# Attachment Six (6)

Committee on Domestic Violence Agenda December 4, 2018

Contents: 2019 Legislative Report Draft

#### 2019 Committee on Domestic Violence Biennial Report

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Committee on Domestic Violence was established July 2017. The 2017 Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 25 which abolished the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (NCPDV) transferring the NCPDV duties to the newly formed Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) and outlined the CDV membership, duties and meeting requirements. It is located within the Office of the Attorney General and is chaired by the Attorney General.

The mission of the CDV is to encourage the elimination of domestic violence and sexual assault and to help break the cycle of violence in Nevada. The purpose of the CDV is to prevent and eliminate domestic violence through increased awareness of the existence and unacceptability of domestic violence in our state, to recommend legislation, and to govern the VINE (Victim Information Notifications Everyday) system.

The membership requires at least two individuals must be residents of a county whose population is less than 100,000 with the overall membership representing a variety of disciplines, including law enforcement, the judiciary, prosecution, victim services, batterer's treatment provider, mental health care provider, and domestic violence survivors. The CDV meets at last three times each calendar year, one of which must be held in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh or Eleventh Judicial Districts (which includes Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, and White Pine counties).

## 2017 MEETINGS

In 2017, the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) conducted multiple meetings including one meeting in Elko, Nevada:

January 5, 2017

- The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) is a subgrant from Nevada Division of Child and Family Services currently paying for enhancements to VINE in the amount of \$243,000. As far as maintenance, all jurisdictions are invoiced for their annual amount.

March 22, 2017

- Nevada will become first state to roll out the new version of VINE (mobile application enhancements) in May allowing access to a directory for service providers, offender watch list of users, and mobile features.
- DV Ombudsman created brochure providing contact information for a variety of victim services in Nevada.
- DV Ombudsman submitted 2017 NCPDV Biennial Report to Legislative Counsel Bureau.

- DV Ombudsman began revising domestic violence and human trafficking webpages on the Nevada Attorney General's Office website.

May 12, 2017

- Finalized implementation plans for Enhanced VINE release.

July 27, 2017

- The first official meeting of the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) took place at the Carson City office.
- Committee members were sworn in by Attorney General during meeting.
- Senate Bill (SB) 25 had passed allowing the establishment of the committee.
- Members were nominated for committee roles.
- The Division of Public and Behavioral Health adjusted application regulations for domestic violence agencies.

November 28, 2017

- Nicole O'Banion was introduced as the new Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking.
- The direction of committee was determined.
  - Batterers' treatment subcommittee and fatality review team were created during the meeting.
- Field guide for law enforcement and a family violence prevention program were considered for possible endorsement next meeting.
- The "State of Nevada Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practices Guidelines" was considered for a review and update.
- Gina Hines talked about the Confidential Address Program (CAP) and the transition from the Nevada Attorney General's Office to the Division of Child and Family Services.

#### 2018 MEETINGS

In 2018, the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) conducted multiple meetings including one meeting in Lovelock, Nevada:

March 19, 2018

- Fatality Review Team Subcommittee reviewed the updated confidentiality agreement, fatality review team protocol, and data collection tool.

March 26, 2018

Batterers' Treatment Subcommittee met to review an application for a new agency to provide a recommendation to Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

May 30, 2018

- VINE press (re)release letter sent out statewide to law enforcement, prosecutors, system advocates and community service providers informing them about enhanced version of VINE which now includes statewide service providers and is available as a mobile app.
- VINE article was written by the Ombudsman for the Statewide Nurses Publication.
- Reported on the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Training in Elko offered February 2018 and attended by more than 60 participants from law enforcement, social services, prosecutors and victim advocates.
- Inaugural Human Trafficking Benefit Dinner took place in Las Vegas.
- NVeLearn Training for Domestic Violence Awareness being developed for state employee training website.
- Possible interest in tracking recidivism rate.
- Ombudsman wants to make VINE as available as 911 to everyone through awareness/outreach campaign
- Approval of Committee on Domestic Violence brochure describing the committee.
- Update from the Fatality Review Team Subcommittee meeting.
- Approval of State of Nevada Best Practices Guidelines.
- Approval of field guide "Investigating Domestic Violence Crimes in Nevada" as a statewide law enforcement guide.

#### June 26, 2018

- Batterers' Treatment Subcommittee met to review a new application for the Journey to Recovery program to provide a certification recommendation to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

#### July 16, 2018

- Batterers' Treatment Subcommittee met to review a new application for the Legacy Learning Center LV program to provide a certification recommendation to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

#### August 22, 2018

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Trafficking Fundraising Dinner taking place in Reno August 24, 2018.
- Began a VINE/Victim Advocate website project.
- Worked on securing grants for law enforcement in rural counties to obtain system advocates.
- Ombudsman sent out letter to statewide to law enforcement, prosecutors, system advocates and community service providers with information on how to apply to the Human Trafficking Contingency Fund.
- Discussed our strategies to combat human trafficking to a Russian Delegation.
- Nevada Attorney General's Office launched sexual assault website for survivors.
- Nevada Attorney General's Office created human trafficking victim resource guide and made it available on the Attorney General's website.

October 1 & 2, 2018

- Fatality Review Team met to review a domestic violence fatality case to develop recommendations and publish a report.

December 4, 2018

- Rural CDV met in Lovelock, Nevada.

### **2017 Report Judicial Questions:**

**Question 1 on Survey:** What resources are lacking in the adjudication of domestic violence cases that you handle?

**Question 2 on Survey:** What resources are most helpful in the adjudication of domestic violence cases that you handle?

**Question 3 on Survey:** As you are aware, the Nevada Supreme Court entered an order on August 17, 2006 requiring Nevada judges to undertake continuing judicial education on the causes, effect, and dynamics of domestic violence. In addition to-or in conjunction with-the training your receive pursuant to that order, what areas related to adjudicating domestic violence cases would you like to see additional information and training offered? For example, court interpreters, victim advocates, batterer's counseling services, confidential address programs, etc.

#### What questions for the 2019 report:

**Question 1 on Survey: ?** 

**Questions 2 on Survey: ?** 

**Question 3 on Survey: ?** 

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