

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202,
Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

Eileen Herrington

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Barbara Aupperle
Traci Dory
Dr. Michael Freda
Brett Kandt
Suzanne Ramos
Robin Sweet
Elyne Wernikove-Greene
Bob Zentz

Committee Members Absent

Kathleen Bergquist

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

1. *Call to order and roll call of members.

Brett Kandt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and quorum was established.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

3. *Approval of minutes from the July 6, 2011 meeting.

Barbara Aupperle made a motion to approve the July 6, 2011 minutes as submitted. Elynn Greene seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. *Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding *Perspectives on Domestic Violence* curricula for prosecutors, law enforcement and victim advocates.

Mr. Kandt stated that the video was presented at the State Prosecutor's Conference in September. The response from the prosecutors was positive. Mr. Kandt commented that perhaps more time should have been devoted to working through the curricula which included a series of questions prompted by the video along with resource materials. There was not really sufficient time at the conference to get a good dialogue going.

Mr. Zentz added that his lesson plan might have been too aggressive and that it took a while to build participation. Mr. Kandt thought that in the future, it might be conducive to have the participants break into smaller groups for the discussion and then have one person from each group report on their conversation.

Lesson plans tailored to other disciplines will need to be developed. Mr. Kandt reported that he has sent the video to POST and to the training division of the AOC. The District Attorneys have also requested copies for their internal training. Mr. Kandt asked if anyone knew of any upcoming training events where the video might be of use. Ms. Greene asked if it would be appropriate to use it while developing the victim advocate best practices. Mr. Kandt stated that he thought the video might be useful in eliciting feedback for best practices but that it would be best to develop a lesson plan first so that the discussion has some kind of structure.

Robin Sweet asked who at the AOC received the training video. Mr. Kandt stated that he provided David Gordon with both the video and the prosecutor's curriculum. Ms. Sweet noted that the AOC has a new manager of Judicial Education. His name is Gary Turner. Mr. Kandt stated he had not had any follow up yet and wondered if the video might be used for judicial training. Ms. Sweet replied that the agenda for the upcoming judges' conference was already full and that the soonest it might get on the agenda is January 2013.

5. *Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding domestic violence and sexual assault multidisciplinary training opportunities.

Ms. Green reported that on October 11, 2011, there will be an all day workshop on recommended practices for advocacy, prosecution, and investigation of domestic violence strangulation. There will be a focus on applying the law effectively. Casey Gwinn and Gael Strack will be providing the training. Judge Saragosa will also be speaking about the challenges and the benefits of the domestic violence court in Clark County. So far 163 people have signed up for the training.

The Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention and Intervention Conference will be held in Las Vegas next March. Ms. Greene stated that Ms. Sundberg was hoping to have it at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino. There will be a track for prosecutors, for law enforcement, for mental health professionals and one on special topics. They are currently looking for feedback on speakers.

6. *Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding new or existing best practices or protocols.

i. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding Nevada Model Domestic Violence Protocol for Law Enforcement.

Ms. Greene stated that she thought this might need to be revisited since there have been some new programs such as the Lethality Assessment Program. She thought the protocol should be reviewed to see if revisions are necessary. Mr. Kandt said that the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association has a new Executive Director, Bob Roshak. He will touch base with Mr. Roshak regarding review of the protocol.

ii. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding Nevada Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practices.

Mr. Kandt said he thought that the Nevada Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practices are current and up-to-date. Mr. Zentz agreed. No changes are needed at this time.

iii. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding creation of subcommittee to develop protocols for victim advocates.

Mr. Kandt stated that he would like to start a subcommittee to work with and look at federal opportunities for technical support and assistance in developing best practices for victim advocates. He asked Elynne Greene if she would be willing to chair the subcommittee. Ms. Greene said she would. Barbara Aupperle, Eileen Herrington, and Suzanne Ramos volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Bob

Zentz made a motion to create the subcommittee comprised of Ms. Aupperle, Ms. Herrington, Ms. Ramos, and Ms. Greene who will serve as Chair. Dr. Freda seconded the motion. Mr. Kandt stated that if the Subcommittee members knew of anyone outside of the Council who would like to serve, to please let him know so that they could be included on the subcommittee. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. *Report and possible action regarding Committee goals for the upcoming year.

i. Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence Statewide Prevention/Intervention Conference—Criminal Justice Track.

Mr. Kandt stated that he has already committed to providing funding for the training through the Prosecution Advisory Council. There were no further comments on this agenda item.

ii. Review Nevada Department of Public Safety Domestic Violence Reporting (http://www.nvrepository.state.nv.us/dv_reports.shtml).

The website has still not been updated with statistics later than 2008. Mr. Kandt stated he will follow up with DPS.

iii. Review of new or existing domestic violence best practice protocols.

Mr. Kandt stated that unless anyone had anything else to add, the focus for now will be on the creation of best practices for victim advocates.

8. *Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

9. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

8. *Adjournment.

Suzanne Ramos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elynn Greene seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.