr. Lorraine Benuto
  - c) Staff
    - i. Peter Keegan, Deputy Attorney General
    - ii. Arlene Rivera, DV Ombudsman
    - iii. Jason Mouannes, Administrative Assistant
  - d) Quorum established
  
2. Public Comment
  - a) Tim Hamilton (Hamilton) requested public attendees to introduce themselves to the committee.
  - b) Public from Las Vegas
    - i. Dennis Fitzpatrick
    - ii. Theron Morgan
    - iii. Jeff Larosa

- c) Public from Carson
  - i. Wes Duncan, First Assistant Attorney General
  - ii. Brett Kandt, Chief Deputy Attorney General
- d) No comment in Carson
- e) No comment in Las Vegas

**3. For Discussion and Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. **Attachment 1**

- a) Hamilton calls for motion to approve minutes. He states that Judge Max Bunch (Judge Bunch) was incorrectly referenced (typo) in text of the minutes. Judge Bunch motioned to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Christopher Hazlett-Stevens (Hazlett-Stevens). No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- b) Kelsi Herrick (Herrick) arrives at 10:03 am.

**4. For Discussion:** Presentation on proposed SB 25 by a Senior Representative from the Attorney General's Office. **Attachment 2**

- a) Wes Duncan (Duncan) introduces himself prior to discussing SB 25. He gives an overview of SB 25 to the CDV meeting attendees. The goal of SB 25 is to reorganize all councils and committees pertaining to domestic violence into one cohesive super committee to streamline conversations and initiatives for domestic violence.
- b) The functions of each committee would be retained and members would be appointed by the Attorney General (the number of members in the super committee would yield at least the number of current CDV members).
- c) The Committee would continue to provide recommendations. However, the Attorney General has discussed the possibility of approvals to be carried out by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavior Health (DPBH).
- d) Judge Bunch inquiries about the functions of other committees/councils relating to domestic violence.
  - i. Duncan states the goal of the other committees/councils, such as NCPDV, is to create policies and preventative measures to address domestic violence throughout the State.
- e) Members continued to discuss the approval process and clerical functions of the committee.
  - i. Hazlett-Stevens states that transferring this committee to the Marriage and Family Therapist Board would be appropriate as these individuals can be considered the experts in addressing clinical issues.

**5. For Discussion and Possible Action:** On resolution supporting legislation consolidating the VINE Governance Committee (NRS 228.205); the Committee on Domestic Violence (NRS 228.470); the Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (NRS 228.480); and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Statewide Teams (NRS 228.495) into a single entity retaining all existing power

and duties of the four separate entities.

- a) Hamilton states that this item has been discussed in the previous item (#5).
  - b) The position of the Committee on Domestic Violence in regards to SB 25:
    - i. Moreen Scully (Scully) states this is wonderful idea to consolidate all these various entities that address domestic violence.
    - ii. Judge Bunch supports this legislation in resolution of approval of CEUs by another entity so there is no delay to approve courses.
    - iii. Hazlett-Stevens comments that it would be helpful to have all resources under the same committee.
    - iv. Hamilton supports the legislation tentatively provided concerns about clerical functions of the committee are resolved (recommendation and approval process).
    - v. Judge Bunch motions for the Committee on Domestic Violence to support legislation SB 25 with the concerns of the committee addressed. Seconded by Scully. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 6. Update** by Deputy Attorney General Peter Keegan (Keegan) on status on regulatory amendment process for NAC 2280-110.
- a) Keegan submitted the revised draft of NAC based on comments made in the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 CDV meeting regards to the 60-hr requirement and in-service training.
  - b) After approval, the committee would be able to adopt these changes and put them in place.
- 7. Update** by Dennis Fitzpatrick (Fitzpatrick) on LRS Distance Domestic Violence Program. **Attachment 3**
- a) Fitzpatrick introduces himself as a licensed supervisor.
    - i. He reads Attachment 3 to the Committee.
  - b) Judge Bunch states that the update is insufficient as White Pine and Lincoln County requested the pilot program but has not attempted use of the program.
- 8. For Discussion:** Presentation by Jeff Larosa (Larosa) from Appriss to discuss the new enhancements of Victim Notification Everyday Program (VINE) **Attachment 4**
- a) Larosa introduces himself to the committee as the Manager for Client Relations.
  - b) VINE Services have been active in Nevada since 2010 and will be the first state in the nation to transition to the new VINE platform.
  - c) New enhancements include:
    - i. Timely offender custody status (more frequent updates)
    - ii. Protection order information
    - iii. Mobile access (streamlined interface across web and mobile devices)
    - iv. Texting feature available to users
  - d) Another component would be the creation of a repository for service

- provider information giving victims quicker access to resources.  
e) Finally, new analytical tools will be incorporated into the service.

Hamilton differs items #9, #10, and #11 to the end of the agenda to address Hazlett-Stevens' items as he must leave the meeting. Move to item #16C and #16D.

- 9. For Discussion and Possible Action:** NRS 228.470 (2)(d) regarding the inclusion of the language about divorces (**Attachment 5**) and NRS 228.470 (2)(e) on the 2017 Biennial Report.
- a) A discussion took place in regards to removing NRS 228.470 (2)(d).
    - i. Motion to recommend removal of NRS 228.470 (2)(d) by Judge Bunch. Seconded by Todd Peters (Peters). No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 10. For Discussion and Possible Action:** NRS 228.470 (4). Regarding election of new Committee Chair.
- a) Hamilton requests any nominations on the floor. Hamilton nominates Judge Bunch for Chair. Judge Bunch requests Hamilton maintain chairmanship.
  - b) Motion to retain Hamilton as chair of committee by Peters. Seconded by Judge Bunch. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 11. For Discussion:** Review of application submittals as it relates to the order of documents that are included with application and its checklist. Including but not limited to the way the forms display on website.
- a) Judge Bunch states Fitzpatrick's checklist is thorough and manageable for the reviewer.
  - b) Jason Mouannes (Mouannes) states that proper forms of each application have been recovered along with their checklist. They will be revised on the website and all forms submitted in the future must be used from the website.
    - i. Arlene Rivera (Rivera) notes that the department is in the process of streamlining all forms and documentation for the committee.
- 12. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for domestic violence continuing education credits and/or formal training (for possible action):**
- A. **CEU Submission:**
    - a. Course Name: "Intimate Partner Violence in LGBTQ Communities: Increasing Awareness Moving Toward Cultural Competency"
    - b. Agency: NNADV and LRS
      - 1. Submitted by: Dennis J Fitzpatrick
      - 2. Reviewed by: Judge Max Bunch

→ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Judge Bunch recommends approval of course for 2 victim hours and 2 perpetrator hours. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Peters. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**B. CEU Submission:**

- a. Course Name: “Advanced Domestic and Sexual Violence”
- b. Agency: National Institute of Crime Prevention
  1. Submitted by: Rod Reder
  2. Reviewed by: Judge Max Bunch

→ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Judge Bunch recommends approval of course for 10 victim hours and 9.25 perpetrator hours. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**C. CEU Submission:**

- a. Course Name: “ADD & DV/SA, Kahneman, Heuristics”  
Familiar Topics? If not, attend Fitzpatrick’s June 13, 2017 workshop”
- b. Agency: Legal Rehabilitation Services & New Beginnings Counseling Centers, Inc., Treatment Solutions of Nevada, Aaron Williams Therapy, LLC, Spectrum Accountable Care
  1. Submitted by: Dennis J Fitzpatrick
  2. Reviewed by: Judge Max Bunch

→ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Judge Bunch recommends approval of course for 2 victim hours and 2 perpetrator hours. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Peters. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**D. CEU Submission:**

- a. Course Name: “Hanging Out or Hooking Up”
- b. Agency: NNADV
  1. Submitted by: Elsa Espino
  2. Reviewed by: Kelsi Herrick

→ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Herrick recommends approval of course for 3 victim hours. Motion to approve application by Judge Bunch. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**E. CEU Submission:**

- a. Course Name: "Supporting Children Exposed to Relationship Violence"
- b. Agency: NNADV
  - 1. Submitted by: Elsa Espino
  - 2. Reviewed by: Kelsi Herrick

➔ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Herrick recommends approval of course for 1.5 victim hours. Motion to approve application by Judge Bunch. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**F. CEU Submission:**

- a. Course Name: "Domestic Violence Online Courses"
- b. Agency: Alternative Behavior Choices
  - 1. Submitted by: John Hamel
  - 2. Reviewed by: Annette Scott

➔ The application does not meet all the criteria necessary. Annette Scott (Scott) recommends application to be continued to next agenda by providing seven separate applications for each course individually. Motion to continue application by Judge Bunch. Seconded by Peters. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

**13. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of NEW PROVIDERS:**

- A. New Provider:** Lucy Reyna-Howell  
Agency: Aaron Williams Therapy, LLC

Submitted by: Dennis J Fitzpatrick  
Reviewed by: Tim Hamilton

➔ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Hamilton recommends approval of application for Lucy Reyna-Howell. Motion to approve application by Peters. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Judge Bunch abstains.

- B. New Provider:** Charlene Price  
Agency: Aaron Williams Therapy, LLC

Submitted by: Dennis J Fitzpatrick  
Reviewed by: Todd Peters

→ The application almost meets all the criteria necessary. Peters recommends conditional approval of application for Charlene Price given a copy of a degree and certificates are submitted before next meeting. Motion to approve application by Arnold. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Judge Bunch abstains.

**C. New Provider:** Lidia Silva  
Agency: LRS

Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick  
Reviewed by: Lisa Arnold

→ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Arnold recommends approval of application for Lidia Silva. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Peters. No discussion. All in favor. Judge Bunch abstains.

**D. New Provider:** Ali Jamshidi  
Agency: Aaron Williams Therapy, LLC

Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick  
Reviewed by: Lisa Arnold

→ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Arnold recommends approval of application for Ali Jamshidi. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Peters. No discussion. All in favor. Judge Bunch abstains.

Hamilton transfers chairmanship to Peters for item #13E

**E. New Provider:** Emily Berson  
Agency: Safe Nest

Submitted by: Tim Hamilton  
Reviewed by: Dr. Lorraine Benuto

→ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Hamilton recommends approval of application for Emily Berson. Motion to approve application by Arnold. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Hamilton and Judge Bunch abstains.

Peters transfer back chairmanship to Tim.

**F. New Provider:** Bryan Veal  
Agency: LRS

Submitted by: Dennis J Fitzpatrick  
Reviewed by: Moreen Scully

- ➔ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Scully recommends approval of application for Bryan Veal. Motion to approve application by Hazlett-Stevens. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch abstains.

G. **New Provider:** Mark v VanHudson  
Agency: American Comprehensive Counseling Services  
Submitted by: Walt Dimitroff  
Reviewed by: Moreen Scully

- ➔ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Scully recommends approval of application for Mark v VanHudson. Motion to approve application by Hazlett-Stevens. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch abstains.

Hazlett-Stevens leaves meeting at 11:38 am.

Hamilton proposes a five-minute break from 11:38 am.

Members reconvene at 11:43 am and move to item #12.

H. **New Provider:** Stephanie Ransom  
Agency: Smart Choices

Submitted by: Riley Kline  
Reviewed by: Annette Scott

- ➔ The application almost meets all the criteria necessary. Scott recommends conditional approval of application for Stephanie Ransom given a copy of a degree is submitted within 30 days. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Peters. No discussion. All in favor. Judge Bunch abstains.

**14. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of NEW SUPERVISORS:**

A. **New Supervisor:** Theron Morgan  
Agency: Smart Choices

Submitted by: Riley Kline  
Reviewed by: Kelsi Herrick

- ➔ The application does not meet all the criteria necessary. Herrick recommends continuing application to next agenda for Theron Morgan (Morgan) given a copy of a degree and licenses are submitted along with the completion of an interview before next meeting. Motion by Peters. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in



favor. Judge Bunch abstains.

**B. New Supervisor:** Theron Morgan  
Agency: Spectrum

Submitted by: Theron Morgan  
Reviewed by: Kelsi Herrick

→ The application does not meet all the criteria necessary. Herrick recommends continuing application to next agenda for Morgan given a copy of a degree and licenses are submitted along with the completion of an interview before next meeting. Motion by Peters. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in favor. Judge Bunch abstains.

**15. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of NEW AGENCIES:**

A. Aaron Williams Therapy LLC

1. Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick
2. Reviewed by: Tim Hamilton

→ The application meets all the criteria. Hamilton recommends approval of application for Aaron Williams Therapy, LLC. Motion to approve application by Peters. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch abstains.

**16. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for CERTIFICATE RENEWAL from the following agencies:**

A. Great Basin Counseling Services:

1. Submitted by: Leah Boe
2. Reviewed by: Tim Hamilton

→ The application almost meets all the criteria. Hamilton recommends conditional approval of application for Great Basin Counseling Services until proof of CEU certificates for provider and supervisor are submitted within 30 days. Motion to approve application by Arnold. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch abstains.

B. Options Diversionary Programs:

1. Submitted by: Paul Reeves
2. Reviewed by: Todd Peters

- ➔ The application meets all the criteria. Peters recommends approval of application for Options Diversionary Programs. Motion to approve application by Peters. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch abstains.

C. Smart Choices:

1. Submitted by: Riley Kline
2. Reviewed by: Christopher Hazlett-Stevens

- ➔ The application meets all the criteria except program inspection (no resources available for this). Hazlett-Stevens recommends approval of application for Smart Choices. Motion to approve application by Scully. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch abstains.

Hamilton transfers chairmanship to Judge Bunch for item #16D.

D. Safe Nest:

1. Submitted by: Tim Hamilton
2. Reviewed by: Christopher Hazlett-Stevens

- ➔ The application meets all the criteria except program inspection (no resources available for this). Hazlett-Stevens recommends approval of application for Safe Nest. Motion to approve application by Scully. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch and Hamilton abstain.

Judge Bunch transfers chairmanship back to Hamilton.

Scully states that she must leave the meeting. Move to item #13F and #16G.

E. Cornerstone Counseling Center:

1. Submitted by: Amy Martin
2. Reviewed by: Dr. Lorraine Benuto

- ➔ The application meets all the criteria. Dr. Benuto recommends approval of application for Cornerstone Counseling Center. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Arnold. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch abstains.

F. American Comprehensive Counseling Services:

1. Submitted by: Walter Dimitroff
2. Reviewed by: Dr. Lorraine Benuto

- ➔ The application almost meets all the criteria. Dr. Benuto recommends conditional approval of application for American Comprehensive Counseling Services pending finalization of continued education units (CEUs) and submittal of proof by next committee meeting. Motion to approve application by Peters. Seconded

by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes. Judge Bunch abstains.

Hamilton moves back to item #9.

**17. Comments from Committee Chair**

- a) Hamilton takes the time to thank the committee for their work during the meeting and his re-election.

**18. For Discussion:** regarding future agenda items and reminder of future 2017 meeting dates.

- a) Rivera has been documenting future agenda items that came up throughout the meeting. No additional comments made by committee.

**19. Public comment.**

- a) Fitzpatrick states the importance to recognize the increasing reoffend rate by agency and type of treatment. The approval board needs to reflect the changes of MFTs and consider other models.

**20. Adjournment. (For possible action.)**

- a) Hamilton moves to adjournment at 12:49 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Jason Mouannes**  
Office of the Attorney General

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