

**NEVADA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CDV) BATTERERS'  
TREATMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

*Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.*

Office of the Attorney General  
Conference Room  
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202  
Reno, NV 89511

1. Call to order and roll call of members.
  - a. The Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Batters' Treatment Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.
  - b. Present
    - Cafferata, Patty (Cafferata)
    - Hamilton, Tim (Hamilton)
    - Judge Lynch, Patricia (Judge Lynch)
    - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
  - c. Absent
    - Judge Bunch, Max (Judge Bunch)
  - b. Staff
    - Bradley, Sarah (Bradley)
    - O'Banion, Nicole (O'Banion)
  - d. **Quorum established**
2. Public Comment.
  - a. No public comment.
3. **For Possible Action:** Review, discussion, and possible approval of March 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes.  
**Attachment 1**
  - a. Judge Lynch asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to accept minutes by Hamilton. Seconded by Ramos. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. **For Possible Action:** Review and discussion of the new certification application for the Legacy Learning Center LV treatment program and possible recommendation to the CDV for its final recommendations to the

Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services on the program's certification.

Pursuant to NRS 228.470(2)(b), the CDV shall: "Review programs for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence and make recommendations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services for the certification of such programs."

### **Attachment 2**

- a. Members deliberated about the details of the application "Legacy Learning Center LV". It was noted that this agency serves the homeless while seeking to provide treatment programs.
- b. Cafferata inquired about Mr. Fitzpatrick's public comment which took place during the May 30<sup>th</sup> Committee on Domestic Violence meeting.
- c. Ramos asked for clarification about whether the application was to renew an agency's license or apply for a new program. O'Banion indicated the application is new.
- d. Cafferata recalled that Mr. Fitzpatrick stated the programs do not produce effective treatment. Ramos agreed that Mr. Fitzpatrick's intentions to apply for a new program are not consistent to his public comment made on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Committee on Domestic Violence meeting.
- e. Judge Lynch acknowledged that some batterers' treatment programs are effective while other programs do not function as well. She was concerned about due process and whether there would be arbitrary and capricious in assessment of the application. In addition, she noted Mr. Fitzpatrick may have went unnoticed that his comment can be used against him in the process of providing a recommendation of approval for his application. Judge Lynch requested input from Hamilton about batterers' treatment programs due to his experience in this line of work and suggested the subcommittee revisit the criteria that can be assessed. Furthermore, she noted Mr. Fitzpatrick's comment during May 30<sup>th</sup> may not be sufficient enough to decline recommendation of approval of the application.
- f. Hamilton stated Mr. Fitzpatrick's intentions may have focused only on the national spectrum of batterers' treatment programs.
- g. After an extensive discussion, Bradley stated that the role of the subcommittee is to only provide a recommendation for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), as the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) cannot actually certify a new program.
- h. Members expressed that signatures need to be completed on the application and Mr. Fitzpatrick should show proof of willingness to take courses on DV programs.

- i. Judge Lynch asked for a motion to recommend approval of application to DHHS. Motion to accept minutes with the condition after Mr. Fitzpatrick submits training completed through the coalition by Hamilton. Seconded by Lynch. Ramos, yes. Hamilton, yes. Lynch, yes. Cafferata, no due to estoppel from public comment by Mr. Fitzpatrick at the May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee on Domestic Violence meeting. Motion passed.
5. **Information Only:** Next Committee on Domestic Violence meeting dates:
  - Wednesday, August 22, 2018 | Location: Carson City – 9:00 am and via video conference to Las Vegas
  - Tuesday, December 4, 2018 | Rural Meeting: Lovelock – 11:00 am
6. Public Comment.
  - a. No public comment.
7. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment.
  - a. Judge Lynch moved to adjourn. Hamilton motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ramos. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Jason Mouannes**  
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