

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

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present

Brett Kandt

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Barbara Aupperle
Dr. Michael Freda
Suzanne Ramos
Robin Sweet
Elynne Wernikove-Greene
Bob Zentz

Committee Members Absent

Kathleen Bergquist
Traci Dory
Eileen Herrington

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

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 October 5, 2011 meeting.

Dr. Michael Freda made a motion to approve the October 5, 2011 minutes as submitted. Elyne 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 he and Bob Zentz had developed the curricula for prosecutors and presented it. The training video has been sent to POST, the AOC training division, the District Attorneys, the City Attorneys and to those who have requested it.

Mr. Zentz stated that he planned to hand out the video at the next quarterly meeting of the Sheriffs and Chiefs in Clark County.

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

Ms. Greene stated they are looking for topics for the October training to coincide with domestic violence awareness month and if anyone has any ideas for the multidisciplinary track, please let her know.

6. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding new or existing domestic violence professional best practices or protocols.

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

Mr. Kandt stated that about 10 years ago, two documents were developed for law enforcement—the model protocol and the protection order protocol. Mr. Kandt sent these protocols to Bob Roshak, the Executive Director of the Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs Association, and asked if law enforcement wanted to review them and revise them as necessary.

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

Mr. Kandt noted that because of a legislative bill during the 2011 legislative session, one of the citations in the Prosecution best Practices needs to be updated.

iii. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding creation of Victim Advocate Best Practices.

Mr. Kandt asked if the subcommittee to create Victim Advocate Best Practices has met yet. Ms. Greene stated that they had not. She postponed the meeting until after the holidays and stated that she will be setting up a meeting soon. Mr. Kandt reminded her that the meeting would have to be conducted in accordance with Open Meeting Law and asked Ms. Greene to work with Ms. Webber to schedule the meeting. Ms. Greene stated that she has some protocols she will have Ms. Webber send out.

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 reported that in the past, the Conference has been held in November. The NCASV planned to move it to the spring, but it has since been moved back to November. He is not sure yet who will be the point person for the Conference. On behalf of the Prosecution Advisory Council, Mr. Kandt applied for and received STOP grant funding to sponsor the Criminal Justice Track at the Conference. One of the topics he plans to focus on is human trafficking. This subject is being pursued on the national level by the National Association of Attorneys General and is something that General Masto is working on as well. Since Las Vegas is a hub for human trafficking for sexual exploitation, he thinks this will be an appropriate topic.

Ms. Greene wondered if the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force's training (SNDVTF) should be moved so that it isn't so close to the NCASV's November Conference. She thought that people might have a hard time missing that much work to go to the trainings. Mr. Kandt agreed.

Ms. Greene commented that there is a human trafficking training team in Las Vegas and that there are national trainers on the team. Mr. Kandt said he thought they should use local resources when possible but that he also has the funding to bring in some national speakers. Ms. Greene will send Mr. Kandt a list of some names of trainers that have been well received around the state.

Mr. Kandt and Ms. Greene discussed possibly moving the timing of the SNDVTF's training and discussed potential topics including a training to get feedback for the development of the victim advocate protocols and work on the Family Justice Center project.

Mr. Kandt asked for some background on the Family Justice Center project. Ms. Greene stated that it is basically a coordinated response to sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking. The Center would provide social services, counseling and forensic exams. Ms. Greene characterized it as a high quality process for victims and a one-stop shop for services. She stated that Nevada is one of the few states without a Family Justice Center. Those involved include the SNDVTF, Stacey Cramer from the Office for Victims of Crime, Hannah Brook, the Executive Director of the Rape Crisis Center, and Barbara Aupperle from the Clark County Victim Witness Assistance Center. Eventually the District Attorney and Children's Protective Services will also be involved.

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

Mr. Kandt said that he had talked to Julie Butler and that DPS stopped providing separate quarterly reporting on domestic violence incidents due to limited resources. NRS 171.1227 does not specify that there has to be a separate quarterly report. Domestic violence and elder abuse statistics are included in the annual UCR report.

Ms. Sweet stated that they are now publishing more statistics in the Annual Report of the Nevada Judiciary. In the appendix pages of the report, there is a breakdown how many domestic violence cases were filed and the dispositions of those cases.

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

As discussed earlier, a subcommittee has been formed to develop Victim Advocate Best Practices. There were no other comments on this topic.

8. Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. Review of data from the Nevada Judiciary Report will be included in the agenda topics.

9. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment.

Suzanne Ramos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Michael Freda seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.