

Biennial Report from the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

**A report to the Nevada Legislature,
in compliance with Nevada Revised Statute 228.490**



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NCPDV MEMBERSHIP

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| Honorable Patricia A. Lynch | Reno Justice Court |
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Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General to the Council

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman

Lisa South, Assistant to NCPDV

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Overview

The Domestic Violence Prevention Council was established in 1995. The 2005 Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 219 to formalize the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (NCPDV) (See Appendix C) and outlined its membership and duties. It is located within the Office of the Attorney General and is chaired by the Attorney General.

The mission of the NCPDV 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 NCPDV is to prevent and eliminate domestic violence through increased awareness of its existence and its unacceptability, to recommend legislation, and to provide financial support to agencies who deal with domestic violence issues.

The membership is limited to no more than 30 people from various geographic regions in the state representing a variety of disciplines, including law enforcement, the judiciary, prosecution, victim services, health care, social services, education, public defenders, and domestic violence survivors. They meet at least three times a year, one of which must be in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Judicial Districts (which includes Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, and White Pine Counties).

The NCPDV should not be confused with the Committee on Domestic Violence¹, which certifies domestic violence batterer treatment programs.

The NCPDV was requested to (a) study and review all appropriate issues related to the administration of the criminal justice system in rural Nevada with respect to offenses involving domestic violence, including the availability of counseling services; and (b) prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations from the study to the Legislature. In preparing the report, the NCPDV shall ask for comments and recommendations from district judges, municipal judges, and justices of the peace in rural Nevada.

¹ The objective of the Committee on Domestic Violence, which is the state's regulatory commission appointed by the Attorney General, is to effectively evaluate, certify, and monitor programs for the treatment of persons who commit domestic violence in Nevada. The Committee relies on funding from the Domestic Violence Court Assessment Account. The Committee is also responsible for reviewing and evaluating peace officer training relating to domestic violence.

Bylaws

The NCPDV operates within Bylaws created by its members. They are attached to this report. See Appendix B.

Rural Meetings – 2011 and 2012

The NCPDV per Nevada Revised Statutes meets yearly in a rural jurisdiction to discuss domestic violence issues relevant to that community. The NCPDV conducted their 2011 rural meeting in Ely, Nevada and the 2012 rural meeting in Battle Mountain, Nevada. See Appendix D for the minutes of these meetings.

Judge Comments and Recommendations

Per NRS 228.490(2)(b) the NCPDV shall ask for comments and recommendations from district judges, municipal judges, and justices of the peace in rural Nevada and include them in its report as a separate section.

The NCPDV chose not to survey Nevada judges for this review as in previous biennial reports. The 2008 biennial questionnaires were disseminated and collected by mail. The questions and responses for the survey were contained within that report and are strictly verbatim. The 2009 report was the second report written to fulfill this requirement.

The NCPDV invited all rural court judges to attend the NCPDV rural meetings held in 2011 and 2012 in White Pine County and Lander counties. Judges from these jurisdictions and surrounding jurisdictions attended the meetings.

The Attorney General and staff presented at the following judicial trainings in 2011 and 2012:

- Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto and staff attended the Limited Jurisdiction Judges Seminar on January 26, 2011. General Masto conducted a presentation entitled *AG on DV* with a question and answer period at the end of the presentation.
- General Masto presented with a panel on domestic violence issues in Nevada at the Family Law Conference in March 2011.

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- Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman and Jennifer Kandt, Committee on Domestic Violence Administrative Coordinator, and Tim Hamilton, Committee on Domestic Violence Chair presented at the Nevada Limited Jurisdiction Judges Winter Seminar on January 25, 2012 in Pahrump, Nevada. The presentation was entitled *DV Counseling: Resources and Opportunities*.
- The Attorney General's Office funded an Internet web-based training on *Issues of Strangulation and Domestic Violence* by Casey Gwinn, from the Family Justice Center for the Administration of the Courts and Judiciary statewide in February 2012.
- Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman and Judy Henderson, Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence presented *In Her Shoes* at the Nevada Judicial Leadership Summit, 2012 in Las Vegas on May 2, 2012.
- The Attorney General's Office funded Nancy Lemon, University of California, Berkeley Lecturer to present *Domestic Violence: What Every Judge Should Know* at the New Judge Orientation, December 6, 2012 in Carson City, Nevada.

The NCPDV and Attorney General Masto and staff continue to work with the Administrative Office of the Courts in an effort that domestic violence related issues continue to be a regular training on the agendas of the judges' associations.

A recommendation made by the NCPDV is to endorse the concept of the Attorney General's Sex Trafficking Bill AB 67 (BDR 3-403) submitted to the 2013 Legislature.

APPENDIX A

NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE GOALS

ByLaws and Structure

2011 Goals: This Committee did not meet in 2011.

2012 Goals: This Committee did not meet in 2012.

Criminal Justice

2011 Goals:

- Multidisciplinary trainings: conducted Documenting, Investigating and Prosecution Domestic Violence Strangulation Seminar – October 11, Las Vegas.
- Review statistics and track trends (UCR Report).
- Develop and promote multidisciplinary training video and curriculum - Perspectives on Domestic Violence Training Video released and distributed to courts, law enforcement and prosecutors.

2012 Goals:

- Multidisciplinary trainings: conducted Effectively Investigating and Prosecution Domestic Violence Seminar – October 4, Las Vegas.
- Review statistics and track trends (UCR Report/Nevada Judiciary annual report).
- Develop Victim Advocate Model Protocols – Subcommittee formed and model protocols currently in development.

Education

2011 Goals:

- Cut It Out - Cosmetologist Education Awareness Project - collaboration with NNADV.
- Recommend Statewide Fatality Review Model to AG and NCPDV members.

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- Survey of Hospital using Delphi Instrument.
- Construct work plan for future Education Committee projects.
- Boy Scout Patch “Peace Begins at Home” project.

2012 Goals:

- Outreach to hospitals regarding policies and procedures when dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault victims.
- Training for REMSA.
- Youth education through the Boy Scout and Girl Scout patch projects.
- Reach out to casino and other business HR departments to review training needs.

Judicial Training

2011 Goals:

- Recommend domestic violence training to AOC.

2012 Goals:

- Continue to study and review issues to judicial training and make recommendations as appropriate.

Legislative

2011 Goals: This Committee did not meet in 2011.

2012 Goals:

- Track, identify and participate in relevant legislation and make appropriate recommendations to NCPDV.

Nominating

2011 Goals:

- Recruit more members from Southern Nevada to include law enforcement, judges, clergy, and possibly someone from POST.
- Complete Nominating Process for new members.
- Plan rural meeting/tour.
- Update Nominating Application, policies and process as needed.

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2012 Goals:

- Recruit more members from Southern Nevada to include law enforcement, judges, clergy, rural communities, Native American communities, and possibly someone from POST.
- Complete Nominating Process for new members.
- Plan rural meeting/tour.
- Update Nominating Application, policies and process as needed.

Public Information

2011 Goals:

- Print and Distribute NCPDV brochures
- Reconstruct NCPDV portion of AG website and links
- Media awareness of domestic violence issues

2012 Goals:

- Promote the prevention of Domestic Violence
- Increase Media awareness
- Update the brochure and website as needed
- Increase recognition of the Council.

Underserved Populations

2011 Goals:

- Domestic Violence Survey – protection orders, and gaps in service
- Hearing Master Survey regarding potential training
- Continue to arrange Council meeting speakers

2012 Goals

- Continue efforts to outreach to LGBTQ, Asian, Native American, African American, Latino, rural communities, seniors, and people with disabilities.
- Continue efforts to arrange for a speaker at the Council meetings who can address issues faced by underserved populations.

APPENDIX B

NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

The Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is a state board established pursuant to NRS 228.480 and NRS 228.490, inclusive, and governed by the Nevada Revised Statutes, including, without limitation, the Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241).

ARTICLE I

NAME

- A. **“Council” defined.** The name of this organization shall be the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.
- B. **Use of Name.** Use of the name Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence shall be subject to approval by the Council or its chair.

ARTICLE II

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

This Council shall cover the State of Nevada.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE AND DUTIES

- A. The purpose of the Council is to work toward preventing and eliminating domestic violence in Nevada through:
 - 1. Awareness through education;
 - 2. Training;
 - 3. Legislation; and
 - 4. Funding.

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- B. The duties of the Council are as follows;
1. To make recommendations for any necessary legislation relating to domestic violence to the Office of the Attorney General;
 2. To provide financial support to programs for the prevention of domestic violence in the State;
 3. To study and review all appropriate issues related to the administration of the criminal justice system in rural Nevada with respect to offenses involving domestic violence, including, without limitation, the availability of counseling services; and
 4. With the assistance of the Court Administrator, based upon the study and review conducted pursuant to paragraph (3), to prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau on or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature. In preparing the report, the Council shall solicit comments and recommendations from district judges, municipal judges and justices of the peace in rural Nevada and include in its report, as a separate section, all comments and recommendations that are received by the Council.

ARTICLE IV

FINANCES

- A. **Funding.** This Council is funded through the Account for Programs Related to Domestic Violence pursuant to NRS 228.460, private donations, legislative appropriations and state and federal grants as available.
- B. **Gifts or donations.** The chair or any Council member may solicit gifts, donations or in-kind services to be used by the Council for the purposes stated in these bylaws in accordance with state law. The Council reserves the right to refuse any gift, donation or in-kind services.
- C. **Fund-raising events.** Council sponsorship of its own or other fund-raising events must be approved in advance by the Council or the Council chair.

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- D. **Expenditures.** Expenditures of the Council shall be governed in accordance with NRS 228.460.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members shall serve a three (3) year term and may be reappointed.
- B. Members shall serve without compensation but while engaged in the business of the Council, are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
- C. Members who have two absences per year may be subject to removal by the chair.
- D. Members may be recommended for removal by a two-thirds vote of the quorum present, subject to the chair's approval.
- E. All vacancies shall be recommended to the Council for replacement by a geographically balanced nominating committee, and subject to a two-thirds vote of the quorum present. The chair has the right to accept or reject the Council's recommendation in appointing new members.
- F. There shall be no more than 30 voting members of the Council. It is the Council's goal that the Council be comprised of a group of individuals who are geographically balanced, culturally diverse, and representative of the various disciplines involved in domestic violence issues.
- G. The chair may appoint other members as deemed necessary.
- H. The Domestic Violence Ombudsman shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Council.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

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- A. The officers of this Council will be comprised of a chair, a vice-chair, a secretary, and a treasurer.
- B. The chair will be the Attorney General or his/her designee.
- C. The vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer will be elected by the Council annually, at the first meeting of the calendar year.
- D. The Council may remove the vice chair, the secretary, the treasurer, or any chair elected by the Council by a two-thirds vote of the quorum present.
- E. The duties of the chair will be as follows:
 - 1. To serve as presiding officer during Council meetings;
 - 2. To plan the agenda and schedule meetings;
 - 3. To serve as spokesperson for the Council;
 - 4. To respond to correspondence on behalf of the Council; and
 - 5. To perform the duties as prescribed in these bylaws; and
 - 6. To perform other appropriate duties as they may arise.
- F. Should the chair be absent or unable to fulfill duties as outlined in section E, the vice-chair shall act in their place.
- G. In the event that both the chair and the vice-chair are absent, the Attorney General's designee will act as presiding officer.
- H. The secretary shall ensure that the minutes are accurate prior to being presented to the Council.
- I. The treasurer shall deliver a budget report at each Council meeting.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

- A. The Council shall meet at least three (3) times each calendar year and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair.
- B. At least one meeting in each calendar year shall be held at a location within the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Judicial Districts.
- C. A simple majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

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- D. Council meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241).
- E. Minutes will be taken at each meeting and draft minutes will be furnished to Council members prior to the next meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

VOTING

- A. Action on any matter requires a simple majority vote of the quorum present in accordance with NRS 241.015(1)(a).
- B. No proxy voting will be allowed.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

- A. Every member of the Council, with the exception of the chair, shall serve on at least one committee.
- B. Committees may be formed at the discretion of the chair upon advice of the Council or pursuant to Council action. Each committee will exist until its work is completed. Committees may consist of Council and non-Council members.
- C. Each committee shall designate a chair or co-chairs.
- D. The committee chair or chair's designee shall be prepared to report on the committee's progress and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting following the committee meeting.
- E. Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241).
- F. Minutes will be taken at each committee meeting.
- G. A simple majority of the committee's membership shall constitute a quorum.

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- H. Each committee chair shall hold regular meetings. If the committee has not met prior to two consecutive council meetings, the committee may vote to replace the existing chair.
- I. Committee members may be removed by a simple majority vote of the quorum present at the meeting or by the Chair of the Council.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council, provided that a notice of the amendment has been sent to all members one month prior. Amendments shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the quorum present in accordance with NRS 241.015(1)(a).

Accepted and approved by the Council on this 29th day of January 2009.

Signed: _____
CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO
Attorney General, Chair to the
Nevada Council for the
Prevention of Domestic Violence

APPENDIX C

Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

NRS 228.480 Creation; appointment of members; compensation of members.

1. The Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is hereby created within the Office of the Attorney General.

2. The Council must consist of not more than 30 members appointed by the Attorney General from the various geographical regions of the State.

3. The term of office of a member of the Council is 3 years.

4. A vacancy on the Council must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5. Each member of the Council:

(a) Serves without compensation; and

(b) While engaged in the business of the Council, is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

(Added to NRS by [2005, 940](#))

NRS 228.485 Chairman; meetings; adoption of rules.

1. The Attorney General or his designee is the Chairman of the Council.

2. The Council shall annually elect a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer from among its members.

3. The Council shall meet at least three times in each calendar year and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chairman. At least one meeting in each calendar year must be held at a location within the Fourth Judicial District, Fifth Judicial District, Sixth Judicial District or Seventh Judicial District.

4. The Council shall adopt rules for its own management and government.

(Added to NRS by [2005, 940](#))

NRS 228.490 Duties.

1. For the purpose of preventing and eliminating domestic violence in this State, the Council shall:

(a) Increase awareness of the existence and unacceptability of domestic violence in this State;

(b) Make recommendations for any necessary legislation relating to domestic violence to the Office of the Attorney General; and

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(c) Provide financial support to programs for the prevention of domestic violence in this State.

2. The Council shall:

(a) Study and review all appropriate issues related to the administration of the criminal justice system in rural Nevada with respect to offenses involving domestic violence, including, without limitation, the availability of counseling services; and

(b) With the assistance of the Court Administrator, based upon the study and review conducted pursuant to paragraph (a), prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, on or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature. In preparing the report, the Council shall solicit comments and recommendations from district judges, municipal judges and justices of the peace in rural Nevada and include in its report, as a separate section, all comments and recommendations that are received by the Council.

3. The Council may apply for and accept gifts, grants, donations and contributions from any source for the purpose of carrying out its duties pursuant to this section. Any money that the Council receives pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in and accounted for separately in the Account for Programs Related to Domestic Violence created pursuant to [NRS 228.460](#) for use by the Council in carrying out its duties.

(Added to NRS by [2005, 940](#))

APPENDIX D

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE
PREVENTION
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

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

With
Public Access Via Videoconference Located At:

Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington Street
Room #4500
Las Vegas, Nevada 89701

Committee Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto, Dr. Lubna Ahmad, Staci Alonso,
Deborah Armstrong, Barbara Aupperle, Dr. Kathleen Bergquist,
Valerie Cooney, Amy Crowe, Matthew Deal, Traci Dory, Toni Downen,
Anya Arechiga Gonzalez, Eileen Herrington, Mark Jackson, Robert Lundquist,
Patricia Lynch, Wendy Ronovech, Dallas Smales, Mike Sprinkle,
Elynne Wernikove-Greene, Bob Zentz

Committee Members Absent

Christine Jones Brady, Dr. Michael Freda, Christina Hernandez, Brett Kandt,
Sue Meuschke, Suzanne Ramos, Caryn Sternlicht, Andrea Sundberg, Ron Titus

Public Present

Sue Edmondson, Washoe County Court Master
Jennifer Kandt, Committee on Domestic Violence
Tina Prieto, Executive Director of Women's Development Center

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Clair Fry, Grants and Project Analyst
Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

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

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Catherine Cortez Masto, at 9:07 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Review, amend, and approve minutes from the November 16, 2010 Council meeting.

Barbara Aupperle made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Elyne Greene seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Staci Alonso, Deborah Armstrong, Matthew Deal, Patricia Lynch, Mark Jackson, Dallas Smales, and Bob Zentz abstained from voting.

3. *Discussion and possible action by Sue Edmondson, Washoe County Family Court Master, regarding Extended Protection Order Service.

Ms. Edmondson stated that Washoe County has instituted a policy regarding service of extended protection orders based on Attorney General Opinion 2001-31 by Nancy Hart. According to the policy, when an extended order for protection is issued, and the adverse party is not present, it is served by mailing it to the last known address. She stated that she has spoken to law enforcement and there doesn't seem to be any resistance from them, however some prosecutors have questioned the policy. She is addressing the issue by working with John Helzer from the Washoe County District Attorneys Office, Chet Adams from the Sparks City Attorneys Office, and Dan Wong from the Reno City Attorneys Office.

The Council briefly discussed the issue and the problems that have been encountered due to jurisdictions having differing polices. Mark Jackson, Douglas County District Attorney, stated that his office is aware of the opinion and this manner of service is something they would like to do. However, some of the judges require personal service and so their hands are tied. Ms. Cooney anticipated a similar problem may be encountered on

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a statewide basis, particularly in the rural areas, and noted that education is needed.

General Masto asked that the opinion be sent out to the entire Council and that at the next meeting they discuss how to implement it statewide; how to get the judges to follow it; and if it needs to be addressed legislatively.

4. Presentation and discussion by Tina Prieto, Executive Director of Women's Development Center, regarding the agency and its domestic violence programs.

Ms. Prieto stated that the Women's Development Center has been in existence for 20 years. The agency assists with transitional housing, domestic violence case plans, safety plans, and other resources. Those in transitional housing pay 30% of their gross income for a two-bedroom furnished apartment which usually amounts to \$50-\$80 a month. Other services include counseling, life skills training, and job development. The Women's Development Center helps men as well as women, senior citizens, and any kind of family no matter how they are defined, so long as their income falls below a certain level. They are staffed by 17-20 employees and have more than 100 volunteers. In response to questions, Ms. Prieto noted that there is typically a waiting list for transitional housing and that they are able to accommodate people from Northern Nevada and rural areas as well as Southern Nevadans.

5. *Presentation by Matthew Deal, Deputy Attorney General, regarding Tri-County Domestic Violence Prosecution project (White Pine County, Lincoln County, and Eureka County).

General Masto explained that Mr. Deal originally started working for the Attorney General's Office as the Tri-County Domestic Violence Prosecution Project Prosecutor. Due to lack of resources in the rural areas there was a lack of prosecutors to prosecute domestic violence and sexual assault cases. In partnership with the District Attorneys in White Pine County, Lincoln County and Eureka County, the Attorney General's Office applied for a grant to provide a prosecutor in those counties. General Masto stated that Mr. Deal had done a great job in his role as the Tri-County Domestic Violence Prosecutor and that the project was so successful that she is hoping to set up a similar program in other rural communities.

Mr. Deal stated he now works in the Carson City Office of the Attorney General in the Government and Natural Resources Division. From November, 2009 through January, 2011, he had worked as the Tri-County Domestic Violence

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Prosecutor. His roll was to alleviate the case loads of the respective District Attorneys by handling all of the domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Mostly, these were domestic violence cases, however there were child endangerment cases stemming from a child being present during a domestic violence incident. He also prosecuted three sexual assault cases, and a case of elder abuse. He estimated that the special prosecutor handles 60-75 cases per year, which affords the prosecutor to spend the time and attention these types of cases require.

Mr. Deal reported that he worked closely with Maxine Lantz to work with witnesses soon after an incident, and found that early contact with victims was a primary predictor of successful prosecutions. This contact reassured victims and helped them understand the fundamentals of the criminal process.

Another measure he began to implement was to hold training sessions for law enforcement. In December of 2010, Ellen Toliver, an expert in the field of domestic violence by strangulation, gave two lectures to law enforcement on the signs and symptoms of strangulation. He noted that there was an increase in strangulation charges after Ms. Toliver's presentation.

In summary, Mr. Deal stated that collaboration with victim advocates and law enforcement combined with proactive efforts to make early contact with victims has made the Tri-County Domestic Violence Prosecution Project a success and he hoped that the State would continue the project.

Lt. Lundquist asked how the cases were handled prior to implementation of the project and if they were adjudicated differently after the project was in place. Mr. Deal replied that to his knowledge, the cases were handled by the District Attorney in each county. He believes that the cases were adjudicated the same but that having a special prosecutor drew special attention to the issue.

General Masto added that this project is a direct example of the work that has been done by the Council. Because the Council is active in rural communities, members became aware of the concerns of District Attorneys and law enforcement in wanting to address the issue of domestic violence but not having the resources to do so.

Ms. Cooney commented that she had observed an improvement in the responses from the judges in these communities since the program was implemented.

Judge Lynch asked about the number of victim advocates in the Tri-County area. Mr. Deal stated that Maxine Lantz has a staff of two individuals that

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work with her and that together they cover White Pine, Lincoln, and Eureka Counties.

General Masto congratulated Mr. Deal on doing a great job and noted that they will be conducting interviews to fill the position that has been left vacant. The challenge has been finding someone committed to living in those rural communities. The program has been successful and she expects that it will continue and will be implemented in additional counties.

Judge Lynch asked about the availability of treatment programs in the rural counties. Mr. Deal said that batterers treatment is imposed at sentencing hearings but because no programs are available, the defendant is told that if the treatment becomes available, they will be required to complete it. However, since programs are not available, the batterer's do not get treatment which is a major issue.

6. *Review, discussion and possible action regarding Attorney General's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Multidisciplinary Bill Draft Request SB 66 (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/SB/SB66.pdf>).

Ms. Prentice reported that SB66 is not agendized yet. It is currently in the Senate Judiciary. The bill will allow the Attorney General's Office to create a statewide multidisciplinary team to address the issue. In drafting the bill, the Legislative Council Bureau improved upon it by adding child death review, elder abuse, and access to death certificates.

General Masto stated that the bill is not yet scheduled for a hearing but when it is, she welcomed Council members to attend and express their point of view. The purpose of the bill is not to point fingers but to look at the life of the individual to determine what occurred and how it can be prevented from happening to someone in the future. Washoe County has a domestic violence fatality review team and Clark County is in the process of developing one. The goal of the Statewide team is to assist the existing teams and work with the rural communities which may lack the resources to do a fatality review. Nevada has the highest rate of domestic violence deaths in the nation and the fatality review is a way of addressing why the problem exists and how it can be eliminated.

7. *Report, discussion, and possible action on reports/updates from the following Committees of the Council:

a. Bylaws & Structure Committee

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i. 2011 Goals Update

General Masto reported that the Bylaws and Structure Committee will need to elect a new chair since Russell Smith is no longer on the Council. The last time the bylaws and structure of the NCPDV had been reviewed was in 2009. If there is an issue that needs attention, the Committee will convene to address it.

b. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt).

i. 2011 Goals Update

General Masto stated that Mr. Kandt was part of her lobbying team and was busy at the legislature so there was no report on the Criminal Justice Committee.

c. Education Committee (Valerie Cooney/Sue Meuschke).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Ms. Cooney stated that Ms. Meuschke had given a good report on the Cut-It-Out program at the last meeting. The Education Committee is still working on the hospital survey which has been stalled for a while. The Committee is currently concentrating on targeting specific individuals at the hospitals in the hopes of getting a better response to the survey.

ii. Update on Boy Scout “Peace Begins at Home” project

Ms. Cooney stated that there was a handout of the final patch design for the Council’s review. The Committee was in the process of finding a manufacturer for the patches. She reported that the Boy Scouts’ Northstar District, which encompasses the Reno-Sparks area would be holding a merit badge fair in March.

Wendy Ronovech stated that she has scheduled a meeting at the end of the month with the CEO of the Boys Scouts in Southern Nevada and that they working on a Boy Scout launching the patch there.

For the benefit of the new Council members, General Masto summarized the outreach efforts the Education Committee had made to youth in the community by first developing a Peace Begins at Home program with the Girl Scouts and then with the Boy Scouts. She encouraged Council members to let the Council know if they had any ideas for educational outreach.

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Ms. Bergquist observed that there are not a lot of Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts in the Asian community in Las Vegas but that Asian families are very involved in the faith community and that family safety issues would resonate with them. General Masto said she thought that was a great idea and suggested that reaching out to associations of pastors or other such groups to address the issue. She stated that this is another good area to focus on.

Kareen Prentice reported that with the assistance of the NNADV, they had applied to the Reno Rotary Club for funding of the Boy Scout patch in the North. She had also discussed the possibility of funding the Boy Scout patch in South with the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force.

Wendy Ronovech added that the Education Committee is also brainstorming ideas to reach out to the human resources departments of casinos in order to get domestic violence awareness training to casino employees. The Committee had discussed providing information at new hire orientations, and posting materials in the back of the house, where the employees get ready for their shifts. She said that the Committee was open to ideas if anyone had suggestions.

Ms. Greene said that there was an upcoming security conference where they might make some contacts. Ms. Alonso stated that she had contacts with the Station Casinos and would be happy to help. She will bring her ideas to the next Education Committee meeting.

d. Legislative Committee (Mike Sprinkle).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Mr. Sprinkle reported that the Biennial Legislative report had been finalized and submitted to the Legislature. He thanked Kareen Prentice for putting the report together.

The last Legislative Committee was cancelled because due to a lack of quorum. He asked that if anyone had something they wanted to bring to the Legislative Committee, to please give them plenty of notice so that it could be agendized properly. Currently the only specific bill on the agenda is SB66.

If anyone is planning to testify at the Legislature on behalf of the NCPDV, Mike Sprinkle asked that they contact him, Kareen Prentice, and Keith Munro, Assistant Attorney General, to review the proposed testimony.

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General Masto asked if anyone knew of any legislation or potential legislation that the Council needs to be aware of. Mike Sprinkle stated that he is watching nine other bills that the Legislative Committee may want to address.

Judge Lynch asked if the Committee delegated someone to make decisions regarding bills if something comes up in between meetings, especially at towards the end of the session when things move fast. Mike Sprinkle stated that it had been discussed at a recent Legislative Committee meeting and that as Chair, he would be in contact with Keith Munro and they would decide what to do in that situation.

Judge Lynch asked if that was something that needed to be done every session or if, perhaps, the issue should be addressed by a change to the bylaws. Ms. Rasul stated it would be a good idea to put it on an agenda to make it formal.

e. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Mike Sprinkle reported that the Nominating Committee had discussed the rural road trip and was recommending that the Council travel to Pioche for an informal meeting and then to Ely where the formal Council meeting would be held.

Council member attendance for 2010 was reviewed. The Attorney General has been notified of the names of those members who have attended less than 50% of the meetings.

The Committee will begin the new member recruitment process in May. Mr. Sprinkle asked Council members to encourage anyone who may be interested in serving on the Council to apply, especially if they are from a community not already represented on the Council.

f. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Ms. Dory reported that the Public Information Committee has had several recent meetings. One of their 2011 goals is to increase media awareness of domestic violence issues. Anya Arechiga and Suzanne Ramos have been working on a series of interviews to air on Univision. The Committee plans to approach the news channels 2, 4, and 8 in the Reno area as well as the English and Spanish language channels in Las Vegas.

The Other Public Information Committee goals are to update the website and brochures as needed, and to partner with other agencies for events throughout the year.

g. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2011 Goals Update

General Masto stated that it was her understanding that the Underserved Populations Committee had not yet met in 2011. There was no report on the Underserved Populations Committee as Ms. Ramos was unable to attend the meeting.

h. Judicial Training Committee (Michael Freda).

i. 2011 Goals Update.

ii. Discussion and possible action of future projects or possible disbandment of Committee.

The Committee Chair, Dr. Freda, was unable to attend the meeting. Committee member Valerie Cooney asked General Masto for guidance regarding the future of the Committee. The Committee was originally formed to identify areas of training that general and limited jurisdiction judges might benefit from. A list of those training topics had been developed and utilized by General Masto in her presentations to the judges. Ms. Cooney questioned whether the Committee should move forward with other projects, become a standing committee that would meet when there was a need, or whether the Committee should be dissolved.

General Masto stated that it is difficult to get some judges to understand domestic violence. She has been making an effort to reach out to judges and to open a dialogue about the issue. At the most recent limited jurisdiction judges association meeting, some judges complained that they had no discretion under the law and some judges were simply recalcitrant in even discussing the topic. Others approached General Masto and were willing to work to better address domestic violence matters. She thought improving the way judges view domestic violence would be a process best achieved one step at a time and one judge at a time. If judges who understand the issue could be identified, then other judges may follow.

General Masto suggested that a place to start might be with the opinion that

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Nancy Hart wrote regarding service of extended of protection orders. She thought that engaging in a dialogue regarding the opinion might bring some judges around.

Council members briefly discussed the difficulties and challenges in reaching certain judges and what could be done to improve things. General Masto stated that they each run their courtrooms individually and will need to be approached individually. Ms. Cooney suggested developing a list of the judges who are willing to help and the judges which need help. She added that if she had the resources, she would like to take certain decisions up to a higher court and call the judges to task in individual cases.

Mark Jackson stated that as a Council, the members can't just accept that some judges are unwilling to change. He spoke briefly about the Special Victims Response Unit he has developed in Douglas County. This program focuses on victim safety and offender accountability. Batterers who are bailed out or released are subject to GPS monitoring. Mr. Jackson reported that getting certain judges to accept that was difficult.

General Masto asked the Judicial Training Committee to help identify which judges the Council can reach out to and support them in their efforts address domestic violence in their courtrooms. She suggested recognizing their concerns and asking them what they need and what the Council can do to help them. When those judges are successful, and the statistics improve, then hopefully other judges will see that and follow suit. She encouraged the Judicial Training Committee to brainstorm other thoughts on how to engage the judges and suggested the Nancy Hart opinion as one avenue.

8. Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman (Kareen Prentice).

Kareen Prentice welcomed the new members and asked them to introduce themselves. The new members are:

- Mark Jackson, Douglas County District Attorney.
- Staci Alonso, Board Member of Shade Tree, and Founder of Noah's Animal Shelter.
- Matthew Deal, Deputy Attorney General and former Tri-County Domestic Violence Prosecutor.
- Deborah Armstrong, Executive Director and Founder of Safe Embrace
- Dallas Smales, Victim Advocate for Elko Band and domestic violence

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survivor.

- Lubna Ahmad, physician and director of an Arab Muslim domestic violence assistance group.
- Kathleen Bergquist, faculty member, UNLV School of Social Work, attorney and board member of Bamboo Bridges.
- Rob Lundquist, Lieutenant at Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Ms. Prentice reported that the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Summit in October went well. There will be a fatality review technical assistance training with Matthew Dale and Neil Websdale on March 28, 2011 in Reno. There will be another training on April 13th in Las Vegas.

A tribal colloquium will be held at the Reno Sparks Indian Colony March 28-29, 2011. Domestic Violence Fatality Review on tribal lands will be addressed on the second day of the conference as well as sexual assault best practice guidelines and grant opportunities.

Ms. Prentice also updated the Council on VINE. Esmeralda County is live. Douglas County is live, but not fully functioning yet. Both Douglas County and Lyon County are in the testing and training stage.

9. Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (Elyne Greene).

Ms. Greene provided a handout highlighting the activities of the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force. Domestic violence fatality review technical assistance training is scheduled for April 14, 2011. They are currently accepting nominations for their annual STAR award to recognize individuals who do an outstanding job addressing domestic violence in their communities. The SNDVTF is also working on updating their website with the goal of making it a statewide resource for training and information.

10. Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force (Dr. Freda).

Dr. Freda was unable to attend the meeting and no report was provided.

11. Report from the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (Sue Meuschke).

Sue Meuschke was unable to attend the meeting and no report was provided.

12. Report from the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence (Andrea Sundberg).

Andrea Sundberg was unable to attend the meeting and no report was provided.

13. Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant and update on Grants Unit activities (Liz Greb).

Clair Fry from the Attorney General's office provided a handout and reported that as of September, 2010, available SASP grant funds totaled \$227,385.00. Seven awards totaling \$106,247.00 were made. \$121,138.00 are remaining. The office has received 60 new and continuing applications for a total of \$3,319,144.00 in funding requests. However, only \$1,313,616.00 is available. An additional \$480,300 in remaining and returned funds from the previous award years enabled the funding of additional sub-grants for one year. Some of the organizations receiving STOP grants are LVMPD, Shade Tree, Safe Embrace, Women's Development Center, Elko Committee Against Domestic Violence, among others.

Currently, the Office is recruiting for a new Special Prosecutor for Tri-County Eastern Nevada to be funded with CDS grant program. They received funding in September to initiate a similar project with more of a focus on sexual assault in western Nevada in Nye, Esmeralda, and Mineral Counties. In the next 4-6 weeks, they will be meeting with the District Attorneys in those counties to move forward.

Ms. Fry also briefly discussed collaboration in funding with Nevada State Health Division and the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence to execute the Best Practices Guidelines for community and jurisdictional response to sexual assault. They are also collaborating with the Department of Public Safety to hire a Statewide DEC Coordinator.

14. Report from the Committee on Domestic Violence (Jennifer Kandt).

Ms. Kandt reported that the last meeting of the CDV was in November, 2010. Regulation changes were adopted including allowing distance media for training.

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The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2011 where they will finalize the legislative report due March 1, 2011.

Ms. Kandt stated that she and Ms. Prentice would be meeting with Judge Saragosa later on in the day. To help with compliance, Judge Saragosa is having batterers schedule their initial treatment appointments while in court.

The CDV has been discussing having a meeting in a rural area and may coordinate with the NCPDV to have a joint meeting.

15. Comments from the Chair.

General Masto stated that she had made her comments throughout the meeting and had no additional comments.

16. *Report, discussion, and action on reports/updates from the following Council Officers:

a. Vice Chair - Mike Sprinkle

Mr. Sprinkle reminded new members to choose one or more Committees to participate in and to email Ms. Webber with their choices.

a. Treasurer - Suzanne Ramos

This agenda item was taken out of order. Ms. Prentice reported that as of January 31, 2011, the Council's budget had a balance of \$2,182.34. She explained that the majority of the Council's budget funds travel. The spreadsheet tracking court assessments was reviewed. The majority of the court assessments fund the Committee on Domestic Violence, the remaining funds go to the NCPDV and training budgets. General Masto noted that due to the poor economy, the court assessments are down this year. Valerie Cooney observed that the Carson City Justice Court assessments had not been totaled. Ms. Webber will make the correction.

b. Secretary - Brett Kandt

Mr. Kandt was unable to attend the meeting and no report was provided.

17. *Discussion and scheduling of future meetings and agenda items.

Ms. Prentice stated the week of July 18th was being considered for the rural road trip but that the Attorney General's availability had not yet been determined. Once General Masto's availability is confirmed, Ms. Webber will send out some possible dates to the Council and the meeting will be scheduled on the date that is most likely to have a quorum.

18. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

19. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE
PREVENTION
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Minutes of Meeting

August 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Great Basin College
Rooms 107-109
2115 Bobcat Drive
Ely, Nevada 89301

Committee Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto, Lubna Ahmad, Kathleen Bergquist,
Christine Jones Brady, Valerie Cooney, Traci Dory, Michael Freda,
Christina Hernandez, Brett Kandt, Robert Lundquist, Sue Meuschke,
Suzanne Ramos, Wendy Ronovech, Mike Sprinkle, Andrea Sundberg,
Elynn Wernikove-Greene, Robert (Bob) Zentz

Committee Members Absent

Staci Alonso, Deborah Armstrong, Barbara Aupperle, Matthew Deal,
Toni Downen, Anya Arechiga Gonzalez, Eileen Herrington, Mark Jackson,
Patricia Lynch, Larry Mosley, Dallas Smales, Robin Sweet

Public Present

Amy Adams, Mike Cowley, Eric Dawson, Jennifer Kandt
Maxine Lantz, Brenda Mason, Jaime Swetich, Yvette Waters, Joe West

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV
Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Melissa Brown, Tri-County Prosecutor
Martie Washington, Grants and Project Analyst

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

General Masto called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Council members were sworn in by the Attorney General.

2. Explanation of recent legislative changes to NRS 241; Open Meeting Law. (Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General)

Ms. Rasul summarized changes made to the Nevada Open Meeting Law during the 2011 legislative session. Changes to the law include requiring language on all agendas concerning the combining of agenda items, taking items out of order and the option to remove or pull agenda items at any time. The law also requires either public comment before any action items are heard or a public comment period at the beginning and again at the end of the meeting. Ms. Rasul briefly discussed penalties for knowingly violating the open meeting law and stated that if there were a finding of a violation of the open meeting law, notice of the finding would have to be placed on the agenda for the following meeting.

3. Introduction of members of the public and public comment.

General Masto asked if any members of the public were interested in addressing the Council at this time. No one came forward. General Masto thanked those in attendance for coming and encouraged them to express any of their comments or concerns during the period of public comment at the end of the meeting.

4. *Review, amend, and approve minutes from the February 9, 2011 Council meetings.

Valerie Cooney made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mike Sprinkle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. *Update, discussion and possible action on presentation by Melissa Brown, Domestic Violence Prosecutor for Eureka, White Pine, and Lincoln Counties.

Ms. Brown spoke about the importance of collaboration with Ms. Lantz, the grants unit, law enforcement, and victims in prosecuting domestic violence cases in the tri-county area. She stated that she thinks that the existence of the Tri-County prosecutor position sends the message to the community that domestic

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violence and sexual assault will not be tolerated. Ms. Brown thanked the Council for addressing the issue and for its support.

General Masto asked Ms. Brown for details on how she fills her time in the three counties. Ms. Brown reported that she is based in White Pine County and typically spends time in court in Lincoln County two or three times a month and somewhat less time in Eureka County courts due to the smaller population. However, she travels every week to meet with victims. 60% or more of her cases are out of White Pine County.

Ms. Meuschke asked if there were a way to keep the Tri-County Prosecutor position in the event that grant funding was no longer available. Ms. Brown was hopeful that there would be and stated that she believed the District Attorneys in Eureka, White Pine and Lincoln Counties recognized the positive impact of having a special prosecutor for these cases which require extra time and attention.

Dr. Freda asked Ms. Brown about the rate of recidivism. Ms. Brown stated that there had been some, and that some people had not yet gotten the message that violence will not be tolerated.

General Masto thanked Ms. Brown for speaking to the Council.

6. *Update, discussion and possible action on presentation by Maxine Lantz, Program Coordinator for White Pine County Victim/Witness Services.

Ms. Lantz reported that Victim/Witness Services had been in operation for 10 years. The program started with a local grants and a grant from the Attorney General's Office. Last year the program served 249 victims, 23% of which were victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Ms. Lantz also provides services to the Ely Shoshone which are in White Pine County, and the Duckwater Shoshone which are in Nye County.

Ms. Lantz stated that with the help of the Attorney General's Office, they will be hiring a sexual assault nurse examiner by this time next year. This program will improve the response to victims of sexual assault.

The next challenge Ms. Lantz would like to address is the response to child victims of sexual assault. Currently, children who are victims are transported to Las Vegas and are typically taken to Sunrise Hospital where they may wait up to 12 hours to be seen. Children sexually assaulted in Eureka must be taken to Reno for an exam.

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Ms. Lantz stated that she is a system advocate with sheriffs' offices, prosecutors' offices and with the courts, when necessary. She also works closely with the Committee Against Domestic Violence to coordinate services for rural victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. To serve certain victims in Lincoln County, she also works with agencies in St. George, Utah and Cedar City, Utah. On occasion, she has also obtained services for victims from Safe House and Safe Nest in Las Vegas.

Mr. Kandt brought up the issue of the certification standards for SART and SANE nurses and thought that the stringent certification requirements contributed to a lack of qualified individuals throughout the state. He said that there had been a dialogue with the Nevada State Nursing Board regarding the issue a number of years ago but he was not sure if it had continued. Ms. Sundberg stated that she has been involved in the issue and that the Nursing Board is not at all interested in changing the standards. Currently nurses must become certified with the International Association of Forensic Nursing which has the highest standards possible. The certification process has been made somewhat easier with availability of online courses and testing. However, maintaining certification is an issue because the nurse must complete a certain number of exams every two years and in the rural communities, they do not reach that number.

Ms. Lantz stated that the nurse examiner will be working under the supervision of two doctors and will be earning her certification through the International Association of Forensic Nursing.

Mr. Sprinkle asked about Ms. Lantz's work with the Native American population and if it was successful. Ms. Lantz stated that the victim of any crime needs choices and that there is a choice whether or not to accept services. Each place where she offers services has its unique needs. Every county and every tribal area is different. By her definition, her work within the Native American communities is a success. One of the interesting issues is that of double jeopardy, because someone who commits domestic violence may be prosecuted by the tribe and then prosecuted by the federal government. She stated that it can be frustrating because it literally takes an act of Congress to change anything.

There were no further questions and General Masto thanked Ms. Lantz for her presentation.

7. *Update, discussion and possible action on presentation by local law enforcement on domestic violence issues in Eureka, White Pine, and Lincoln Counties.

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Jaime Swetich, White Pine County Deputy Sherriff, reported that there are 14-15 patrol officers covering 409,000 square miles and serving a population of 10,000 people. Some of the issues his agency faces include long drive times to respond to the scene of domestic batteries and disagreements with certain judges and prosecutors about how the law is interpreted.

Deputy Swetich reported on recent public safety measures. He stated that they began working on the VINE project with the Attorney General's Office, and that the Neighborhood Watch program was instituted in the past year. He and Ms. Lantz have also done some recent presentations on domestic violence.

There were no questions and General Masto thanked Deputy Swetich for speaking to the Council.

8. *Update, discussion and possible action on presentation by Yvette Waters, Executive Director of the Committee Against Domestic Violence, Elko, Nevada.

Ms. Waters stated that the Committee Against Domestic Violence (CADV) began in 1980 and primarily serviced Elko County. A few years ago they expanded into White Pine and Eureka Counties. The CADV built and operates a 20-bed shelter in Elko called Harbor House. Harbor House provides shelter to victims of domestic violence no matter where they come from. The CADV also works with victims to figure out how they can provide services in White Pine and Eureka Counties. Pam Lansford is the CADV's victim advocate and does outreach for White Pine and Eureka Counties and works with Maxine Lantz to provide services to victims. Ms. Waters stated that it is her hope that the success of the Tri-County Special Prosecutors will show Elko County what a difference it can make to have someone to devote special attention to domestic violence cases.

Ms. Waters was asked to describe the shelter. She stated that when Harbor House was designed, the goal was to create a home-like atmosphere that would empower victims to see themselves as self-sufficient in homes in the community. There are eight bedrooms. Every two bedrooms is a suite, with a bathroom between the two bedrooms. When the shelter is full, then bathrooms are shared. If a mother arrives with her children, she is given a suite to share with them. There is a quiet area where children are not allowed to play; computer access; a living room with television, videos and books; a dining area and a kitchen with double the number of appliances. The residents cook for themselves and have a chore list that rotates by room. Residents are required to attend the support groups, develop an action plan, and have three goals per week. So long as they are working on their goals, they are allowed to stay until they become self-sufficient and move on.

General Masto asked Council members to let Ms. Prentice know if they were interested in visiting a shelter. She commented that it is eye-opening how hard people are working on behalf of victims. Ms. Waters noted that almost all of the money it cost to build Harbor House was raised in their own community.

There were no further questions and General Masto thanked Ms. Waters for attending and speaking to the Council.

9. *Discussion and possible action on recent Attorney General Opinion regarding the granting of protection orders according to NRS 33.020. (Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General)

Ms. Rasul stated that a couple of months ago she received a letter from a Deputy City Attorney in Henderson regarding NRS 33.020. There had been an issue with judges refusing to grant temporary protection orders unless there had been actual physical contact. A request had come to the Attorney General's office to review the statute and issue an opinion. Ms. Rasul reviewed NRS 33.020(1) which states in part, "If it appears to the satisfaction of the court from specific facts shown by a verified application that an act of domestic violence has occurred or there exists a threat of domestic violence, the court may grant a temporary or extended order."

The question then becomes what constitutes an act of domestic violence. NRS 33.018(1) defines what constitutes domestic violence as:

- (a) A battery.
- (b) An assault.
- (c) Compelling the other person by force or threat of force to perform an act from which the other person has the right to refrain or to refrain from an act which the other person has the right to perform.
- (d) A sexual assault.
- (e) A knowing, purposeful or reckless course of conduct intended to harass the other person. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to:
 - (1) Stalking.
 - (2) Arson.
 - (3) Trespassing.
 - (4) Larceny.
 - (5) Destruction of private property.
 - (6) Carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.
 - (7) Injuring or killing an animal.
- (f) A false imprisonment.

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(g) Unlawful entry of the other person's residence, or forcible entry against the other person's will if there is a reasonably foreseeable risk of harm to the other person from the entry.

Ms. Rasul concluded in her opinion that protection orders may be issued not only to those who are victims of actual acts of domestic violence as described in NRS 33.018, but also to those who are in situations where only a threat of domestic violence exists.

Ms. Brady commented that she has clients who are not getting their protection orders extended because of the lack physical contact. The Council discussed how widespread the problem had become. Mr. Kandt stated that he would send a copy of the opinion out to all the prosecutors' offices so that they are aware of it and are consistent. He added that when General Masto, Kareen Prentice and he met with the limited jurisdiction judges and with the general jurisdiction judges, the judges seemed to appreciate the effort to dialogue with them on issues related to domestic violence. He suggested reaching out to the judges and to make them aware of the Council's concerns. General Masto agreed that would be a good idea.

10. *Report, discussion, and possible action on reports/updates from the following Committees of the Council:

a. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Mr. Kandt reported that the NVPAC will co-sponsor a criminal justice track at the annual statewide sexual violence conference. The date of the upcoming conference has been moved from fall until late March and so he will need to reapply for STOP grant funds.

Another goal was to complete the training video *Perspectives on Domestic Violence*. The video has been completed and will premier at the State Prosecutors Conference in September in conjunction with a curriculum developed for prosecutors and the domestic violence best practices guidelines that were adopted in 2006. He is looking forward to using the training video in other disciplines as well.

He stated that the NVPAC and the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force are conducting a multidisciplinary strangulation training on October 11, 2011, in Las Vegas. CLE and other continuing education credits will be available.

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A future goal of the Committee is to develop some best practice guidelines for victim advocates and Mr. Kandt is looking into getting some technical assistance in doing that. The International Association of Chiefs of Police has a model policy on response to victims of crime, and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has a multi-year project on transforming victim services called Vision 21. Ms. Greene noted that the technical assistance program would be statewide and would use distance learning through the OVC so those in rural areas can also participate.

b. Education Committee (Valerie Cooney/Sue Meuschke).

- i. 2011 Goals Update**
- ii. Hospital Survey**
- iii. Update on Boy Scouts project**

Ms. Meuschke reported that the Committee has been working on outreach to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. A sample of the “Boys Scout Peace Begins at Home” patch was passed around. Ms. Meuschke commented that this was an example of the kinds of collaborations that can be built around such a project. The Reno Central Rotary funded the patches in the North and the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force funded the patches in the South.

As for the Girl Scout “Peace Begins at Home” patch program, Ms. Meuschke reported that so far approximately 150 girls in Northern Nevada and 300-350 girls in Southern Nevada had earned the patch. Promoting the patch program is an ongoing activity.

Ms. Meuschke stated that the Committee continues to work on a survey to find out what hospitals are doing regarding domestic violence and to determine what kind of resources can be provided.

The EMS Committee has been approached with a curriculum for their approval of continuing education credits and to help organize a training of the trainers so that they can take the curriculum statewide.

The Education Committee’s newest project is working with the casinos to find out what kind of outreach and education can be done there.

Regarding the Boy Scout Patch project, Ms. Ronovech explained that she had been working with the CEO of the Boy Scouts in the south but because there are so many different troops, she planned to attend round table meetings to promote the patch. Although she originally planned to deliver the patches to the corporate office, she wondered if it would be better to take the patches to the round table

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meetings so that if there was any interest, the leaders could take the patches at that time.

Ms. Ronovech also commented that she works for UnitedHealthcare which insures 70,000 people in the state of Nevada. There is a policy in place to always ask the patient if they are a victim of domestic violence. Her concern is that if the patient answer "yes," does the physician then take the next step to assist the patient? UnitedHealthcare will be doing an in-service training through the NNADV for all of their providers in October. After that, UnitedHealthcare will collaborate with the LVMPD on an elder abuse project. Ms. Ronovech will then work on training for pediatric physicians. Ms. Ronovech wanted to thank the Council because it has given her the opportunity to make the contacts necessary for these activities. She added that UnitedHealthcare will soon be providing cameras so that pictures documenting abuse can be entered into the electronic medical record when necessary.

Ms. Meuschke was asked if Nevada was the only state that has the Girl Scout and Boy Scout patches for domestic violence awareness. She said that the idea for the Girl Scout program was borrowed from somewhere else but that she did believe the Boy Scout patch program was the first in the nation. Someone from California recently requested information from Nevada in order to start a program there. Ms. Prentice commented that the Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada had recently changed their name and were planning to do another event when they got new patches. Ms. Meuschke added that the Girl Scouts in Northern Nevada were also interested in doing another patch event.

The Council members discussed outreach efforts in reference to businesses. Ms. Meuschke stated that there is a workplace violence initiative called the Corporate Citizenship Initiative that the Attorney General's office was involved in a few years ago. The project is ongoing in some communities with local programs doing outreach to local communities. The Education Committee's casino outreach project is outreach to businesses. The Committee is currently discussing how to structure the program and deciding whether it should address the issue of how security personnel can handle patrons who are committing violent acts, or who are the victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, or if the Committee should approach human resources departments in an effort to educate and reach out to casino employees. General Masto stated that she would like to see the Corporate Citizenship Initiative revived and suggested reaching out to businesses via the Rotary or the Chamber of Commerce to gather information and open a dialogue to see what can be developed. Ms. Meuschke said that the Corporate Citizenship Initiative is national and that there is a website with all the materials, though they can certainly be tailored to Nevada.

c. Legislative Committee (Mike Sprinkle).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Mr. Sprinkle reported that during the legislative session, the Legislative Committee typically met every three weeks to discuss whether there was anything they should take action on. There were only a few bills that the Committee did take action on.

The Committee opposed SB163 which would have revised the procedure upon arrest of a person for domestic violence. This bill did not pass.

The Committee supported AB314 which would have revised sex education curriculum to include information on dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Ultimately, this bill did not get out of committee but Ms. Sundberg stated that they planned to bring it back for the next legislative session.

The Committee supported SB66, which created the Multi-Disciplinary Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. The bill was passed and signed into law. Mr. Kandt commented that due to a decision by the State Committee on Judicial Ethics, judges will not be permitted to sit on a domestic violence fatality review team.

d. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

ii. 2011 Goals Update

Ms. Ramos explained that the purpose and goals of the Nominating Committee are to recruit members for Council and to plan for the annual rural road trip which is to take place in the 4th, 5th, 6th or 7th Judicial Districts. The purpose of the rural road trip is to get input regarding domestic violence issues in the rural counties.

Currently, there is only one vacancy on the Council and so the Committee decided not to have a recruitment this year. Seven Council members are up for reappointment this year. Ms. Ramos encouraged anyone who is interested in serving on the Council to talk to Karen Prentice so that they can be notified when the application process is open.

e. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory).

i. 2011 Goals Update

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Ms. Dory reported that the main goal of the Public Information Committee this year is to increase media awareness. Council members Anya Arechiga and Suzanne Ramos have been working on public service announcements which have aired on the Univision television station in Reno and Carson City. Ms. Arechiga will soon be moving to Las Vegas and will continue to work with Univision to air domestic violence stories there and in the north.

The Committee continues to review the website and brochures to make sure that the resources are accurate and up-to-date.

f. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

This agenda item was taken out of order.

i. 2011 Goals Update

Ms. Ramos reported that one of the goals of the Underserved Populations Committee was to arrange for a speakers like Ms. Bergquist to present on domestic violence issues in underserved communities. Other goals include working on a survey to send to family court judges, and outreach to underserved communities.

ii. Presentation by Kathleen Bergquist on domestic violence issues within the Asian Pacific Islander community.

Ms. Bergquist gave a presentation about domestic violence in the Asian community. Her research was primarily focused on those in southern Nevada and compared domestic violence in Asian and Spanish-speaking communities. (See attached PowerPoint.)

After the presentation, General Masto stated that she had learned that law enforcement and city council members in Elko County are concerned about human trafficking in the brothels. There are Asian women working in the brothels who do not speak English and so law enforcement is unable to determine whether the women are there voluntarily or not. She would like to work with Ms. Bergquist to address the problem. Ms. Greene suggested contacting the FBI which has offices in both the north and south that serve the rural areas.

g. Judicial Training Committee (Michael Freda).

iii. 2011 Goals Update

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This agenda item was taken out of order. Dr. Freda reviewed the purpose of the Committee and discussed the list of judicial training topics which had been developed by the Committee. General Masto and Ms. Prentice have presented the list of topics to the judges' education committees and some of the topics may be incorporated into future trainings.

The Committee is currently working on a plan or procedure as to how some attorneys may use the writ process with certain judges who are not following the statutes.

General Masto noted that it was important to continue the dialogue with the judges. Mr. Kandt commented that he had run into a lot of the judges in the time since the conferences and many of them expressed appreciation that General Masto took the time to meet with them and open up that dialogue. He said he thought they would welcome her back to continue the dialogue. General Masto said that she would like to take advantage of that and perhaps talk with the judges on a different topic concerning domestic violence.

11. Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman (Kareen Prentice).

This item was taken out of order.

Ms. Prentice reported that in March there had been a Washoe County Domestic Violence Fatality Review training presented by Matthew Dale, Dr. Neil Websdale, and Chief Jerald Monahan.

At the end of March there was a Tribal Colloquium at the Reno Sparks Indian Colony. During the two day event, the topics of sexual assault and domestic violence were covered.

Ms. Prentice stated that SB66, the bill creating the multi-disciplinary domestic violence fatality review team, did pass through the legislature and the Attorney General's office is working on implementing it. As Mr. Kandt mentioned under item 10(c) of the agenda, sitting judges will not be permitted to serve on a domestic violence fatality review team. Ms. Prentice stated that she is, however, reaching out to retired judges and trying to determine if they can participate. The Attorney General's office has released an informal solicitation for a fatality review team facilitator to help with the research and data collection components of the project.

Ms. Prentice updated the Council on VINE, the Victim Information Notification Everyday project. The system is currently live in six counties: Esmeralda, Douglas, Pine, Lander, Humboldt, and Elko.

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On August 9th, Ms. Prentice, General Masto and Lt. Lundquist attended a town hall meeting in Elko where law enforcement addressed an unusual number of recent domestic violence fatalities there.

One of Ms. Prentice's other activities included a presentation on teen dating violence at Girls State. General Masto commented that she would like to develop a statewide teen dating violence initiative and would like to generate some momentum before the next legislative session so that if there is a bill, there will be people ready to sponsor and support it. The Council briefly discussed some ideas. General Masto suggested taking it to a high school media class in Sparks that had produced anti-bullying and cyberbullying materials to see if they would be interested in working on teen a dating violence campaign next. Ms. Brady stated that there was a statewide media competition for high school students, with one of the projects being the production of PSAs. She suggested that maybe teen dating violence could be a theme. General Masto stated that she would contact the media teacher she met to see how to proceed.

12. Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (Elyne Greene).

This item was taken out of order.

Ms. Greene reported that their website is now up and running and that if anyone had event information they would like posted on the website, to please contact her. The website is meant to be a resource for the entire state as well as for Southern Nevada.

On September 1, 2011, the SNDVTF will be participating at a Girl Scout event. There have been some recent changes in leadership of the Girls Scouts of Southern Nevada. An event to promote the Girl Scout "Peace Begins at Home" patch is usually held in October to coincide with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. However, in an effort to more fully engage the younger girls, they are taking a look at the curriculum and considering having two sections spread over two weeks: one for the older girls and one for the younger girls. The launch will likely take place in April.

On September 29, 2011, the LVMPD and the SNDVTF will kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month with their annual press conference where they will unveil the domestic violence homicide plaque. Ms. Greene reported that between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, there were 30 domestic violence homicides. That is the lowest number they have had in the past few years but there is still a lot of work to be done.

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On October 11, 2011; Gael Strack and Casey Gwinn will be presenting a multi-disciplinary strangulation training in Las Vegas which will focus on investigation, advocacy and prosecution. They are working on getting CLE credits approved. Social work and MFT credits will be available. The workshop is free of charge.

13. Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force (Dr. Freda).

Ms. Ramos reported that a new chair, Kelli Anne Vilorio had recently been elected. Ms. Vilorio was very active on the Washoe County Domestic Violence Fatality Review team when she worked for the Washoe County District Attorney's Office and everyone on the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force is excited to have her as the new Chair.

The Task Force will soon be setting goals for next year. Ms. Ramos noted that they are working with the Washoe County School District's Child Assault Prevention program on domestic violence awareness education taught in the 2nd, 4th and 6th grade levels.

Ms. Ramos stated that the Safe and Healthy Homes event to promote domestic violence awareness had been moved to April, 2011 and was a success. There were over 110 participants in the 5K run/walk. The event will be held again in April, 2012.

14. Report from the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (Sue Meuschke).

Ms. Meuschke provided a written report regarding the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV) (See attached report). She added that she wanted to highlight that the numbers for statewide services in the first quarter of 2011 remain high. The NNADV has been working on a number of trainings. In June there was a training held in Las Vegas on the topic of immigrants and domestic violence. In August there will be a training on teen dating violence in Winnemucca. In October the NNADV will sponsor a training on working with men to stop violence. This workshop will be held in Incline Village. The NNADV has also been working on program development trainings, and trainings with allied professionals.

Ms. Prentice asked about the program to promote economic security for survivors and if there was anything the Attorney General's Office could do to help. Ms. Meuschke explained the training is provided by WOW and teaches women to think of non-traditional economic opportunities and educates them about apprenticeships, microloans, small businesses, etc. as a solution to overcoming the economic barrier of leaving an abusive situation.

Ms. Hernandez asked when there would be a training regarding policy development for LGBT service providers. Ms. Meuschke stated that there had been some conversations with a shelter but that she did not know when there will be a training.

15. Report from the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence (Andrea Sundberg).

Ms. Sundberg reported that the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence had recently moved to a new office. The Coalition has been providing best practices trainings in Carson City, Winnemucca, Lovelock, Douglas County, Battle Mountain and Elko. There will be additional trainings in Lyon County, Churchill County, Las Vegas, and Pahrump. Training is free, and Ms. Sundberg provided flyers for those interested in attending.

Another project of the Coalition has been a statewide program stressing primary prevention of sexual assault. Kari Ramos, the Coalition's Outreach Director has been doing a lot of training. Ms. Sundberg commented that there is a possibility that the grant which funds that position may be cut which would result in a 50% reduction in the Coalition's staff.

The Coalition is also developing a phone app that will provide referrals for services as well as prevention strategies.

The Coalition has been selected to do a presentation at the National Sexual Violence Resource Center in Baltimore in September. They are also working with a sex worker outreach program to develop advocacy for sex workers.

Ms. Sundberg reported that they have updated their membership structure. Those wishing to become an agency member, supporting member, or individual member can do so online through the NCASV's website.

The Coalition's annual conference is tentatively scheduled for March 27-29, 2012. They are working to cover costs as much as possible to ensure good attendance since training budgets have been cut. The focus of the upcoming conference will be how sexual assault affects various things in the community.

Other projects of the NCASV include a handbook discussing legal processes and resources which should be completed within the next six weeks; data collection on sexual assault in the state of Nevada; a presentation on how HIV is transmitted through sexual assault to be given at the U.S. conference on AIDS in Las Vegas next year; and the Slut walk on the campuses of UNR and UNLV in September to raise awareness about sexual assault.

16. Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant (Liz Greb).

Martie Washington stated that more than six million dollars in STOP grant funds have been administered through the Office of Violence Against Women over the years. Other grants administered by the office include Grants for Sexual Assault Service Providers (SASP) and the Grant to Encourage Arrest Polices (GEAP). The GEAP provides for the Tri-County Special Prosecutor and for collaboration with agencies to provide a safety net for victims. This program has been so successful that they wrote a Rural Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program Grant which is modeled on the GEAP grant and covers Mineral, Esmeralda, and Nye counties. A prosecutor has been hired and will begin on August 22nd. The safety net is going to start with a public awareness campaign.

Ms. Washington also discussed the Nevada Health Grant which funds training on community response to drug endangered children and sexual assault best practices. There are two grants for which the office is waiting to find out if they have been funded. One would provide direct services to children who have been exposed to domestic violence. The other grant would address issues in the Asian community.

17. Report from the Committee on Domestic Violence (Jennifer Kandt).

Ms. Kandt reported that the last meeting of the CDV was May 26, 2011. One of the ongoing issues the Committee is addressing is the problem of providing American Sign Language interpreters for hearing impaired clients when the smaller agencies don't make enough from the treatment sessions to cover the cost of the interpreters. Other issues include combining batterers treatment classes with chemical dependency classes; consistency in fee schedules; the lack of batterers treatment in the rural areas; and upcoming training. The next meeting of the CDV is scheduled for September 1st.

18. Comments from the Chair.

This item was taken out of order.

General Masto thanked everyone for coming and for rearranging their schedules so that they could attend. She thanked the members of the public for their attendance, their commitment to the issue, and for their help.

19. *Report, discussion, and possible action on reports/updates from the following Council Officers:

c. Vice Chair - Mike Sprinkle

Mr. Sprinkle stated he had nothing to report.

d. Treasurer - Suzanne Ramos

Ms. Ramos reviewed the Council's finances and reported that the Council's budget for fiscal year 2012 is \$3,071.00. This will cover the cost of committee conference calls and travel reimbursements for the Council meetings. Ms. Ramos thanked those Council members who paid their own travel costs out of pocket.

Originally the Council had been approved for a \$5,000 budget but Ms. Prentice stated that the Budget Office had cut the funds.

A spreadsheet detailing domestic violence court assessments was reviewed and Ms. Ramos stated she would like to commend the Las Vegas Justice Court for increasing the money collected. Ms. Prentice added that Judge Saragosa had been working to ensure the assessments were properly credited. The Council discussed meeting with the courts in northern Nevada to make sure they are doing the same.

e. Secretary - Brett Kandt

Mr. Kandt had nothing new to report.

20. *Election of new officers.

General Masto opened up nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Traci Dory nominated Mike Sprinkle. Brett Kandt seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A vote was taken and Mr. Sprinkle was elected unanimously.

Nominations for the position of Treasurer were opened. Traci Dory nominated Suzanne Ramos. Mike Sprinkle seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken and Ms. Ramos was elected unanimously.

General Masto then opened up nominations for the position of Secretary. Traci Dory nominated Brett Kandt. The nomination was seconded by Suzanne Ramos. There were no other nominations. A vote was taken and Mr. Kandt was unanimously elected.

21. *Discussion and scheduling of future meetings and agenda items.

Ms. Prentice stated that the next meeting would be sometime in November and that some possible dates would be sent out via email.

22. Public Comment.

Lincoln County Judge Mike Cowley expressed his concerns regarding mandatory sentencing for batterers. By law, he must sentence batterers to batterers treatment sessions, however there are none available locally and there is no public transportation which makes it impossible for people without cars to attend the required sessions. He stressed a need for alternative sentencing. He and other rural judges feel like their hands are tied and that the structure of the batterers treatment requirement places a burden on the court.

In response, Ms. Meuschke stated that the lack of batterers treatment services in the rural communities is a concern of the Council as well and it is one that is actively being worked on. She invited Judge Cowley to share any suggestions with Jennifer Kandt from the Committee on Domestic Violence.

Ms. Kandt added that Safe Nest would be willing to send a counselor to the rural areas, however they needed funding to do that. Judge Cowley agreed that money is an issue, especially for the county which has had to stretch their budgets to accommodate programs previously funded by the state.

Ms. Brady said that in her experience in working with both perpetrators and victims, she did not think that group counseling was necessarily the best treatment and thought that individual counseling might be more effective. She suggested looking at what could be done with existing resources such as medical or mental health providers.

Maxine Lantz added that the lack of batterers treatment programs in the rural areas is an issue in every county in which she works. She suggested a legislative change that would allow judges in rural areas where batterers intervention is not available, to request or order a mental health evaluation to determine if other treatment plans may be helpful. General Masto asked if there were mental health providers in the area that would be able to perform the evaluations. Ms. Lantz stated that there were providers at Rural Mental Health within reasonable driving distance that could complete the evaluations. It is possible that perpetrators are in need of other mental health services anyway.

General Masto asked what the cost of a mental health evaluation might be versus just going to anger management. Judge Cowley stated it would be on a

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sliding scale based on the perpetrators ability to pay. Ms. Lantz added that presently, in cases where a mental health evaluation is ordered, they tend to be more serious felony cases that cost more. In domestic violence cases, it could be that drug and alcohol treatment would need to be addressed first.

General Masto thanked Judge Cowley and Ms. Lantz for their comments and said that the Council does take them into consideration.

General Masto called for any other public comment. Christina Hernandez stated UNLV will now have a 24 hour hotline that will address sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. She noted that in their focus groups, students don't recognize stalking as a crime. She suggested that there should be a greater focus on outreach regarding stalking.

Ms. Sundberg commented that there will be Sexual Assault Best Practice training in Ely in early October.

23. *Adjournment.

General Masto adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

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

With
Public Access Via Videoconference Located At:

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

Committee Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto, Staci Alonso, Deborah Armstrong,
Christine Jones Brady, Valerie Cooney, Traci Dory, Michael Freda,
Christina Hernandez, Eileen Herrington, Mark Jackson, Brett Kandt,
Patricia Lynch, Larry Mosley, Suzanne Ramos, Wendy Ronovech,
Mike Sprinkle, Andrea Sundberg, Elynn Wernikove-Greene

Committee Members Absent

Lubna Ahmad, Barbara Aupperle, Kathleen Bergquist, Toni Downen, Anya
Arechiga Gonzalez, Robert Lundquist, Sue Meuschke, Dallas Smales, Robin
Sweet, Bob Zentz

Public Present

Paul Bancroft, Tahoe Safe Alliance
Katherine Loudon, WCSD Counseling

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Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Edie Cartwright, Special Projects Coordinator
Liz Greb, Grants and Project Analyst
Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and quorum was established.

2. Swearing in of Council Members.

General Masto swore in those members of the Council in attendance who were not sworn in at the August 11, 2011 meeting.

3. Introduction of members of the public and public comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

4. *Review, amend, and approve minutes from the August 11, 2011 Council meeting.

Brett Kandt made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mike Sprinkle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. *Update, discussion and possible action on presentation by Paul Bancroft, Client Services and Prevention Program Director for Tahoe Safe Alliance, regarding bullying and teen dating violence outreach.

Mr. Bancroft stated that Tahoe Safe Alliance, formerly known as Tahoe Women's Services, has 3 ½ offices located in Kings Beach, Incline Village, Truckee, and Tahoe City and serves five counties in California and Nevada. Assistance is offered by providing victim and legal advocates; programs for children who are the victims of, or witnesses to, abuse; therapy referrals; transitional housing; a 24-hour crisis line; and prevention programs.

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A major component of the prevention program is presentations. These age-appropriate presentations are given in the schools from preschool through college. Mr. Bancroft gave an overview of the types of education provided to children and their parents and reported that they have had a lot of positive feedback regarding the presentations. He stated that they are in the process of developing an intimate partners/teen dating violence policy for use by the school districts.

Mr. Sprinkle asked who at the schools Tahoe Safe Alliance approaches to get their training into the classroom. Mr. Bancroft stated that they present the opportunity for the training at school board meetings. They cite the numbers of students they reached during the past year and ask the schools to recommit to the presentations for the upcoming year. If a specific curriculum is requested, they will work to customize their trainings to specific subjects, but generally their regular curriculum is accepted.

Mr. Sprinkle asked if Tahoe Safe Alliance had presented to the Washoe County School Board. Mr. Bancroft said that in Washoe County, they had mostly dealt with the principals of the schools. There is a coordinator for the intervention programs and she schedules the presentations when there is a request by a principal, teacher or counselor. Unfortunately, due to limited staff, Tahoe Safe Alliance has to turn down some requests.

Ms. Brady asked if the staff of Tahoe Safe Alliance did any legislative advocacy. Mr. Bancroft answered that they had discussed it but it was not possible at this time due to the size and work load of the staff.

In response to a question from General Masto, Mr. Bancroft stated that anyone interested in arranging a presentation or a training of trainers should contact him.

Ms. Herrington asked what percentage of the population Tahoe Safe Alliance served. Mr. Bancroft stated it was hard to say since the geographic area is large and many in the area are only there seasonally. He added that Truckee High School is probably the biggest group with 600-800 students. They have been able to develop relationships with students whom they have been presenting to since kindergarten.

General Masto thanked Mr. Bancroft for attending and for his presentation.

6. *Update, discussion and possible action on presentation by Dr. Reeta Thurkal, Founder President of Global Charity Foundation.

Dr. Thurkal was unable to attend the meeting.

7. *Report, discussion, and possible action on reports/updates from the following Committees of the Council:

a. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Mr. Kandt reported that the Committee had worked to produce the multidisciplinary training video, *Perspectives on Domestic Violence*. A curricula for prosecutors has been developed and was presented at the Prosecutors Conference in September. Mr. Kandt has been in contact with some people who do training for judges and law enforcement to encourage use of the video as a tool in their trainings.

A subcommittee chaired by Elynn Greene was formed to develop victim advocate best practices. The subcommittee will utilize some technical assistance which is available nationally. Ms. Greene stated that the project is currently on hold until one of the Committee members returns from vacation at the end of the month. She is working contacting some potential subcommittee members outside of the Council, including Lori Fralick, to see if they would be interested in joining the subcommittee.

Mr. Kandt stated that the subcommittee may use workshops to help develop the best practices. Eventually they will be reviewed by the Criminal Justice Committee and brought to the entire Council for review.

On October 11th, on behalf of the Prosecution Advisory Council, Mr. Kandt co-sponsored a seminar on domestic violence strangulation at the training provided by the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force. He added that these one day seminars have been successful and are effective and efficient trainings. He hopes to sponsor more of them in the future.

Mr. Kandt asked if someone from the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence would provide details for the Sexual Violence Conference scheduled for next year. Ms. Hernandez stated that the conference would take place at the end of March to kick-off Sexual Assault Awareness month and that it will focus on the intersection of sexual assault and other social issues including domestic violence and human trafficking.

Judge Lynch stated that she had seen a lot of felony strangulation cases where the Washoe County District Attorneys Office has knocked the charge down to a misdemeanor. She asked if personnel from the DA's

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office had attended the strangulation trainings. Mr. Kandt replied that there had been four trainings in Reno, Winnemucca, Henderson and Las Vegas. The training in Reno, which was held just before the law was enacted, was well attended by the DA's office.

Council members discussed felony strangulation domestic violence cases and where they had been and had not been successful. In general, the Council agreed that more training was needed and Mr. Kandt stated that there would continue to be more one-day trainings.

General Masto commented that POST would soon be changing their curriculum in regards to domestic violence. She would like to see the strangulation information rolled into that training so that officers are well trained in it. She will soon be meeting with POST to discuss what changes they are planning to implement.

Judge Lynch asked about training for judges. Mr. Kandt responded that he had attended both the general and limited jurisdiction judges' conferences with General Masto and Ms. Prentice to address the issue. The next step will be to get the domestic violence training into the conferences. Judge Lynch stated that although she was no longer a part of the judges' education committee, she would make that recommendation.

Ms. Prentice has been in contact with David Gordon, AOC training coordinator, and has helped facilitate a webinar training on strangulation by Casey Gwinn and Gael Strack, to be held in February, 2012.

b. Education Committee (Valerie Cooney/Sue Meu, schke).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Ms. Cooney reported that the Committee is still working on the hospital survey. They have had a difficult time getting responses from the hospitals. The Committee has also attempted to contact the Nursing Board, however that project has not really progressed yet.

Ms. Prentice participated in a meeting with the EMS board in July and they are working on getting domestic violence information to first responders.

The Cut-it-Out program is underway and being monitored.

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The Committee has recently begun to reach out to the human resources departments at casinos to identify issues surrounding personnel and security.

ii. Update on Boy Scout “Peace Begins at Home” project

Ms. Cooney asked Wendy Ronovech to update the Council on the Boy Scout Patch program in the south. Ms. Ronovech reported that she had made contact with Charmaine Preator-Hillstead who will be attending the next Boy Scout Patch subcommittee meeting. She will attend the round table meetings to assist in promoting the patch as well.

UnitedHealthcare participated in a fundraiser for Safe Nest. As part of the fundraiser, a lapel pin with the design of the Boy Scouts’ “Peace Begins at Home” patch was made and sold for \$5.00 each. Ms. Ronovech provided pins for each Council Member.

Ms. Ronovech also reported that with the help of Sue Meuschke and Judy Henderson from the NNADV, they were able to provide training for about 80 UnitedHealthcare providers. The training was very successful.

She added that with the aid of Lt. Robert Lundquist from LVMPD, they also held a successful elder abuse intervention in-service training as well doing some outreach to seniors in the community.

Ms. Cooney stated that the Education Committee’s goals would carry over into the new year.

Dr. Freda said that at one time there had been talk of approaching the Boards of Examiners for various mental health professionals. He asked if that had happened yet. Ms. Cooney said that it had not. Dr. Freda stated that Domestic Violence training was required every few years to maintain his licenses. There is definitely a need for more training for mental health professionals. Revictimization of victims can be a problem and is due to lack of training. Ms. Cooney suggested that one of the things that might be looked at for the next legislative session is detailing training requirements similar to what California and other states are doing. General Masto asked Ms. Cooney to send her any model statutes she has found. General Masto will then talk to Chief Deputy Attorney General Keith Marcher about reaching out to the licensing boards to find out if training is best mandated by regulations or by statute.

c. Legislative Committee (Mike Sprinkle).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Mr. Sprinkle reported that the Legislative Committee had not met since the legislative session ended and so there was nothing new to report. However, he added that he was resigning as chair of the Legislative Committee but planned to stay on as a regular member.

d. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

iii. 2011 Goals Update

Ms. Ramos stated that the Nominating Committee did not recruit this year because there were no vacancies at the time. Currently there are two vacancies on the Council.

The Nominating committee is scheduled to meet January 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. and will be discussing Council member attendance and participation, goals for the new year, and recruitment of future members.

The Committee is discussing the possibility of traveling to Battle Mountain for the rural meeting next year and is open to input as to where to have the town hall meeting. Ms. Cooney recommended going to Lovelock. Mr. Kandt suggested Yerington and noted that Lyon County has the highest unemployment rate.

Ms. Ramos reviewed the member handouts she provided and stated that there are two members whose terms of appointment end in December, 2011 and two more in December of 2012. Recommitment letters will be sent out.

e. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Ms. Dory reported that the Public Information Committee has been meeting regularly and is working on reaching out to the media. Ms. Ramos and Ms. Arechiga have worked on a series of stories which have aired on Univision in Northern Nevada. Ms. Arechiga is moving to Las Vegas and plans to continue working with Univision to air stories throughout the state. The Committee is working on reaching out to the other local stations as well.

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The Committee continues to monitor the website to make sure the resources posted there are up-to-date.

f. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2011 Goals Update

Ms. Ramos reported that the Committee is still working on the family court survey and paring down the questions so that judges are more apt to to complete the survey.

The Committee is working on determining the best way to provide domestic violence information to the Asian Pacific, African American, LGBT, Hispanic, and the Native American communities.

Another ongoing goal of the Committee is to arrange speakers on underserved issues for the Council meetings.

General Masto commented that she has set up a meeting with Dr. Fowler to discuss outreach to the African American faith based community and has similar plans to reach out to the Latino faith based community. She invited interested Council members to attend the meeting with Dr. Fowler. Mr. Mosley suggested contacting Bishop Clinton House, as well, who has 6000 members in his congregation. Another resource is the Deltas, an organization of African American women who would be willing to work on the issue.

g. Judicial Training Committee (Michael Freda).

iv. 2011 Goals Update.

v. Discussion and possible action of future projects or possible disbandment of Committee.

Dr. Freda stated that the original purpose of the Committee was to develop a list of potential training topics for the judges. The list was completed and presented to the judges with the hope that some of the ideas will be addressed during training at the judges' conferences. Now that the goal is completed, the question is what new project should the Committee address next, or should the Committee now be disbanded?

Ms. Cooney stated that the Committee had also reviewed at the Bench Book for limited jurisdiction judges. The Committee made

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recommendations to Robin Sweet to take back to the AOC's Bench Book Committee. Mr. Jackson noted that the very first sentence of the chapter covering domestic violence characterized the crime as a misdemeanor offense. His suggestions for other changes were primarily regarding the citations. Mr. Jackson expressed how thankful the Committee was to the AOC for listening to their suggestions.

Judge Lynch stated that she planned to review the Bench Book and would also make recommendations if she found incorrect information.

8. Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman (Kareen Prentice).

Mr. Prentice reported on her recent activities. Through various agencies, 1272 purple ribbon pins had been distributed for Domestic Violence

Awareness Month. She and the Attorney General also visited and toured Safe Embrace, Tahoe Safe Alliance, Safe House and Safe Nest.

SB66, which created the Attorney General's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Statewide Team (AG-DVFRST), went into effect October 1st. General Masto has appointed the members of the AG-DVFRST and their first meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2012. The Attorney General's Office has contracted with UNLV's Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy to assist with policy and protocols. Clark County will be forming a domestic violence fatality review team as well. Ms. Prentice asked that if anyone is interested in participating on that team, to please let her know. .

The court assessment spreadsheet was reviewed and Ms. Prentice reported that she and Suzanne Ramos planned to meet with Matt Fisk from the Reno Justice Court regarding collection of the assessments. She commented that Judge Saragossa in the Las Vegas Justice Court has been very helpful in ensuring that the fees in her Court are being properly collected and posted.

Ms. Prentice also updated the Council on the VINE program.

9. Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (Elyne Greene).

Ms. Greene provided a written report (attached) and noted that the last sentence of the first paragraph should read, "164 attendees received domestic violence strangulation training."

10. Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force

Dr. Freda stated that he has resigned as Chair of the Task Force due to time constraints. Kelli Vioria has been elected as the new Chair and has directed the focus of the Task Force towards outreach and public awareness. Last spring, the Task Force's Fatality Review Committee went through training on how to do fatality reviews and has done several cases since then. They are putting together a report on their findings.

Judge Lynch noted that the new Chair, Kelli Vioria, is a seasoned prosecutor.

11. Report from the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (Sue Meuschke).

Ms. Meuschke was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a written report (attached).

12. Report from the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence (Andrea Sundberg).

Ms. Sundberg reported there has been a recommendation to the FBI to change the UCR definition of forcible rape. Currently the definition is "carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will." This definition leaves out a lot of cases involving sexual violence. Changes to the UCR definition are being considered by the FBI.

The Coalition has been working with App-Order to develop a free phone app so that friends and family can know where a person is located to help keep them safe.

Ms. Sundberg discussed the Coalitions funding issues and stated that they would need to redo the scope of work for all of their programs in order to ensure CDC funding for the next year. The Coalition is also looking for alternative funding sources.

13. Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant and update on Grants Unit activities (Liz Greb).

Ms. Greb provided a diagram which mapped out where and how grant funds are being utilized. She briefly discussed each of the grant programs and services that are provided. Ms. Greb provided anecdotal

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stories illustrating the need for funding to support domestic violence and sexual assault services and training throughout the state.

Larry Mosley volunteered to help with fundraising where necessary. The Council discussed ways in which the poor economy affects women who are trying to get out of abusive relationships. The lack of jobs and the lack of funds for job training have led to a situation where some women feel that their only option is to go back to the abusive relationship. Ms. Brady added that difficulty accessing mental health services and medications compounds the problem and makes it more difficult for some women to find and keep a job. Economic stresses and vandalism to property by perpetrators may also affect the rental history of some victims making it difficult to find another place to rent. Mr. Bancroft added that his agency has seen an increase in the number of women who are homeless due to mental health issues.

The Council also discussed the need for legal assistance for victims. Judge Lynch noted that Nevada Legal Services and Washoe Legal Services are good resources. Ms. Cooney commented that her agency, Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans, is only able to help 20%-25% of applicants.

14. Report from the Committee on Domestic Violence (Jennifer Kandt).

Ms. Kandt did not attend the meeting but provided a written report (attached).

15. Comments from the Chair.

General Masto commented that the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice will be setting its next meeting in a couple of months. As Chair of the Victims of Crime subcommittee, she would like to focus on the issue of human trafficking—to identify it throughout the state, and find possible gaps in services and funding. The problem can then be addressed through legislation, law enforcement, and by support for those working on the issue. She asked the Council members to let her know if any of them are interested in participating on the Victims of Crime subcommittee.

Ms. Dory commented that restitution is a big issue for victims of crime. She has received a lot of phone calls from victims who want their restitution. If the person is in prison, there is only so much her office can do. Once the person is released from prison or discharged from parole, no one is following up with them and restitution is not being paid. The

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victim then has to file a civil case and can run into problems because the statute of limitations may have run out.

Ms. Greene announced that the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force will be meeting at Metro on December 8th at 1:00 p.m. and will be focusing on outreach for Human Trafficking Awareness month in January.

16. *Report, discussion, and action on reports/updates from the following Council Officers:

a. Vice Chair - Mike Sprinkle

Mike Sprinkle had nothing to report.

b. Treasurer - Suzanne Ramos

Ms. Ramos reviewed the Council's finances and reported that the NCPDV currently has \$407.32 for the rest of the fiscal year, some of which will be used to pay for travel for today's meeting. Ms. Prentice will be seeking additional funds to pay for Council expenses for the rest of the year.

c. Secretary - Brett Kandt

There was no report from Mr. Kandt.

17. *Discussion and scheduling of future meetings and agenda items.

Ms. Prentice asked if there were any particular months in which the Council wanted to meet. Ms. Cooney suggested meeting four times, instead of three because the Council has a lot of work to do. Ms. Prentice will send out some possible dates to the Council members for future meetings.

18. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

19. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE
PREVENTION
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

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

With

Public Access Via Videoconference Located At:

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

Council Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto, Barbara Aupperle,
Christina Hernandez, Eileen Herrington, Mark Jackson,
Brett Kandt, Suzanne Ramos, Mike Sprinkle, Robin Sweet

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Lubna Ahmad, Kathleen Bergquist, Christine Jones Brady,
Anya Arechiga Gonzalez, Patricia Lynch,
Sue Meuschke, Larry Mosley

Committee Members Absent

Staci Alonso, Valerie Cooney, Traci Dory, Michael Freda,
Robert Lundquist, Wendy Ronovech,
Elyne Wernikove-Greene, Bob Zentz

Public Present

Kristin Carrier, CarWil Engineered Mining Solutions
Johnny Larkins, Arm Safety Button

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Boe Turner, P.O.S.T. (by phone)

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Roll call was taken and quorum was established. General Masto swore in members of the Council who were not sworn in at previous meetings.

2. Introduction of members of the public and public comment.

Johnny Larkins, creator of the Arm Safety Button phone app, addressed the Council regarding the app and asked for assistance in promoting it for the safety of victims. General Masto explained that the Council is not in a position to adopt or endorse programs but said she would like to meet with him to get more information.

3. Review, amend and approve minutes from the November 2, 2011 Council meeting.

Brett Kandt made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2011 Council meeting as submitted. Mark Jackson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

4. Update, discussion and possible action on presentation by Kristin Carrier, CarWil Engineered Mining Solutions, regarding Scrap Domestic Violence project.

Ms. Carrier gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Scrap Domestic Violence Program she began last fall. The program funds domestic violence programs with the proceeds from recycling scrap metal. The program began at CarWil and Ms. Carrier is now working on getting Nevada mines to commit to donating the proceeds of their scrap metal as well.

5. Update, discussion and possible action on P.O.S.T. presentation regarding domestic violence training.

Mr. Turner, from P.O.S.T., reported that, at the request of the Attorney General, they reviewed the training requirements for domestic violence and

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stalking. The NAC's dictate minimum standards for initial training of Peace Officers. There are 16 separate objectives taught in basic training. Sexual violence is covered under Crimes Against Persons. In reviewing the academy curricula, they wanted to ensure that sexual violence and strangulation were at the forefront of training. There are ten hours of lecture, ten hours of practical scenarios and a four-hour practical domestic violence scenario that must be completed prior to graduation. In regards to continuing education, there are four specific stalking classes and 14 domestic violence classes. Peace Officers statewide are required to complete training in strangulation, domestic violence and stalking.

Mr. Kandt stated that he had provided the training video, *Perspectives on Domestic Violence*, to Mr. Clark at P.O.S.T. and asked if Mr. Turner was aware of it. Mr. Turner stated that the video had been discussed and that they were working on finding a way to utilize it in training. They have discussed making it available to peace officers through the online NV Learning Platform through the Department of Personnel.

Ms. Hernandez asked if LGBTQ training was provided in the domestic violence portion of P.O.S.T. training. Mr. Turner said that it was.

Ms. Brady asked how much training was provided regarding enforcement of TPO's. Mr. Turner stated he did not have that specific data with him, but TPO's are addressed in the curricula and there is a specific class in Southern Nevada on Stalking/TPO Investigations.

Ms. Prentice asked if it would be possible to get a copy the 16 objectives taught in basic training. Mr. Turner stated that he would send them to her by email.

6. Report, discussion and possible action on presentation by Christina Hernandez regarding UNLV Advocacy Support Response Team Against Violence (ASERTAV).

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Ms. Hernandez gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on UNLV's ASERTAV program. The mission of the program is to raise awareness, institute prevention efforts and address the experience of interpersonal violence including sexual assault, rape, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking throughout the UNLV campus and community.

Mr. Sprinkle asked about the increase in stalking cases and to what Ms. Hernandez thought it could be attributed. Ms. Hernandez said she

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wasn't sure why stalking incidents were increasing but thought that social media might be a factor. She noted that they are concentrating their efforts on education because in their focus groups they found that students don't always recognize stalking as a crime.

General Masto commended Ms. Hernandez on all that has been accomplished with limited funds. She asked how many people responded to the Interpersonal Violence Survey. Ms. Hernandez answered that only 973 of the 14,000 people who received the survey had responded. There were not enough funds to send to everyone on campus. General Masto asked what kind of response they received from the UNLV Administration in regards to the executive summary of the survey. Ms. Hernandez said that things have improved but they would still like to see more support from the Administration. She hopes that as education about, and utilization of, the services provided increase; the Administration will become more involved.

7. Report, discussion and possible action on reports/updates from the following Committees of the Council:

This agenda item was taken out of order.

a. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

Mr. Kandt stated that one of the Committee's goals is to track multidisciplinary trainings. The Prosecution Advisory Council will be working with the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force to do additional one-day multidisciplinary trainings. There will be one in October but the specifics have not been finalized yet. In addition, they are trying to work with the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence on the Annual Sexual Violence Conference. They have discussed making human trafficking the topic of the conference.

Another one of the Committee's goals is to look at statistics and track trends. They had tried to rely upon a separate report on domestic violence statistics that was put out by DPS Department of Records and Technology. However, DPS does not put out a separate report on domestic violence statistics anymore. Instead, the statistics are included in the annual UCR report. He noted that Ms. Sweet had pointed out that there are also statistics in the annual report of the Nevada Judiciary. The Committee is reviewing that data.

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The third Committee goal for 2012 is to develop Victim Advocate Best Practices. A subcommittee, chaired by Elynn Greene, has been formed to work on the project.

b. Education Committee (Valerie Cooney/Sue Meuschke).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

Ms. Meuschke reported that the Education Committee is working on a variety of issues including health care. The Committee is working with Christina Conti from the Health Division on outreach to hospitals regarding policies and procedures when dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault. Ms. Conti is also working with Mr. Sprinkle on training for REMSA. Hopefully, the Statewide EMS Committee will approve a training of trainer curriculum so they can go out to train emergency medical services personnel statewide.

ii. Update on Boy Scout “Peace Begins at Home” project.

The Committee is also working on youth education. They’ve done a lot of work with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in Northern Nevada and have begun work with the Boy Scouts in Southern Nevada.

There have also been conversations about whether the curriculum can be extended to 4-H groups. The Committee is also looking at the workplace; specifically, a survey that would go out to the casino HR departments to better understand what their policies and procedures look like and what kind of training they might need.

c. Legislative Committee (Mike Sprinkle).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

Kareen Prentice explained that Mr. Sprinkle resigned as Chair of the Committee and that the position is currently unfilled, therefore, the Committee has not met.

d. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

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Ms. Ramos referred to the handout on attendance and noted that with the call-in capability, the numbers of those attending the meeting will increase. Currently there are 24 council members with one new appointee joining in the next month. The application process is in place this year with five positions open tentatively. Applications will be available online beginning June 1, 2012. The deadline for applications to be submitted is by 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2012. That timeline correlates with the rural council meeting which will be held on July 18, 2012 in Battle Mountain. The Committee is recommending to the Council that a Town Hall meeting be held the afternoon of the 17th in Yerington, which will be voluntary to save on travel expenses. The priority for applicants will be given to Native American, clergy and rural applicants because those are areas that the Council is still lacking in representation. The Council's demographics show that there are eight members in the south, seven members in the north, three rural members and six members from other parts of the state. The next Committee meeting is set for May 4th at 1:00 p.m. At that meeting they will finalize the schedule for evaluating the applications.

Ms. Ramos added that there are two council members that are up for recommitment in December of 2012 and six that are up for recommitment in January of 2013. If not all recommit, there will be additional vacancies.

e. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

Ms. Dory was unable to attend, so the update was given by Ms. Ramos.

It was decided that the 2012 goals for the Committee would remain the same as they were for 2011. They are:

1. Promote the prevention of Domestic Violence
2. Increase Media awareness
3. Update the brochure and website as needed
4. Increase recognition of the Council.

The next committee meeting will be held in either late March or sometime in April.

f. **Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos).**

i. **2012 Goals Update.**

Ms. Ramos reported that, unfortunately, the Committee has not been able to gain a quorum to have a meeting so no new goals have been set. The 2011 goal of the Family Court survey is being reviewed and they are working with AOC. The Committee is working on outreach to LGBTQ and Asian, Native American, African and Latino communities.

They also want to continue efforts to arrange for a speaker at the Council meetings who can address issues faced by underserved populations.

A date has not been set yet for the next meeting.

General Masto acknowledged the difficulty in getting a quorum and asked that for the next meeting of the subcommittees, members write down what the subcommittee's goals are, what has been achieved and what hasn't and it will be added to one master list. Then, at the next meeting of the Council the members will go through the list and decide what still needs to be worked on and whether some subcommittees need to exist or not. General Masto asked that all the goals be sent to Ms. Prentice so that they can be collated and be ready for the next meeting of the Council. Brett Kandt suggested that individual committee members also send a list of their personal goals, as well as the subcommittee goals for inclusion in the master list so they can be looked at as well. Christine Brady asked to join the Underserved Subcommittee.

g. **Judicial Training Committee (Michael Freda).**

i. **2012 Goals Update.**

Michael Freda was not present, so Mark Jackson gave the update. Two meetings were held since the last Council meeting, and the next is scheduled for April 12, 2012. Over the two previous meetings, the Committee had discussed the Bench Book and made recommendations to the AOC regarding the Chapter on domestic violence.

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General Masto spoke about recent webinar training for judges that seemed to go really well. Sixteen judges participated and rated the training a 4.8 (on a scale of 1 to 5). The training will continue to be made available to the judges. Ms. Prentice spoke about being invited to present to the judges, along with Jennifer Kandt and the Attorney General, on Batterer's Treatment issues. In addition, they have been invited to present "In Her Shoes" at the Judicial Leadership Summit. The goal of the exercise is to give participants insight into the many obstacles a victim of domestic violence faces when trying to leave their batterer.

Mr. Kandt asked if the training video recently used at the Prosecutor's Conference was being utilized at the judicial trainings, and it was suggested that it may be suitable for use as a webinar or at a future Summit.

8. Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman (Kareen Prentice).

Ms. Prentice said that the Boy Scout Domestic Violence Awareness Patch curriculum has been translated into Spanish. It will be posted on the website. She also gave an update on the Attorney General's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Statewide Team. They met for the first time January 12, 2012 and were trained by Matthew Dale from the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative. They are having their next meeting March 21, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss policies and protocols, and to determine the site for the first fatality review. A list has been put together of domestic violence fatalities from the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence's annual report. Brett Kandt is working with the district attorneys for those counties to make sure that they're adjudicated cases. If anyone has a case they would like to see reviewed, submit it by May or June so that it can be voted on by the Fatality Review Team. They are also working with Clark County and they will hopefully be doing a review in May.

i. Update on VINE.

The current live counties in the state are Carson, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Lincoln, Mesquite (in Clark County), Nye, Storey and White Pine. Washoe has had the system for about 15 years, but are now part of the statewide system. The Nevada Department of Corrections went live about two weeks ago for the entire state. Pershing County will be going live next. PSA's have been filmed and will be released during Victims' Rights week – April 23rd through 27th. There will be eight trainings conducted in Clark County. There

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were six trainings done in Washoe County and one training each done in White Pine, Eureka and Lincoln County. In May they will be going out to Nye, Esmeralda and Mineral Counties. Trainings in Douglas, Lyon and Elko Counties will take place after that. Information on the trainings coming up in Clark County will be sent out and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The AOC was very interested in the Court Assessments document that was handed out at the training in Pahrump, and will be meeting to talk about the issue. Washoe County assessments were identified as being very low this year, and the judges are very concerned and want to identify where the problem lies since they know they are collecting more than what the Court Assessments document shows was received. It was discovered that the disconnect may be occurring between the county courts and the County Treasurer. Not all courts have a Court Administrator. Washoe has several Court Administrators. Ms. Prentice reported that this issue is a priority.

The NNADV received money from the Health Division to start a Statutory Rape Public Education Campaign Committee.

Ms. Prentice passed out information about a two-day free training the United States Attorney's Office is holding on sex trafficking in April.

Ms. Prentice also reported that she went to a NNADV LGBTQ Training in Las Vegas that was very informative. She then passed out Sexual Assault Awareness Pins.

9. Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (Elyne Greene).

Ms. Greene provided a written report (attached).

10. Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force.

Suzanne Ramos spoke about the Safe and Healthy Homes 5k River Run that is scheduled for April 21, 2012 at Idlewild Park. It used to be in September but it was moved to April to include all victims of crime. Ten dollars of each registration fee will go to CAAW this year.

11. Report from the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (Sue

Meuschke).

Sue Meuschke provided a written report (attached).

She also talked about the bill reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act coming before the Senate next week which provides a lot of the funding for domestic violence programs. There are currently 59 co-sponsors; Harry Reid, from Nevada is one. Dean Heller is not. She encouraged anyone who was interested to call Heller's office and ask that he vote yes on the bill. She explained that there are a number of new provisions in the bill that address the high rate of violence in tribal areas, but those provisions are in trouble. So she suggests that people let their senators know that they support those provisions that allow tribes to prosecute non-tribal members for violence on their reservations. Mr. Kandt reported that he met with our congressional delegation in Washington DC the previous month and their staff indicated to him not to expect a 5-year authorization, but more likely that it would go to an annual appropriation.

12. Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant and update on Grants Unit activities (Liz Greb).

Ms. Greb did not attend the meeting but provided a written report (attached).

13. Report from the Committee on Domestic Violence (Jennifer Kandt).

Ms. Kandt did not attend the meeting but provided a written report (attached).

Mark Jackson made a comment about judges wanting more discretion in requiring batterers' treatment counseling pursuant to NRS 200.485(3). Mr. Kandt stated that he felt that it was a minority opinion that judges want more discretion regarding the issue. Robin Sweet added that the lack of treatment providers was the primary reason judges wanted more discretion in these cases.

14. Comments from the Chair.

This item was taken out of order:

General Masto gave an update on the Human Trafficking initiative for the State of Nevada. For the next three years one of the issues the Attorney General's Office will be focusing on is the commercial sexual exploitation of individuals ages 12 through 21. It is a statewide initiative with law

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enforcement and District Attorneys partnered with the advocates in the communities as well as with federal authorities. A focus group has been formed and will be looking at model legislation that may be needed in the state to address the issue, treatment and the lack thereof, and what can be done to help these young victims. The training component is key for law enforcement personnel to identify human trafficking. Education, outreach and awareness are key. The first step for the focus group is gathering the data statewide to help identify the level of the human trafficking problem that exists in Nevada. A small subcommittee was formed with representative from Las Vegas Metro, Sparks Police Department, Reno Police Department and Washoe County Sheriff's Department. They discussed how to capture the human trafficking data, what it's going to look like across the state and how it can be made uniform so various jurisdictions can be compared. They are going to look at any additional criteria that might need to be added in order to identify the victims and categorize them so that solutions can be found. General Masto emphasized the importance of raising awareness of human trafficking in the state, since California and Nevada are number one in the nation for the human trafficking of juveniles according to the FBI crime reports. She also asked to what extent the Council members felt some of these issues could be addressed by the Council, since the issues are all related – domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking – she would like to see it wrapped into existing groups, like the Council, Substance Abuse or Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice, instead of forming a separate working group or task force to address the problem.

15. Report, discussion and action on reports/updates from the following Council Officers:

a. Vice Chair - Mike Sprinkle

Mr. Sprinkle had nothing to report, except to comment briefly on members making every effort to attend meetings, especially now that they could do so by phone.

b. Treasurer - Suzanne Ramos

Ms. Ramos reported that there was a balance of \$129.11 in the budget. Ms. Prentice stated that the travel expenses for this meeting were paid from a Training and Education budget that the Ombudsman has, so the only expense coming from the budget would be the teleconference bill before the new fiscal year. Ms. Ramos explained that most of the new fiscal year funds will be spent on the rural meeting. Ms. Prentice said that she will be requesting \$5,000 for the

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next fiscal year and hoped it would not be cut from the budget this time.

c. Secretary - Brett Kandt

There was no report from Mr. Kandt, except to reiterate the importance of members attending meetings.

16. Discussion and scheduling of future meetings and agenda items.

The next meeting will be July 18, 2012 in Battle Mountain.

17. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

18. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE
PREVENTION
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2012, at 11:30 a.m.

Battle Mountain Civic Center
625 South Broad Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Committee Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto, Brett Kandt, Kathleen Bergquist,
Christine Jones Brady, Traci Dory, Christina Hernandez,
Lt. Robert Lundquist, Susan Meuschke, Mike Sprinkle,
Elynn Wernikove-Greene, Robert Zentz, Patricia Lynch,
Barbara Aupperle, Eileen Herrington, Maricar Andrade, Valerie Cooney

Committee Members Absent

Lubna Ahmad, Staci Alonso, Michael Freda,
Anya Arechiga Gonzalez, Mark Jackson, Larry Mosley
Suzanne Ramos, Wendy Ronovech, Robin Sweet

Public Present

Kayla Mauldin, Jennie McKenzie, Michele Scovil
Michael MacDonald, John C. Fuller, Heather Singer,
James Barnes, Angie Elquist, Tawnie Black,
Laura Schmidt, JoAnn Casalez, Paula Hartbank,
Kristin Carriere, Max Bunch, Allison Smith

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV
Liz Greb, Grants and Project Analyst
Martie Washington, Grants and Project Analyst

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

General Masto called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General conducted the roll call of members and established quorum.

General Masto thanked CarWil for being at the meeting and for providing lunch.

2. Introduction of members of the public and public comment.

General Masto asked the public to introduce themselves.

General Masto stated that the members for domestic violence in Battle Mountain are here and to introduce themselves; Kayla Mauldin, Laura Schmidt, Tawnie Black, Jennie McKenzie, and Michele Scovil.

General Masto asked the District Attorney's attending to introduce themselves; Angie Elquist, Lander County District Attorney, and her deputy attorney James Barnes and Michael MacDonald, Humboldt County District Attorney.

General Masto stated that Sheriff Unger was unable to attend. General Masto proceeded to introduce Elko Chief of Police, Chief Zumwalt. Chief Zumwalt thanked the AG's Office for its partnership with the Elko Police Department and assisting with the police department's issues pertaining to domestic violence.

Mr. John Fuller introduced himself as a member of the community as well as a business owner of a mobile home park in Battle Mountain.

General Masto thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

3. **For possible action:** Review, amend and approve minutes from the March 14, 2012 Council meeting.

General Masto asked if minutes were reviewed (see attached handout) and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2012

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Council meeting. Mike Sprinkle made a motion to approve the minutes. Barbara Aupperle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

4. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on presentation regarding Scrap DV by Kristin Carriere and JoAnn Casalez.

General Masto introduced Kristin Carriere from CarWil and JoAnn Casalez from Scrap DV. JoAnn Casalez presented on Scrap DV (see attached presentation). Scrap DV is a funding source working with the mines due to the amount of scrap available to fund programs throughout Nevada for domestic violence.

General Masto asked JoAnn Casalez if there will be a process for applying for grant funding. Ms. Casalez stated yes and discussed the application, reporting, and distribution processes. Ms. Casalez stated that grant distribution will be yearly starting January 2013 through December 2013.

Ms. Casalez discussed the Elko Mining Show, the benches to memorialize domestic violence victims, and about the current donors/partners. Currently CarWil and AMS donate 100% of scrap monies and Boart Longyear donates 50% of scrap monies. GoldCorp made a donation of \$10,000 and Scrap DV is working with them to become a donor/partner and hopefully donate 100% of scrap monies. The monthly donations will help Scrap DV fund programs for domestic violence.

Kareen Prentice asked a question as to how the donors get scrap and monies to Scrap DV. Ms. Casalez stated that the donor/partner uses a scrap company and that a partial or full donation of the scrap monies is given to Scrap DV through a check from the scrap company, includes tonnage and dollar amount.

5. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on presentation regarding Allison Smith regarding the Drug Endangered Children Project.

General Masto introduced Allison Smith. Allison Smith presented and showed a video on the Drug Endangered Children Project (DEC) (see attached presentation). Ms. Smith stated that funding for the project is through grants from the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance through the

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AG's Office. Ms. Smith noted the forming of the Nevada Alliance with the National Alliance for DEC and how it will assist the communities throughout Nevada. Provided handouts regarding DEC (see attached handouts).

Ms. Smith talked about DECSYS; not much money available, so have to collaborate and leverage the resources available within the counties throughout Nevada. Ms. Smith stated that about six counties have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Protocols ready for signature; Humboldt, Lander, Pershing, Churchill, and Elko counties.

Ms. Smith stated that the website, www.decnevada.org, was launched about two weeks ago and will be a great resource and tool to use.

Ms. Smith opened it up for questions and there were no questions.

6. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on presentation by local stakeholders to include: Representative from Sheriff Ron Unger, Angie Elquist, District Attorney and the Committee Against Domestic Violence.

General Masto opened the meeting to the stakeholders to talk to the Council.

Discussion on resources and services for Lander County, the City of Battle Mountain pertaining to domestic violence (i.e. shelters/safe houses, foster care/foster homes, transportation, mental health services/counseling for victims/training for perps). Due to cutbacks at the State level, the Department of Child Family Services and the Department of Mental Health are no longer in City of Battle Mountain.

Kayla Maudlin stated that she has been a board member for domestic violence in Lander County since 1986. Ms. Maudlin stated the number of board members and volunteers is up given the lack of funding and resources for the area. Ms. Maudlin stated that Newmont Mining has elected employees to donate monies to certain organizations and have seen a rise in employee donations to domestic violence, which is great.

Discussion pertaining to prosecution of domestic violence cases. One difficulty is the children being split up throughout Northern Nevada, which makes it hard to do parental visits let alone sibling visits. Another difficulty is victims recanting and that is where advocates and counseling for victims would be a benefit. Another benefit is the collaboration between law enforcement, prosecutors and the victims/survivors of

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domestic violence to help figure out where the gaps, barriers, or delays are throughout the process.

General Masto stated that there is never enough money, so the need to work together differently and cross those boundaries is important. The goal is to share and learn, have best practices and work together. General Masto talked about the Tri-County Prosecutor through the AG's Office and that is housed in the local DA's Office. Liz Greb talked about looking at district, border and judicial lines when it comes to prosecution as well as victim services; look at the community strengths and build those partnerships. General Masto stated that not every model works for every community; by communicating those needs, the more the focus will be on those gaps or at least figure out a way to take care of it.

7. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on reports/ updates from the following Committees of the Council:
 - a. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt).
 - i. 2012 Goals Update.
 - ii. Update on Victim Advocate Protocols Subcommittee.
 - iii. Nevada State Bar Ethics Opinion No. 23 (1995).

(i.) 2012 Goals Update.

Brett Kandt talked about the multi-disciplinary training on October 4, 2012. Elynne Greene stated that the training will include best practices for victim advocates too. October 4, 2012 Free One Day Workshop on Effectively Investigating and Prosecuting Domestic Violence (see attached handout).

(ii.) Update on Victim Advocate Protocols Subcommittee.

Brett Kandt talked about best practices, prosecution, protocols for law enforcement and first responders in handling domestic violence cases. Mr. Kandt stated that the subcommittee may be able to present to the Council the protocols by the end of the year. Elynne Greene stated the members of the committee were herself as chair, Barbara Aupperle, Suzanne Ramos, and Lori Fralick (a public member).

(iii.) Nevada State Bar Ethics Opinion No. 23 (1995).

Brett Kandt talked about the Opinion and that it basically states that it is an ethical violation for a defense attorney to discourage a domestic violence victim from testifying, to urge the victim to not cooperate with the prosecuting attorney or law enforcement, and to influence the victim's testimony. Nevada State Bar Ethics Opinion No. 23, October 25, 1995 (see attached handout). Mr. Kandt stated that the majority of people working with domestic violence victims know that this is inappropriate, but this Opinion states it. Mr. Kandt stated that this Opinion will be included in the training for prosecutors, so they are aware of it and adhere to it. Short discussion and comment session pertaining to the Opinion.

- b. Education Committee (Valerie Cooney/Sue Meuschke).
 - i. 2012 Goals Update.
 - ii. Update on Boy Scout "Peace Begins at Home" project.

(i.) 2012 Goals Update.

Valerie Cooney gave an update on the hospital survey, outreach to emergency medical service providers, outreach to children; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts projects, and outreach to businesses with a focus on casinos.

(ii.) Update on Boy Scout "Peace Begins at Home" project.

Valerie Cooney stated that the outreach to the Boy Scouts in the North and South, the patch program, and the training to Boy Scout leaders is being conducted through the committee. Wendy Ronovech has been an enormous help in the South with the Boy Scout patch project.

- c. Legislative Committee.
 - i. 2012 Goals Update.

(i.) 2012 Goals Update.

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Kareen Prentice stated that the committee has not met and does not have a chair right now. Ms. Prentice is setting a meeting for August 2012 for the committee.

d. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

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Kareen Prentice stated that applications are being accepted until August 3, 2012. Ms. Prentice stated a press release has been sent out; the application is on the AG's Website, and to contact her for an application. Ms. Prentice stated no applications have been received. Ms. Prentice and General Masto discussed contacting the executives at Newmont mining.

e. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

(i.) 2012 Goals Update.

Traci Dory stated that the committee is making sure the AG's Website is up to date. Ms. Dory stated that the committee is looking at adding a link for temporary protection orders in the victim resource guide. The committee's next meeting will be held on August 30, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

f. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

(i.) 2012 Goals Update.

Christina Hernandez stated that Gender Justice Nevada, which is a new organization, has hired two part-time positions and will be handling LGBT domestic violence and sexual assaults as well as hate crimes. Larry Mosley is working in the North with the African America community for outreach similar to what is happening in the South.

g. Judicial Training Committee (Michael Freda).

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- i. 2012 Goals Update.

(i.) 2012 Goals Update.

Valerie Cooney spoke on the behalf of Michael Freda. The committee has had two meetings; one in January 2012 and one in June 2012 and planning a meeting for August 2012. The committee is identifying topics for training for the new judges coming into office pertaining to domestic violence and sexual assault. The committee anticipates another survey to identify topics for training for the new judges. Brett Kandt stated that maybe that survey could be combined with the bi-annual report survey for judges. Kareen Prentice stated that Robin Sweet has asked the Council to help with a two-hour training for judges. Short discussion on training for judges.

8. Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman (Kareen Prentice).
 - a. Update on VINE.

Kareen Prentice stated that General Masto signed onto a letter with fellow Attorney Generals to Harry Reid, John Boehner, Mitch McCall, and Nancy Pelosi supporting VAWA re-authorizations (this is the second letter General Masto has signed with other Attorney Generals supporting VAWA).

Ms. Prentice addressed the community members of the City of Battle Mountain and that the information that is shared in the meeting today will be included in the bi-annual report to the Governor and Legislature. A report is generated every other year prior to the legislative session.

Ms. Prentice gave an update on VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday). Ms. Prentice stated that Lander County has been live with the VINE Program since February 2011. Ms. Prentice asked if the community members of Lander County knew about it, use it, and if they have attended the trainings. The community members responded in knowing about it, attended trainings and one member stated using the system for a victim; really informative and helpful process. Ms. Prentice presented a bag of VINE information.

Ms. Prentice continued an update on VINE and stated that

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Mineral and Pershing Counties will go live in August 2012. Clark County is planning to go live at the end of August 2012. The North Las Vegas Detention Center closed in July 2012, so inmates were moved to the Las Vegas Detention Center. Not a seamless process, however; manual notifications were done for victims registered. Ms. Prentice stated that the scripting and transfer notifications for Clark County have been changed and updated. Parole and Probation and the Parole Board are planning to go live March and/or April 2013 and the Department of Corrections went live in February 2012.

Ms. Prentice stated two grants have been received. A STOP grant to help with the system costs and a Byrne/JAG grant to help fund the program manager for one more year.

Ms. Prentice stated the importance of getting information out about VINE and awareness of the system in Washoe County. We sent PSA's to media and we plan to do this in Clark County. Ms. Prentice stated that she has VINE handouts and materials and to contact her to request handouts and materials.

b. Update on the Attorney General – Domestic Violence Fatality Review Statewide Team.

Kareen Prentice stated the first review of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Statewide Team was done in Pahrump on June 26 and June 27, 2012. The team went over the policies, protocols, and a confidentiality statement was completed. The team chose a case from Pahrump (domestic violence mainly occurred in Las Vegas and just a short time period in Pahrump).

Ms. Prentice stated the team received great support from Child Protective Services; three children involved in the case. Ms. Prentice stated that the team listened to one of the 911 calls. Ms. Prentice stated that the review was a learning session on what to do differently and how to gather information. General Masto stated the case is about a father who stabbed his wife then shot himself with three children at home witnessing the violence.

General Masto stated that the Fatality Review was brought before Legislature and created by the AG's Office to address what is seen in this State concerning domestic violence homicides and that the

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State leads the nation in domestic violence related fatalities. In looking at the life of this woman it helps to understand what happened and piece it together; really look at the facts; learn from the experience, fine tune and bring to other communities. General Masto stated that the goal is to take the information and put together a report to give to the Legislature and take it to the stakeholders, put in better processes, procedures and collaboration for everyone involved in the process.

General Masto and Ms. Prentice both stated it was a fascinating experience.

9. Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (Elynne Greene).

Elynne Green stated that she submitted a written report, which outlines the events and the round table discussion held last week. Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (see attached handout). On October 4, 2012 there is a free one day workshop on "Effectively Investigating and Prosecuting Domestic Violence" (see attached handout).

Ms. Greene discussed trying to bring a Family Justice Center to Las Vegas.

Ms. Green stated that on October 1, 2012 the SNDVTF will be unveiling the Domestic Violence Memorial Plaque. There will be a press conference and they will bring the families together that have a family member memorialized on the plaque. Ms. Greene stated that this is the third consecutive year that domestic violence homicides are down in Clark County.

10. Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force.

General Masto introduced item ten; there was no one present to give an update.

11. Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant and update on Grants Unit activities (Liz Greb).

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General Masto introduced Liz Greb. Liz Greb stated she has put together a written report for the Council (see attached handout). The report covers current grants, how much expended and brief outline of subgrants.

Ms. Greb stated that there has been an increase in the utilization of STOP grants over the last two years. The areas that were traditionally having trouble spending out are now being tapped out (i.e. law enforcement, prosecution). A little bit of money has been returned to the law enforcement category.

Ms. Greb stated that in the current grant cycle no more interim grants will be awarded and the last one was for the VINE Program. Ms. Greb stated she is working with General Masto and the Assistant Attorney General Munro on the priorities for the next grant cycle, which starts January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. One problem last year was that funds were so tight that some agencies gave the funds back because the funds could not be used effectively. They are reevaluating the way to give grants and try to build on partnerships and use other resources; an overall package versus piecemeal. VAWA re-authorizations continue to hover along.

Ms. Greb stated that the Department of Justice is making changes that will impact the way we do grants. The Department of Justice is limiting the food and beverage budget policy for grant funds and will be pretty non-existent (not even bottled water). However, no formal letter of notification. Once the formal letter of notification is received then cuts will need to be made, except for what has been approved.

12. Report from the Committee on Domestic Violence (Jennifer Kandt).

General Masto introduced item twelve; provided in writing, please review the Committee on Domestic Violence Report (see attached handout).

13. Comments from the Chair.

General Masto stated no further comments from her on this item.

14. Report and discussion on reports/updates from the following Council Officers:

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General Masto introduced item number fourteen.

- a. Vice Chair - Mike Sprinkle

Mike Sprinkle stated nothing more to discuss or report.

- b. Treasurer - Suzanne Ramos

General Masto stated that Suzanne Ramos is not present at the meeting. Update provided though; 1042-15 NCPDV Expenses to Date FY 12 (see attached handout).

- c. Secretary - Brett Kandt

Brett Kandt stated there was nothing more to discuss or report.

15. **For possible action:** Discussion and scheduling of future meetings and agenda items.

General Masto introduced item fifteen. Kareen Prentice stated the next Council meeting will be in October or November. General Masto stated that Kareen Prentice will be coordinating the next Council meeting.

16. Public Comment.

General Masto introduced item sixteen and stated no public comment.

17. **For possible action:** Adjournment. General Masto asked for adjournment. Brett Kandt made the motion to adjourn. Valerie Cooney seconded the motion to adjourn. General Masto stated meeting is adjourned.

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE
PREVENTION
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

Office of the Attorney General
100 N. Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701
and
555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 3900
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101-1068

Committee Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto, Attorney General
Brett Kandt, Council for Prosecuting Attorneys
Christine Brady, Valerie Cooney, Traci Dory
Mark Jackson, Mike Freda, Ph.D.
Patricia Lynch, Sue Meuschke
Suzanne Ramos, Mike Sprinkle, Robin Sweet

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Maricar Andrade, Barbara Aupperle, Kathleen Bergquist,
Robert Lundquist, Wendy Sue Ronovech
Elyne Wernikove-Greene, Bob Zentz

Committee Members Absent

Lubna Ahmad, Staci Alonso
Anya Arechiga Gonzalez, Christina Hernandez
Eileen Herrington, Larry Mosley

Public Present

(3) Public – North
(1) Public - South

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Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Michon Martin, Chief Deputy Attorney General, BPA/NDOC

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman

Lisa South, Assistant to the Council

Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General took roll call and established quorum.

2. Introduction of members of the public and public comment.

Advocates for the Washoe Tribe Domestic Violence program are in attendance. The Ombudsman for the State of Nevada for Minority Health Issues is in attendance.

3. Swearing in of new members.

Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General conducted the swearing in of Maricar Andrade (see attached Oath).

4. **For possible action:** Review, amend and approve minutes from the July 18, 2012 Council meeting.

General Masto asked for a motion on the minutes from the meeting on July 18, 2012. Bob Zentz made the motion to approve the minutes. Elynn Wernikove-Greene seconded the motion. Mark Jackson, Mike Freda, Suzanne Ramos, and Robin Sweet abstained. Meeting minutes approved.

5. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on presentation by Michon Martin, Chief Deputy Attorney General regarding proposed Sex Trafficking legislation on behalf of the Attorney General.

Michon Martin reported and discussed the sex trafficking legislation (see attached presentation). Ms. Martin stated there is currently a pandering statute, which is changing to sex trafficking (use Federal definition of sex trafficking). Ms. Martin stated that the pandering statute is antiquated. Ms. Martin stated that the sentencing would increase by one level to a

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Cat B Felony 3 to 20 years to 10 to 15 years to Life. This includes aiding and abetting sexual assault against a child no probation. John stated that using violence would get the same penalty as sex trafficking because you do not need violence required when it's a child. This includes the need to modernize conspiracy, racketeering and wiretapping. A sex offender if convicted of sex trafficking should include asset forfeiture and mandatory restitution for survivors. This includes a civil cause of action where victims can sue the pimp. Confidentiality is maintained just as in domestic violence cases. Kareen Prentice stated that victims of crime compensation should be eligible for sex trafficking. Prosecution would have right to a preliminary hearing not just the defense as it is now (BDR 403). Safe Harbor is trying to move away from criminalizing the victim (not part of the BDR currently).

Ms. Martin discussed the Polaris Project. An organization that combats human trafficking holistically and the work is pro bono.

Discussion and questions on sex trafficking. General Masto talked about the treatment, education and law enforcement side; need to come together. Christine Brady asked a question pertaining to age as well as training for judges. Elynne Wenikove-Greene has a similar question on age. Ms. Martin stated they try to make the definition clear pertaining to age. Bob Zentz asked a question about "the relationship", the "domestic relationship". Mark Jackson reported on sex trafficking statistics.

There will be a one-day conference on sex trafficking on January 9, 2013.

6. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on presentation by Judy Henderson of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence regarding the statutory rape campaign and awareness materials.

Judy Henderson reported and discussed the statutory rape campaign and awareness materials (see attached presentation). Ms. Henderson discussed the definition of statutory rape (under the age of 16) as well as statutory sexual seduction penalties Ms. Henderson reported on the nationwide statistics for sexual violence and statutory rape. Ms. Henderson discussed the primary prevention strategies (this included prevention principles and approaches).

Ms. Henderson reported the Nevada Department of Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Service funds the Statutory Rape Education Project. Ms. Henderson report that the Nevada Public Health

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Foundation is education a variety of audiences on issues relating to Statutory Sexual Seduction. Ms. Henderson discussed the National Campaigns and Resources available.

7. **For possible action:** Report, discussion and possible action on reports/ updates from the following Committees of the Council:

a. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt).

- i. 2012 Goals Update.
- ii. Update on Victim Advocate Protocols Subcommittee.

Brett Kandt gave a report on the Criminal Justice Committee. Mr. Kandt stated the committee wants to standardize the form and is working with Vic Schultze.

b. Education Committee (Valerie Cooney/Sue Meuschke).

- i. 2012 Goals Update.

Sue Meuschke asked for clarification on businesses versus casinos. Ms. Meuschke discussed sharing with Chambers the workplace violence materials (CCI) and link to National information sites. Judy Henderson added parent and education group (Safe House, Shade Tree)

- ii. Update on Boy Scout "Peace Begins at Home" project.

Sue Meuschke, Wendy Sue Ronovech and Robert Lundquist discussed the Boy Scouts project.

- iii. Update on Girl Scout "Peace Begins at Home" project.

Elyne Wernikove-Greene discussed the Girl Scouts event.

c. Legislative Committee.

- i. 2012 Goals Update.

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ii. Nomination of new committee Chair.

Kareen Prentice stated the Legislative Committee will need to vote for new chair. The next meeting for the Legislative Committee is on December 12, 2012.

d. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

Suzanne Ramos gave an update on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Ramos stated that the Council will need waivers from all new and current members for the Council meeting in January 2013. Traci Dory and Wendy Sue Ronovech are not recommitting. Brett Kandt recognized Traci Dory and all her contributions.

e. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

Traci Dory gave an update on the Public Information Committee. Ms. Dory stated the temporary protection order document needs to be put online (AGO Website).

ii. Nomination of new committee Chair

The next meeting for the Public Information Committee will be on November 15, 2012 and will need a new chair.

f. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2012 Goals Update.

Suzanne Ramos gave a report on the Underserved Populations Committee. Ms. Ramos stated a goal is having a Statewide community meeting in various areas. The next meeting for the Underserved Populations Committee will be on December 3, 2012.

g. Judicial Training Committee (Michael Freda).

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i. 2012 Goals Update.

Michael Freda gave a report on the Judicial Training Committee. Mr. Freda stated the bench book has been reviewed and Robin Sweet and Mark Jackson have made suggestions. Robin Sweet said that they are waiting to release the benchbook until the judges committee reviews and approves.

Valerie Cooney stated that rural judges often ignore the law. Ms. Cooney stated that victims are being prosecuted for contempt of court (re: their protection orders).

Kareen Prentice and Judy Henderson did the "In Her Shoes" scenario game with judges. Ms. Prentice stated AOC wants the Council to find a speaker for their new judges. Nancy Lemon from Berkley, California works with judges. The new judge training will take place on December 5, 2012.

8. Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman (Kareen Prentice).

Kareen Prentice thanked Elaina from the Department of Public Health. Elaina spoke about reproductive and sex health for women. Ms. Prentice stated will hear if chosen November 15, 2012 and if chosen will start January 1, 2013 (\$350,000). Ms. Prentice gave an update on SART/SANE, State Board of Nursing and will follow-up.

a. Update on VINE and the Attorney General's Bill Draft Request.

Ms. Prentice stated that VINE is live in every county except Clark County. Ms. Prentice stated that Washoe County is doing notifications by hand. There will be a meeting with Apris today. Ms. Prentice stated working with Parole Board and Public Safety.

A Bill to house VINE – in the AG's Office – be a subcommittee in NCPDV.

Ms. Prentice stated there are two new grants that were received in July. Brett Kandt stated that 70% of victims utilize the system.

b. Update on the Attorney General – Domestic Violence Fatality

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Review Statewide Team and the Attorney General's Bill Draft Request.

Ms. Prentice stated the BDR would give the Attorney General access to the Criminal Depository for the Fatality Review Team. Elynn Wernikove-Greene stated the Southern Nevada Fatality team has reviewed two cases and working on a third.

9. Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (Elynn Greene).

Elynn Wernikove-Greene gave a report on the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (see attached update). General Mastro asked about what happened with the Family Justice Center project.

10. Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force.

Suzanne Ramos stated the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force will be meeting on December 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Ramos stated collaborating with prosecutors. Ms. Ramos asked Brett Kandt (Advisory Council) for a prosecutors training in the North.

11. Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant and update on Grants Unit activities (Liz Greb).

Marti Washington reported on grants. DECSYS update – Nevada and Wisconsin chosen as pilots – will be launched in December and hope to go Statewide.

12. Report from the Committee on Domestic Violence (Jennifer Kandt).

Jennifer Kandt is not in attendance. Ms. Kandt has submitted a CDV report (see attached report).

13. Comments from the Chair.

No comments from the Chair.

14. Report and discussion on reports/updates from the following Council Officers:

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a. Vice Chair - Mike Sprinkle

Mike Sprinkle is resigning as Vice Chair.

b. Treasurer - Suzanne Ramos

Suzanne Ramos has no comment. (see attached Treasurer report)

c. Secretary - Brett Kandt

Brett Kandt has no comment.

15. **For possible action:** Discussion and scheduling of future meetings and agenda items.

Discussion on bills, new members and possible location for Rural Road Trip next year (Caliente/Pioche/Panaca).

16. Public Comment.

Sue Meuschke stated that the Statewide Hotline will be closed and to use the National Hotline.

17. **For possible action:** Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

APPENDIX E

FY 2013/2014 Work Program – Category 1042-15
Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

In-state Travel \$2,700

There are approximately 26 members and estimated travel is based on 13 members from Northern Nevada, Southern Nevada, and rural Nevada – to attend one rural meeting.

Miscellaneous travel for mileage for members to attend the rural and video-conference meetings

Operating \$161

Paper, pens, basic supplies, copier, DOIT, teleconferencing for meetings and members.

Postage Paid to State Mailroom \$60

Postage based on \$5 per month.

Meeting Expenses..... \$150

Meetings – three video-conferenced meetings, one rural meeting

Total estimated work program..... \$3,071