

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

RURAL ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 10:00a.m.

Via Teleconference

Public Access: Office of the Attorney General
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Reno, NV 89511

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Public comment is welcomed by the Committee, but at the discretion of the chair, may be limited to five minutes per person. A public comment time will be available before any action items are heard by the public body and then once again prior to adjournment of the meeting. The Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn. Prior to the commencement and conclusions of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider public comment.

**Asterisks (*) denote items on which the Committee may take action.
Action by the Committee on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or
table.**

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

Members Present
Kareen Prentice
Sue Meuschke
Cheryl Hunt

Members Absent

Attorney General's Office
Jennifer Kandt, Admin.
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2. Public comment.

Note: *No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)*

3. *Review, amend, and approve minutes of meetings (for possible action).

a) August 8, 2012

Motion: Sue moved to approve the minutes. 2nd: Cheryl

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

4. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding information obtained from rural courts and updates regarding treatment providers in rural areas (Jennifer Kandt).

Jennifer stated that she had obtained the Annual Report on the Judiciary from Robin Sweet and that the report listed charges and dispositions, but not convictions. Jennifer said that Robin had indicated that convictions were being tracked, but that there seemed to be problems with the data and that they were not releasing the information at this time. Jennifer also stated that she had discussed with Robin that information on convictions would be helpful to individuals in rural communities who may be interested in becoming certified to offer batterers' treatment.

5. *Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding ideas for increasing treatment options in rural areas. This item will include discussion of possible pilot project.

Jennifer stated that Henna indicated that a pilot project which involved essentially violating the regulations for certification would not be allowed and is outside the scope of the duties for the Committee. Jennifer stated that Henna had indicated that it is the job of the Committee to certify and monitor programs, not start them with individuals who do not meet the qualifications. She also said that Henna indicated that if an outside group wanted to do a pilot project and the Committee allowed that, they would be setting a precedent by doing so.

Sue asked about setting a precedent if the regulations were changed to allow for any exception on a case by case basis.

Jennifer said that Henna had advised against allowing exceptions on a case by case basis as then the Committee would be tasked with keeping track of which exceptions they had allowed and why, and that trying to maintain fairness and consistency would be very difficult.

Jennifer stated that she had been asked to research which communities had licensed marriage and family therapists, psychologists, and LCSW's. She said that the board of psychologists had provided a list, but that the other boards wanted to charge up to \$75 for the information. Jennifer said she was shocked by this as she thought it would be public information. She said she would work

on getting additional information, but also said that if the Committee is going to consider allowing only one provider, it may become something all treatment agencies push for as it would be a tremendous cost savings, and that there would probably be lots of questions on who qualifies to do this type of treatment.

There was discussion on the possibility of allowing all of the observation hours to be done via distance media since there would be a commitment in setting up the initial webcam. Sue asked Jennifer to draft a possible change to allow this exception to see what that would look like, and also requested that some research be done into whether there would be any providers willing to set up a webcam to allow the observation hours from their agency, and if any costs would be associated with doing so. Sue cautioned that if allowing more observation hours by distance media isn't even an option that is going to be available, then it isn't going to solve any problems.

6. Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates.

There was general consensus that item four be changed to be more specific in terms of looking at ways to identify caseloads and convictions in certain rural communities to gain a better idea of how many clients would be served. Additionally, there was discussion that the possible regulation change be added and that item five remain on the agenda. Meeting dates were set for December 6th at 3p.m. and January 10th at 3p.m.

7. Public comment.

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8. *Adjournment (for possible action).

Motion: Cheryl moved to approve. 2nd: Sue

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.