

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE
PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Minutes of Meeting

March 25, 2010, 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, Suite 3900
Room #4500
Las Vegas, Nevada 89701

Committee Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto, Barbara Aupperle, Christine Jones Brady,
Vincent Cannito, Valerie Cooney, Traci Dory, Dr. Michael Freda,
Christina Hernandez, Eileen Herrington, Vic Hutchings, Brett Kandt,
Sue Meuschke, Suzanne Ramos, Wendy Ronovech, Pam Russell,
Russell Smith, Mike Sprinkle, Caryn Sternlicht, Ron Titus, Robert (Bob) Zentz

Committee Members Absent

Adriana Botello, Amy Crowe, Toni Downen, Anya Arechiga Gonzalez,
Patricia Lynch, Mary White Stewart, Andrea Sundberg,
Elyne Wernikove-Greene

Public Present

Staci Alonso
Sheila MacDonald

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV
Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
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 Vice-Chair, Mike Sprinkle, at 10:20 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Review, amend, and approve minutes from the October 28, 2009 Council meeting.

Brett Kandt made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Valerie Cooney seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Christine Brady and Pam Russell abstained from voting.

3. *Update from Staci Alonso on her efforts on behalf of Clark County to protect pets/animals in domestic violence situations.

Ms. Alonso presented an overview of the history, development of, and services available at Noah's Animal House, an animal shelter on the grounds of The Shade Tree Shelter in Las Vegas, where roughly 40% of clients are victims of domestic violence. Ms. Alonso stated that she is interested in starting a similar program in Northern Nevada. The Council posed questions and discussed various ways to help her. Mike Sprinkle made a motion for the Council to formerly support Ms. Alonso in her efforts to protect animals in domestic violence situations. Russell Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. *Discussion regarding Supreme Court Justice Hardesty's Hearing on Protection Orders (Administrative Office of the Courts presenter).

Sheila MacDonald from the AOC, who also works on the Records Commission, stated that issues have come up regarding protection orders and access to the information contained in them. There are a lot of gaps in maintaining confidentiality. Justice Hardesty believes the issue is serious enough that he has scheduled a public hearing on Access to Court Records Regarding Domestic Violence and Temporary Protective Orders on June 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nevada Supreme Court with videoconference access in Las Vegas at the Regional Justice Center. This is the Nevada Supreme Court's Commission on Access, Preservation and Sealing of Court Records, ADKT No. 410. Ms. MacDonald distributed a memo which highlighted some of the confidentiality issues that affect both the victims and

the adverse parties. She stated that they would welcome comments on any issues regarding access to protection order files. She emphasized that the Records Commission is looking at access to records—who has access to them and when they have access to them. Ms. MacDonald invited anyone who has comments on the recently revised protection order forms or anyone who is interested in the protection order committee to contact her. She can be reached at (775) 687-9808 or smacdonald@nvcourts.nv.gov. Ms. Prentice asked if the forms could be sent to her for distribution to the entire Council.

5. *Update from Russell Smith on the effectiveness of the Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practice Guidelines in Humboldt County.

Mr. Smith reported on the effectiveness of the Humboldt County Witness Victim Advocate best practices. He stated that at the time they were developed, there was only one victim advocate. All the protocols are written for the rural counties where the District Attorneys office brings in an advocate who plays the role of all other advocates. As Humboldt County has developed and now has a domestic violence shelter, the witness victim advocate performs a more traditional role of preparing victims for court. He thinks of the protocol as a good jumping off point for any community. As a community grows, they can readdress the role of the witness victim advocate.

Brett Kandt stated that developing state-wide victim advocate protocols was one of the things that the Criminal Justice Committee has been working on.

6. *Update from Christina Hernandez on UNLV's ASERTAV program.

Ms. Hernandez reported that the program is the result of a lot of hard work and gave an overview of the ASERTAV program which stands for Advocacy Support Education Response Team Against Violence. She stated they had representatives both on campus and off campus and are working on core components including establishing campus-wide protocols to standardize reporting procedures and coordinate services; implementing prevention programs; training and education for students, faculty, staff, of law enforcement. She stated that they are currently working on a men's initiative and are trying to increase awareness about services for victims of crime.

She stated that ASERTAV meets monthly. Some of the challenges they face are budget constraints, time constraints during student orientation and difficulties in reaching non-traditional students who are likely to attend classes at night. They deal predominantly with domestic violence because sexual assault tends to be underreported.

General Masto offered the support of the Council in anything ASERTAV may need. Ms. Hernandez stated they are currently looking at what other campuses have done but that she would appreciate help with creating the policy aspect of the program.

7. *Update and presentation by Captain Vincent Cannito on LVMPD's efforts regarding domestic violence.

Captain Cannito stated he had been working on developing a statewide consistent message about domestic violence. The Council watched a video produced by the LVMPD on the Janae Williams story. Ms. Williams was the victim of domestic violence and survived being stabbed 18 times by her boyfriend. Captain Cannito stated that they are taking an aggressive approach to the problem to let perpetrators know that Clark County and the Attorney General's office are taking the issue seriously. The focus has been on prevention and LVMPD has developed a number of programs and resources to help prevent these crimes. Captain Cannito said that since July of 2009, Metro has made almost 600 felony strangulation arrests. LVMPD has been working with the District Attorney's office to make those priority cases.

He then gave an overview of the findings highlighted by the Lethality Assessment Program which documented the number of women harmed by people they knew and/or lived with and who were victimized in their own homes. He discussed the questions by which victims are placed in high risk categories. LVMPD is doing everything possible to link victims with the services available. However, only a small percentage of victims accept the help. Encouraging victims to get help is a major issue.

Ms. Meuschke asked if the statistics he cited were available. Vincent Cannito said he could provide a handout. She asked how LVMPD determined which of the calls they do a lethality assessment on. Captain Cannito stated that the Lethality Assessment program gives the officers a tool to identify who is at high risk.

There was a question about follow-up programs. Mr. Cannito said that once a case is entered into the system, the victim advocates follow up with the victim to put them in touch with available resources.

Mike Sprinkle asked if there were plans to launch a similar program in Northern Nevada. Mr. Cannito stated that his Department encouraged every agency in the state to adopt the program. He noted that there are links to all of their programs on the LVMPD website (www.lvmpd.com).

Kareen Prentice stated that she had sent the Lethality Assessment Program information to the Reno Police Department and the Sparks Police Department.

Sparks Police Department has developed their own lethality assessment is currently training their law enforcement officers. Reno Police Department is also considering developing their own lethality assessment program. Captain Cannito offered to help any program, at any time, in any way he could.

Christine Brady asked if there was any data about those who accepted help and were victimized again versus those who did not accept help and were victimized again. Captain Cannito stated that they did not track that information due to the magnitude of the numbers they were dealing with and the limited staff they have to work on the issue.

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

a. Bylaws and Structure Committee (Russell Smith)

i. 2010 Goals Update.

Mr. Smith stated that currently there are no recommendations or suggestions for changing the bylaws.

b. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt)

i. 2010 Goals Update

Mr. Kandt stated that the goals for this year are:

- 1) To sponsor the criminal justice track at the Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention Intervention Conference in November.
- 2) Review the domestic violence statistics that are posted to the criminal justice repository to identify any trends or concerns that may arise. Unfortunately, no statistics have been posted for this calendar year.
- 3) Develop victim witness advocate best practice model protocols.
- 4) Create a multidisciplinary training video looking at both the victim and batterers perspectives in the cycle of violence. Mr. Kandt stated they had obtained STOP grant funding to film the video, a script, and have identified some victims and batterers who are willing to participate. The goal is to have the video completed in the next six months. Mr. Kandt stated that he would like to premiere it at the Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention Intervention Conference in November.

c. Education Committee (Valerie Cooney/Sue Meuschke)

i. 2009 Goals Update

Ms. Meuschke stated that there had been some technical difficulties at the last meeting of the Education Committee and so they had not had an opportunity to talk about the 2010 goals. However, she stated that the Committee would continue to work with boards and commissions to identify training needs and how to facilitate those efforts. The Committee is continuing work with the Cosmetology Board on the Cut-It-Out program and is reaching out to the Nursing Board and Emergency Medical Services Committee to talk about education and training in those areas.

ii. Hospital Survey

The Committee sent a survey to all of the hospitals in the state regarding policies on domestic violence and sexual assault and hoped to have a report on the results soon. Ms. Prentice added that they are working with the Nevada Hospital Association on the hospital survey. She reported they had received five completed surveys and that the Nevada Hospital Association was resending the survey as a reminder.

iii. Update on Boy Scouts Project.

Ms. Meuschke said that the Committee had made contact with the Boy Scouts and are collaborating with them on the development of a patch program similar to the one done with the Girl Scouts.

d. Legislative Committee (Mike Sprinkle)

i. Goals Update.

Mr. Sprinkle reported that the Committee had discussed ideas for possible legislation. He stated that an area of concern identified by Dr. Freda is domestic violence training for those completing custody evaluations. Some of the Committee members are researching the issue and they may bring the idea to the Council. General Masto suggested contacting Vic Shulze, the Attorney General's child advocate, who will be presenting on custody evaluations at a judges conference. Mr. Sprinkle stated that the Committee would contact him. After some discussion by the Council members, Mr. Sprinkle said that he would have something more formal to present at the next Council meeting.

Completion of the biennial report and review of proposed bills regarding domestic violence are also 2010 goals of the Legislative Committee.

e. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos)

- i. 2009 Goals Update.**
- ii. Committee Membership and Attendance.**

Ms. Rasul verified that open meeting law waivers had been received by all except one member of the Council. The member who did not return a signed waiver would not be discussed.

Ms. Ramos stated that the Committee had met and established goals for 2010. They would like to seek members from the clergy, Native American, African American, and from Southern Nevada. Currently there are 28 members and Ms. Ramos expected the resignation of one member which would leave 3 vacancies. The application has been updated and needs to be posted to the Attorney General's website.

The Committee is planning the Rural Road trip for July 14-15, 2010. The Committee proposes that the Council travel to West Wendover on July 14th for a town hall meeting in the evening. They will stay the night in West Wendover and then travel to Elko the morning of July 15th for a lunch-time Council meeting.

f. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory)

- i. 2009 Goals Update.**

Ms. Dory reported that the Public Information Committee had met numerous times since the previous Council meeting. She stated that 2010 goals were to continue updating the website including adding a victims of crime tab; to promote the prevention aspect of domestic violence; and to increase media awareness of the issue.

- ii. NCVRW Press Release.**

Ms. Prentice stated that Captain Cannito had sent out an LVMPD press release that would be forwarded to the Council members. Once adapted to a specific agency, it can be sent out for National Crime Victims Rights Week in April.

g. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos)

- i. 2009 Goals Update.**

Ms. Ramos stated that the Committee is still working on the rural Nevada I-80 corridor transportation issue which is a very difficult matter but which the Committee intends to continue working on in 2010. She reported that the Committee was also considering a domestic violence survey regarding protection

orders. Mr. Joe Tommasino, from the Clark County court system had done a survey on the TPO process and the Committee was waiting on the results from that survey before developing their own.

Other goals of the Committee are to continue to arrange for speakers to address underserved issues at the Council meetings and to do outreach to the gay and lesbian communities.

Regarding the protection orders, General Masto verified with Sheila MacDonald that Justice Hardesty's hearing on protection orders was only in regards to confidentiality issues. Mr. Kandt asked General Masto if the Council should make a written recommendation or report regarding ADKT 410 and file it with the Nevada Supreme Court for their consideration. General Masto stated she thought that was a good point and thought that Mr. Titus might know the best way to present that to the Court. She was also curious how the hearings regarding the confidentiality issues came about. Mr. Titus stated that there were some cases that brought the problem to the attention of Justice Hardesty and that one of his committees was working on access and retention issues.

h. Judicial Training Committee (Dr. Michael Freda)

- i. 2009 Goals Update.**
- ii. Update on training topics.**

Dr. Freda provided the list of suggested topics for judges training that was to be presented to the education committees of the limited jurisdiction and the general jurisdiction judges associations. He stated that General Masto was working with the judges on those committees to see if they can get the topics on the agenda for training. Ms. Cooney suggested rewording the heading "Avoiding Revictimization by the Judicial System" to "Avoiding Revictimization by the Legal System."

General Masto noted that meetings with the judges associations have been set for April 23, and June 16, 2010.

9. *Report from the Domestic Violence Ombudsman (Kareen Prentice)

Ms. Prentice reported that she had been working on the VINE grant with Henna Rasul and Traci Dory. A contract with Apriss was approved and Ms. Prentice has made VINE presentations to the Sheriffs and Chiefs in September, 2009 and March, 2010. The program officer interviews were completed and are in contract negotiations. The accountant position has been filled and that contract will be before the BOE in April. General Masto has selected a Governance Committee to oversee the project and handle any issues that may arise.

Ms. Prentice stated that the Attorney General's office has been awarded a STOP grant for fatality review training in September or October. Dr. Neil Websdale from the National Fatality Review will be speaking. She will have an update regarding this at the July Council meeting.

She has continued work with the Cut-It-Out program and has done another teen dating violence presentation at Virginia City High School.

She asked Russell Smith to speak about the Tri-County Sexting Task Force. Mr. Smith stated that the Task Force was planning to give a PowerPoint presentation to Tri-County students before the end of the school year and to give a PowerPoint presentation to the parents in a town hall meeting. He stated that they are in the process finalizing the presentations and are planning to meet with parents, the school board, and administrators in April to get approval on the curriculum. The goal is to make this an ongoing yearly presentation for high school and junior high school students. He stated that another goal was to continue to work with Attorney General and Tri-County on legislation to address the problem of electronic transfer of pornographic materials between juveniles and the penalties for that behavior.

General Masto stated that sexting was a problem that her office has been working on since the last legislative session. She stated that in Northern Nevada, they had partnered with the Girl Scouts for a town hall panel presentation with representatives from MySpace and local law enforcement. The presentation was for both the children and their parents. She stated that it is as important to educate parents, guardians and grandparents as the children.

Mr. Sprinkle asked where the sexting curriculum came from. Mr. Smith stated that it was built from scratch by collaboration of the Attorney General's Office, Tri-County law enforcement, school representatives, counselors, youth, community coalitions, and district attorneys. Mr. Sprinkle asked what was being done in Washoe and Clark counties. General Masto replied that she, along with Kareen Prentice and Ryan McDonald, had put together a presentation on sexting, cyber safety and teen dating violence that has been given in classrooms over the course of the past year. She stated that there has been a lot of feedback from teachers and counselors asking for more training. She encouraged interested members to get involved.

10. *Report from the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (Elyne Wernikove-Greene)

Ms. Greene was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report to the members.

11. *Report from the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force (Dr. Michael Freda)

Dr. Freda stated that they had begun work on the Safe and Happy Home event. He reported that the fatality review committee has reviewed several murders and were processing the information gathered from those meetings in order to make recommendations to the Washoe County Commissioners and the Reno and Sparks mayors about how services can be improved. In addition, the WCDVTK has been working with Washoe County teachers involved in the SHARE program to incorporate domestic violence and teen dating violence information in presentations to students.

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

Ms. Meuschke reported that the NNADV was working on a number of projects, one of which is a state-wide legal advocacy project which uses money from the rural and STOP grants to fund legal advocates in nine programs throughout Nevada. Other projects include coordinating a transitional housing project in six rural communities, and providing ongoing training and technical assistance to all domestic violence programs in the state. The NNADV has recently received a small grant to supplement language line translation services. She stated that they will be holding a regional training in Las Vegas on March 29, 2010 on domestic violence and substance abuse. On May 27, 2010 there will be a training on domestic violence and immigration in Reno. They are rolling out a financial literacy training of trainers to teach programs to educate women at financial literacy skills workshops. This year marks the NNADV's 30th anniversary and so they are holding a series of birthday parties statewide to celebrate and to honor individuals and communities who have helped the movement.

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

There was no report from the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence as Ms. Sundberg was unable to attend the meeting.

14. *Report from the Attorney General Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant (Liz Greb)

There was no report from the Attorney General's Office on the Violence Against Women STOP Grant.

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

Ms. Kandt was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report.

16. *Report from the Victims of Crime Subcommittee (Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto)

Ms. Prentice stated that the meeting date will be either April 12th or 15th at 2:00 p.m. She said that the Committee is looking at gaps in victims' services throughout the state and at legislative issues.

17. Comments from the Chair

General Masto was unavailable for comments.

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

a. Vice Chair – Mike Sprinkle

Mr. Sprinkle reiterated the importance of the members' participation on committees and commended everyone for their increased involvement and efforts over the past year. He also emphasized the importance of attending the rural Council meeting in July.

b. Treasurer – Suzanne Ramos

Ms. Ramos stated that the Council's balance is \$21.65. She stated that they would be receiving additional funds to cover Council expenses through June 30, 2010.

c. Secretary – Brett Kandt

Mr. Kandt had nothing new to report.

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

The next meeting will be July 14-15, 2010 in West Wendover and Elko, Nevada. Mr. Sprinkle asked that any suggestions for agenda items be sent to Lorraine Webber.

20. *Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

21. *Adjournment

Mr. Kandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne Ramos seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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Minutes of Meeting

May 28, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Present

Pam Russell
Mary White Stewart

Committee Members Present Via Telephone

Catherine Cortez Masto, Anya Arechiga, Barbara Aupperle, Amy Crowe, Traci Dory, Dr. Michael Freda, Elynne Greene, Christina Hernandez, Eileen Herrington, Sue Meuschke, Suzanne Ramos, Russell Smith, Ron Titus

Committee Members Absent

Christine Brady, Vincent Cannito, Valerie Cooney, Toni Downen, Brett Kandt, Patricia Lynch, Wendy Ronovech, Mike Sprinkle, Caryn Sternlicht, Andrea Sundberg, Bob Zentz

Public Present

Rob Lundquist, LVMPD
Sheila MacDonald, AOC
Natalie Choi, Washoe County Public Defender's Office

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. *Discussion, recommendations, and possible action regarding Supreme Court Justice Hardesty's June 3, 2010 Hearing on Protection Orders.

General Masto stated that she knew many members of the Council had been invited by Justice Hardesty to participate, but she wanted to make sure to include everybody who had an interest in the subject. She asked if everyone had an opportunity to look at the scheduling order for the hearing about access to, and retention of, court files and records in cases involving temporary protection orders and domestic violence cases. General Masto asked if there were any Council members who were not already participating, who would like to participate or make a recommendation. There were no comments and General Masto stated that she thought it was mostly covered. She then asked who would be attending the hearing on behalf of their organizations. Dr. Mike Freda, Traci Dory, Russell Smith, Sue Meuschke and Christina Hernandez were planning to attend. Barbara Aupperle said she was planning to attend, but only to listen and Karen Prentice stated she would also attend and listen unless there was something to come from the Council or the Attorney General's Office.

Ms. Meuschke asked if General Masto would be testifying. General Masto stated that she wasn't planning on it unless there was something that came from the Victims of Crime Subcommittee or the NCPDV in which case she would represent those groups as Chair of the Council. She added that if there was an issue that Council members thought it would be helpful for her to weigh in on, then she was open to that.

Ms. Meuschke asked if all those attending who did not specify that they would be going only to listen, were planning to testify. Dr. Freda stated he planned to make comments. Ms. Hernandez stated that she believed Andrea Sundberg was planning to testify. Mr. Smith stated that he was not planning to testify unless there was something presented that he felt he needed to comment on. Ms. Meuschke said she was planning to testify on behalf of the NNADV.

General Masto asked if anyone had any concerns that may be missed. Ms. Stewart stated that she would like to get a sense of how the Council members were planning to respond to the items noted in the scheduling order. Ms. MacDonald noted that those testifying are not limited to the items in the scheduling order so long as the issue is related to redacting, sealing, or access to the files. General Masto asked if there were any concerns that were not on the list. There were no comments.

The Council then reviewed the items listed in the scheduling order. General Masto asked Ms. Meuschke which items she would be addressing at the hearing. Ms. Meuschke stated that representatives from the NNADV would

be addressing access to protection orders in terms of safety, and would particularly emphasize the importance of not publishing protection orders on the internet. They also planned to comment on issues surrounding destruction of records, expunging records, and sealing confidential portions of files.

General Masto asked Ms. MacDonald if the Court already had a sense of the policies and procedures they would like to set up, or if they are just gathering information at this point. Ms. MacDonald stated that this hearing functioned as a forum for exploring the issue and hearing the rationale about why certain policies should be instituted. As to follow-up, Justice Hardesty plans to create a subcommittee on the Records Commission and will be looking for members to serve on that subcommittee. If anyone is interested in serving on that subcommittee, they can contact Ms. MacDonald. The subcommittee will come up with recommendations that will be available for comment.

General Masto asked if there were any other concerns. Ms. Prentice brought up the VAWA 2005 and thought maybe they should comment on that since the Attorney General's Office certifies that those laws are not being broken in this state. Ms. Masto stated that she and Ms. Prentice would work on that topic. General Masto also asked her to arrange a time for them to discuss item 9 of the scheduling order with Andrea Sundberg.

The Council briefly discussed items 7 and 8 on the scheduling order. Ms. Meuschke stated that all of the issues on the order are not yes or no questions but subjects which require a fairly lengthy conversation. General Masto agreed stating that the Council could probably not go in and say "here is our written response to all these questions." She anticipated that the hearing would be a lot of discussion and dialogue about various aspects of each issue. She encouraged as many Council members as possible to attend the hearing, whether they are testifying or just listening.

Ms. MacDonald added that the hearing would be webcast on a limited number of connections, so those unable to attend in person still had the opportunity to listen.

3. Comments from Chair.

General Masto thanked everybody for coming together to discuss this important topic and expressed appreciation that Justice Hardesty was affording everyone the opportunity to provide input on the issue.

4. Public Comment.

There were no comments from the public.

5. *Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Minutes of Meeting

July 15, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Great Basin College
High Tech Center, Room 120
1290 Burns Road
Elko, Nevada 89801

Committee Members Present

Catherine Cortez Masto, Barbara Aupperle, Christine Jones Brady,
Vincent Cannito, Traci Dory, Toni Downen, Dr. Michael Freda,
Christina Hernandez, Eileen Herrington, Brett Kandt, Patricia Lynch,
Suzanne Ramos, Russell Smith, Mike Sprinkle,
Andrea Sundberg, Robert (Bob) Zentz

Committee Members Absent

Valerie Cooney, Amy Crowe, Anya Arechiga Gonzalez, Sue Meuschke,
Wendy Ronovech, Pam Russell, Caryn Sternlicht, Ron Titus,
Elynn Wernikove-Greene

Public Present

Sue Branscomb, Elko County District Attorney's Office
Pam Hansford, CADV
Diane Hills, CADV
Andrea Hollowell, CADV
Sarah Hinton, LCCADV
Juanita Joe, Elko Band D.V. Coordinator
Tdyi Zarah Y. Magdamo, LCCADV
John McCormick, AOC
Monique-Cheri Pierre, United Methodist Church
Dallas Smales, ITCN-DVPP
Toby Templeton, CADV
Jo Lynn Wallace, CADV
Pamela Webster, UCASA
Don Zumwalt, Elko Police Department
Holly Zumwalt

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV
Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman

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

The meeting was called to order by Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto at 10:30 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

2. Introduction of members of the public.

General Masto stated that it was an honor for the Council to be in Elko and explained that the Council meets in rural communities every year to learn what is happening with domestic violence issues. She encouraged public comments and invited public attendees to state their names and what organizations they represent. (Please see Public Present list, above.)

3. *Review, amend, and approve minutes from the March 25, 2010 and May 28, 2010 Council meetings.

Russell Smith made a motion to approve the March 25, 2010 minutes as submitted. Dr. Michael Freda seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Russell Smith made a motion to approve the May 28, 2010 minutes as submitted. Dr. Michael Freda seconded the motion. The motion passed with several abstentions. Patricia Lynch, Valerie Cooney, Toni Downen, Christine Jones Brady, Mike Sprinkle, Bob Zentz, Brett Kandt, and Andrea Sundberg all abstained from voting because they were not in attendance at the May 28, 2010 meeting.

4. *Update and discussion from Yvette Waters, Executive Director of the Committee Against Domestic Violence, Elko, Nevada.

Ms. Waters was unable to attend the meeting but CADV staff members Toby Templeton, Jo Lynn Wallace, Diane Hills, and Pam Lansford introduced themselves and gave an overview of the work of the CADV, which covers an area of 34,000 square miles. Members of the Council asked the CADV staff questions regarding services for victims of sexual assault and about assisting law enforcement and victims in the West Wendover community.

General Masto asked the CADV to describe some of the challenges they faced aside from the lack of housing, which Ms. Hills mentioned during the CADV introductions. Ms. Lansford stated that they work a lot with VARN, which was a great resource; however there are not enough attorneys to go around. She stated that there is not one pro bono attorney in Elko or in Elko County. Legal

fees can cost between \$3000 and \$10,000. One of the challenges many women face is that a lot of them are stay-at-home moms and don't have the resources that the abuser does. The abuser can afford an attorney, but the victim can not. If VARN is unable to help, then the woman is in dire straights. The last thing these women want to do is go to court without a lawyer to represent them. Ms. Lansford stated that the lack of pro bono attorneys is the biggest challenge they face. Nevada Legal Services in Elko will hand out divorce packets but only provides legal assistance with criminal cases, not with family law matters. She stated that if they could get a list of attorneys out of the Reno area who would accept payment on a sliding scale, it would possibly help those who had some kind of income.

General Masto asked if there were any other issues they would like to report. CADV members reported that funding is always a problem. Ms. Wallace stated that their website is kept updated with items that are needed such as diapers and personal hygiene products. CADV members reported that the Elko Community has been very generous.

Ms. Ramos asked what kind of issues they had surrounding transportation for victims of domestic violence. Ms. Lansford reported that, when needed, they will pick up victims and bring them to the shelter. Bus tickets have been purchased for victims who wish to leave the area. The CADV will provide transportation to doctor appointments but lack the staff and financial resources to assist with things like transportation for a job search.

In response to a question, Ms. Lansford reported that the local judges were very good about signing emergency protection orders. The CADV staff assist victims in applying for a 30-day order and are very rarely denied.

Ms. Brady asked that if Nevada Legal Services were only assisting in criminal cases, were they then acting as public defenders? Ms. Lansford stated that it was her understanding that Nevada Legal Services refers these cases to attorneys who will accept payment on a sliding scale. She stated that a couple of attorneys in town had a sliding scale, but not many. There is not a pro bono attorney in family law in Elko and so the only ones available are through VARN and VARN is covering such a large part of the state— all the rural counties— with a limited staff and so they can not take all cases. There was some discussion about VARN and the pro bono process. Pro bono attorneys can choose the area of law in which they offer pro bono services and there is a shortage of help in the area of family law. Some attorneys fulfill their pro bono obligation by sitting on a non-profit board or by educating on the law. Mr. Kandt stated that the Nevada Supreme Court has an Access to Justice Commission which he sits on as the Attorney General's representative. The Commission has done a study to quantify the unmet civil legal needs throughout the state. Mr. Kandt stated that there was a tremendous need in the rural areas and that part of the Commission's mandate is to increase attorney participation in pro

bono programs. Ms. Herrington stated that it is also a huge problem in Storey County. When victims contact the District Attorney's office, they are referred to VARN or another non-profit and sometimes it is two weeks or longer before the victim gets a call back. By that time, the batterer has had further opportunity for financial manipulation to the point where the victim has no choice but to return to the offender.

General Masto suggested that the annual family law conference in Ely might be an opportunity to address the issue and see if the attendees at the conference have some ideas on how to bring some more of the family law attorneys into rural communities.

Judge Lynch asked about how visitation exchanges are accomplished. Ms. Lansford stated that they are either done in the parking lot of the Sheriff's department, or through a third party.

Dr. Freda remarked that as a certified batterers intervention program, his program is required by statute to do 5% pro bono work and can be sanctioned if they do not meet that requirement. He suggested that maybe something similar could be done through the Nevada Bar Association. General Masto stated what they could do was reach out to family law attorneys in the state to see if they would be willing to do some pro bono work in the rural areas, the challenge being how the attorney would connect with the client in the rural communities when the attorney lives in the Reno or Las Vegas areas.

5. *Update and discussion from local law enforcement on domestic violence issues in Elko County.

Elko Police Chief Don Zumwalt stated that his wife is a licensed social worker who works for the family resource center and so his home was blended between enforcement and services. It is important to both of them that the right help gets to the right people. After expressing his appreciation to the Council for traveling to Elko, Chief Zumwalt stated that domestic violence continues to be a big issue. A very high percentage of domestic violence cases stem from some sort of drug and alcohol abuse. The problem is not getting any easier but is getting worse. He stated his department works with CADV to blend enforcement and services. His goal is to make the community healthier and safer through enforcement, education, and social services.

Ms. Sundberg asked what counseling services or treatment programs are available since drug and alcohol seem to be such a problem. Chief Zumwalt replied that services are available but he wasn't sure that the court system mandated them. He stated that sometimes the court orders drug and alcohol counseling and sometimes the court just orders family counseling even when drugs and alcohol may be a factor.

Dr. Freda stated that as a provider of batterers treatment services, he is required to do an addiction assessment and if the batterer does have a problem with addiction then it becomes part of their treatment plan.

Captain Cannito commented on the intervention aspect of law enforcement and stated that it was one of the most critical components. He briefly discussed the Lethality Assessment Program and the importance of reaching out to victims and focusing on suspects so that everyone is aware that law enforcement is not going away.

Chief Zumwalt remarked that if they were able to follow-up with victims and suspects it may be beneficial.

Jim Pitts from the Elko County Sheriff's department stated that alcohol abuse is a major issue for them, too, and commented on the relationship between substance abuse and domestic violence.

6. Update regarding Supreme Court Justice Hardesty's Hearing on Protection Orders.

General Masto stated that the Supreme Court was looking at the confidentiality of certain records, including TPOs. Several members of the Council testified at the hearing. General Masto reported that she spoke about the ramifications of certain information being published to the internet. Ms. Sundberg commented on the conflict between the right to access public records versus the need to protect the privacy of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Photographs, especially, should not be publishable to the internet. Other comments included the need for a statewide protocol. Forms marked "confidential" are sent numerous places and should perhaps be broken down into sections with statements as to where these forms may be sent. Certain information, including contact information, should be kept in a confidential file and the rest made available to the public for demographic information, etc. It was suggested that members of the Council be on Justice Hardesty's subcommittee to examine the issue. Mr. McCormick from the AOC, was unsure when Justice Hardesty would be making those appointments but said he would check on the timeline and the composition of that committee. General Masto asked Mr. McCormick to please let Justice Hardesty know that the Council would love to have some of their members involved.

Christine Jones Brady commented that one of the overriding themes of the hearing was to increase peoples' confidence in TPO's. Part of that is to make transparent what information the judges are relying upon to grant or extend TPO's.

Mr. McCormick stated that another commission had worked on standardizing the TPO forms and that information was currently available on the Supreme Courts website www.nevadajudiciary.us.

The Council briefly discussed the statutory conflict between the right to privacy and the right to access public records. Public records have sometimes been used against the victims in family court, for example.

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

a. Bylaws and Structure Committee (Russell Smith)

i. 2010 Goals Update.

Mr. Smith stated that currently there are no recommendations or suggestions for changing the bylaws. He added that if anyone comes across something that does need to be changed, to please let him know.

b. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt)

i. 2010 Goals Update

Mr. Kandt reported that the Criminal Justice Committee last met on June 10, 2010. The Committee is working on several matters including sponsoring a criminal justice track at the Coalition's Statewide Sexual Violence Conference November 8-9, 2010, at the Nugget in Sparks. Several topics will be discussed including, for the first time at this conference, a forensic track. Ms. Sundberg added that a medical track will also be presented with the goal of helping train nurses and facility administrators.

Mr. Kandt stated that the Committee had put together a subcommittee to look at developing some statewide protocols on victim witness practices. The subcommittee struggled to find a one-size fits all protocol and so they may need to bring in some outside experts to assist. The national Victims of Crime office has developed some standards and provides technical assistance.

It was reported that some issues with the law enforcement protocols have come up in the rural areas and so those protocols may also need to be updated.

Mr. Kandt stated that the Committee reviews the statistics posted at the central repository at the Department of Public Safety. These statistics have not been updated in quite some time. He suggested that we invite someone from the Records Division at DPS to speak to the Council about the issues they have in compiling and publishing those statistics.

Another project the Committee is working on is making a training video profiling the stories of both batterers and victims. The video is still in production and is undergoing editing. Mr. Kandt hopes to have it available to show at the next meeting of the NCPDV and at the Fatality Review Conference scheduled for October 1, 2010.

c. Education Committee (Valerie Cooney/Sue Meuschke)

i. 2010 Goals Update

The Education Committee has carried over several goals from last year.

ii. Hospital Survey

Ms. Sundberg reported that only five of the 50 hospitals the survey had been sent to have responded. Ms. Prentice reported that the Hospital Association had sent out three emails, put it on their website, and had an item in their awareness newsletter about the survey. Ms. Prentice is now working with the Health Division and their program to call 21 hospitals and walk them through the survey. Mr. Sprinkle added that the Education committee may contact the remaining hospitals to get the information.

iii. Update on Boy Scouts Project.

Christina Hernandez reported that she had been contacted by a Girl Scout Troup regarding the UNLV project where posters describing various services such as counseling, law enforcement, domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers are posted in the restrooms. The Girl Scout troop would like to do a similar project in a high school.

Ms. Prentice stated that for the Boy Scout project, they are using the Girl Scout program as a model. Some of the activities have been reformatted and others have been added to fit the Boy Scout curriculum. The Committee is looking at launching the project during one of the Boy Scout events where the boys have the opportunity to work on several badges at the same time. The boys are given the activities, and will be able to complete some of them at the event. Then they return four weeks later to receive the badge and meet the Attorney General.

For the benefit of the public attending the meeting, General Masto gave a brief summary of the Council's work with the Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts, emphasizing the importance of educating our future leaders.

Ms. Prentice updated the Council on the Cut-It-Out program which provides ongoing training to salon professionals to recognize the signs of domestic violence and to respond appropriately. Salons throughout Nevada have received information and training. Currently 15 out of 19 schools in Nevada incorporate

the Cut-It-Out program in their training. General Masto added that if there were any programs or associations in the Elko area that the Council could partner with, the Council would be happy to do some outreach.

Ms. Brady asked where a teenager who is not a Boy Scout or a Girl Scout might go to get involved in some kind of program for their school's campus. Ms. Sundberg suggested contacting the Coalition Against Sexual Violence and the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence.

Mr. Sprinkle stated he would like to see the Education Committee readdress developing a curriculum for use in the schools, and work on breaking down the barriers in getting it implemented, especially in Washoe County and the rural areas. Ms. Sundberg stated that although there are a lot of challenges in getting information into the schools, there has been some success in that some topics are addressed in health class because they meet the standards set out by the Department of Education. She added that one thing that may want to be looked at legislatively is the requirement that nurses teach sexual assault, teen dating violence and domestic violence prevention. Currently, those topics fall under sex education which must be taught by nurses trained by the school districts. Ms. Sundberg suggested that the law should make exceptions for those who come into the schools to educate on sexual assault and domestic violence issues.

Ms. Ramos stated that she and the NNADV have done some teen dating violence in about 5 of the Washoe County High Schools. The key to getting into those schools was by being invited by the health teachers. Mr. Sprinkle stated he would like to see programs district-wide. Dr. Freda said that the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force was working with the Washoe School District on sexual assault prevention training for all grade levels.

d. Legislative Committee (Mike Sprinkle)

i. 2010 Goals Update.

Mr. Sprinkle reported that the Committee had had two meetings so far this year. He stated that information gathered during the rural road trip is beneficial in helping the Committee prepare the biennial legislative report. The Committee is also planning to solicit written comments from judges through a survey and Ms. Prentice is working with Sheila MacDonald from the AOC on distributing it. In addition, comments from meeting of the general jurisdiction judges, which was attended by General Masto, Brett Kandt and Kareen Prentice, will also be included.

Dr. Freda has suggested possible legislation requiring domestic violence training for those who complete custody evaluations. Mr. Sprinkle did not think that it was something that could be ready for the upcoming legislative session but it is an extremely important issue the Committee would continue working on. When something more formal is ready, he will present it to the Council. Dr. Freda

added that some preliminary language has been written up, but that the Committee was investigating the possible fiscal impact by contacting various licensing boards for input.

e. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos)

- i. 2010 Goals Update.**
- ii. Committee Membership and Attendance.**

Ms. Ramos stated that the Nominating Committee was gearing up to review the incoming applications for Council membership. The Committee is emphasizing recruitment from southern Nevada, rural areas, clergy, and Native American Communities. A meeting to review the applications is scheduled for August 20, 2010. Ms. Ramos briefly reviewed the application process and the obligations associated with membership in the NCPDV and encouraged those who were interested to apply.

f. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory)

- i. 2010 Goals Update.**

Ms. Dory reported that the Public Information Committee's goals for 2010 were to increase media and public awareness of the Council and the issue of domestic violence. By working with the Attorney General's Public Information Officer and IT department, the committee developed and posted on-line a list of all victim advocacy offices in the state. Resources can be accessed by visiting the Attorney General's website and clicking on the Victims of Crime tab. The Committee is currently working on developing ways to create media awareness.

g. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos)

- i. 2010 Goals Update.**

The Underserved Populations Committee has carried over some of their 2009 goals including the issue of I-80 corridor and rural transportation for victims. The Committee is working on a survey to address TPOs and the gaps in court services. Joe Tommasino from the Las Vegas Justice Court has been assisting the Committee with this project. Ms. Ramos stated that the Committee hoped to have a draft of the survey completed in time for the November meeting of the Council. The next meeting of the Underserved Committee is scheduled for October 4, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

h. Judicial Training Committee (Dr. Michael Freda)

- i. 2010 Goals Update.**
- ii. Update on training topics.**

Dr. Freda reported that the Committee last met on May 6, 2010. The list of topics developed by the Committee has been given to the education committees of the limited and general jurisdiction judges' associations. General Masto added that she had met with the general jurisdiction judges and would be meeting with the limited jurisdiction judges at their next conference in January, 2011. The intent of these meetings is to talk a little bit about domestic violence and get input from the judges on how the Council can work with them. General Masto stated it was her hope that this could be a regular item on the agendas of the judges' associations.

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

Ms. Prentice reviewed the court assessments for fiscal year 2010 and noted that they were higher than 2009. Mr. McCormick from the AOC stated that this was impressive as the Supreme Court has projected that overall administrative assessments would be down.

Ms. Prentice stated that the Attorney General's Office has collaborated with the Department of Corrections to obtain a grant for the Nevada Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) program. Currently VINE is operating in Washoe County, Clark County, and North Las Vegas. In the last six months they have hired a vendor (Appriss), a financial contractor to track the grant activity, and a program officer. Dee Schafer, the program officer, is making a presentation to all sheriffs and chiefs in Nevada. A Nevada VINE governance board has been formed to oversee the entire process. The program should be operational statewide in the next 18 months. The phone number is 1-888-2NV-VINE and is for all types of crime, not just domestic violence. This is a useful tool not only for victims, but law enforcement, other agencies and individuals. The system alerts interested parties of any change in the status of an offender. Free materials about VINE will be provided to law enforcement.

Ms. Prentice handed out flyers and registration forms for the Attorney General's upcoming Domestic Violence Fatality Review Summit scheduled for October 1, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Las Vegas. The National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative Director and Dr. Neil Websdale are coming. General Masto noted that the problem is statewide and this conference will address what's occurring, how the problem can be addressed, how we can learn from it and how it can be prevented in the future. Ms. Prentice stated that travel scholarships are available.

Ms. Prentice reported that she and Liz Greb had been approached by the Health Division to work with them on a grant to provide services to pregnant women who are the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Ms. Prentice is also working on the budget for 2013-2014 and reports that there will be an increase in the budget.

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

Ms. Greene was unable to attend the meeting but Ms. Aupperle reported that the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force had cut back to quarterly meetings. On September 30, 2010, the Task Force and the police department will kick off Domestic Violence Awareness month with the unveiling of the past year's domestic violence memorial plaques. On October 2, 2010, the Task Force will sponsor the 3rd annual Peace Begins at Home patch event for the Girl Scouts in Southern Nevada. On November 4th, the Task Force will host its 4th Annual Community Training in Las Vegas. This will be a one-day workshop on the topic of stalking. The workshop is free of charge and lunch will be provided. The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for January 13, 2011. Ms. Aupperle reported that the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force will be hosting a free training on September 23, 2010 with tracks for advocates and law enforcement.

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

Suzanne Ramos reported that the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force meets every other month. They are currently looking at legislative issues for this coming year. The Safe and Healthy Homes event, which in the past has been in October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, had to be pushed to May or June of next year due to funding and staffing issues. As discussed earlier, the Task Force is working on a partnership with the Washoe County schools to get domestic violence and sexual assault prevention programs in place.

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

Ms. Meuschke was unable to attend but provided a written report. Ms. Prentice added that the Network has had all of the Cut-It-Out training materials translated into Spanish.

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

Ms. Sundberg reported that their annual conference will be November 9-10 at the Sparks Nugget. Travel scholarships will be available for law enforcement, prosecutors, and advocates. The registration fee will be minimal. In addition to the topics covered by Brett Kandt during his update on the Criminal Justice Committee, the conference will also provide training on working with tribal communities, immigration, self-care for advocates, and working with teen victims.

Ms. Sundberg reported that the Coalition is also working with the Victims of Crime Subcommittee to develop a survey to identify gaps in victim services throughout the state.

The coalition has worked on a number of trainings on confidentiality, advocacy, and sexual assault 101. Ms. Sundberg stated that the Attorney General's Office has an annual sexual assault support program grant available through the office of Violence Against Women. This year it is for up to \$15,000.00 for non-governmental programs to do direct services to support the victims of sexual assault, as well as outreach and awareness. The application is available on-line and the deadline to apply is July 30, 2010.

Ms. Sundberg alerted the Council to a federal teen trafficking bill designed to address the issue of trafficking teens for the sex industry. Eight states will get 2.5 million dollars. The Coalition has been contacting legislators to educate and inform them on how the bill would benefit victims of sexual assault. General Masto stated that this is a big issue, especially in Southern Nevada. The Council briefly discussed the problem statewide.

Ms. Sundberg thanked those who have been so supportive of the issue of sexual assault and suggested that sexual violence be added to the NRS that covers the NCPDV. After discussion and review of the existing NRS, General Masto asked that anyone with concerns about making the change email her or Kareen Prentice. The Council discussed whether there should be a separate Council for the prevention of sexual assault, or if it should be combined with domestic violence. Ms. Sundberg stated she thought it would make more sense to combine it with the existing NCPDV. General Masto asked the Legislative Committee to look at making those changes to the NRS.

Mr. Sprinkle asked if the Coalition was looking at certifying nurses in every emergency room or just in specific facilities. Ms. Sundberg said she would like to see nurses certified in every emergency room. Sending victims to another hospital creates barriers and may prevent victims from participating in the process. The Council then discussed the difficulties of certifying nurses, especially in the rural areas, because the nurses must leave their families and their regular jobs to travel to the Reno or Las Vegas areas to get certified.

General Masto suggested that she and Russell Smith meet with the director of the Nursing Board and make her aware of the circumstances in the rural areas. If no solution can be found, then perhaps it is something that needs to be addressed legislatively.

13. *Report from the Attorney General Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant (Liz Greb)

Ms. Greb was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report.

General Masto commented that one successful program has been the Tri-County project. A prosecutor for Lincoln, White Pine and Eureka counties has been hired to work with the district attorneys focusing on prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault. From January to June of 2010, he has had a 90% success rate. General Masto stated that this has been a test on how to get additional resources into rural communities, particularly on the prosecution side. She was hopeful that funding could be found to develop similar projects in additional rural communities.

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

Ms. Kandt was unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Prentice reported that Lieutenant Rob Lundquist from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is a new member of the CDV. Currently there is a vacancy for the victim representative and anyone interested is encouraged to apply. Walt Dimitroff from ACCS has resigned and so there is also an opening for a mental health representative. The certified batterers treatment program operating in Elko and Wendover has had to temporarily suspend their program because the facilitators who ran the program retired. The supervisor for that program is attempting to get new facilitators trained.

Ms. Prentice and Ms. Kandt visited Pahrump and met with various agencies and Judge Brisebill regarding available batterer treatment services.

15. *Report from the Victims of Crime Subcommittee (Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto).

General Masto clarified that the Victims of Crime Subcommittee was created as part of the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice. She reported that the Subcommittee had been focusing on legislation that they wanted to get before the Advisory Commission for their work sessions. Mr. Kandt stated that one of the proposed laws would overturn the current law, established by the Supreme Court, which allows the defense to force the psychological examination of a sexual assault victim even when expert testimony regarding the psychological state of the victim is not being introduced by the prosecution. The

Subcommittee is working on two other pieces of legislation as well. After their work sessions, the Advisory Commission will make recommendations as to what legislation to propose.

16. Comments from the Chair

General Masto had no comments.

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

a. Vice Chair – Mike Sprinkle

Mr. Sprinkle recognized and thanked members of the Council for their participation and work on the committees.

b. Treasurer – Suzanne Ramos

Ms. Ramos reviewed the Council's balance and stated that the budget for the new fiscal year is \$3000. Because expenses from the rural road trip will deplete most of that money, the Ombudsman will be requesting an additional \$1000.

c. Secretary – Brett Kandt

Mr. Kandt stated that as secretary, his only duty is to review the drafts of meeting minutes before they are sent to the Council. He wondered if the position was really necessary. Ms. Rasul stated that it is statutorily required that the Council has a secretary.

18. *Election of New Officers.

Mike Sprinkle was nominated and elected as Vice Chair. Suzanne Ramos was nominated and elected as Treasurer. Brett Kandt was nominated and elected as Secretary.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Prentice stated that agenda items will include an update on DPS domestic violence statistics, a presentation from John McCormick from the AOC on domestic violence court statistics, and an update on SA-Sart.

20. *Public Comment.

Ms. Prentice asked if the tribal representatives would mind speaking. Dallas Smales described her work as a domestic violence advocate for tribal members

in Elko, Wells, South Fork and Battle Mountain. She commented on some of the challenges she faced including lack of funding, working within the tribal ordinances, the relationship of drug and alcohol abuse to domestic violence, and getting victims and offenders to accept her outreach efforts. General Masto offered any help or support that can be provided by the Council. Jaunita Joe, Domestic Violence Coordinator for the Elko Band Tribe and members of the Council discussed access to treatment programs and direct services, tribal jurisdiction and other domestic violence issues.

Christina Hernandez stated she had recently been at a conference and met a group from Boston who help put together policies within shelters to better serve the LGBT community. She will be working with individual shelters but noted that each shelter has different policies, and she believes that developing statewide guidelines will help ensure the safety of the victim and help protect the agencies from liability issues. Ms. Hernandez will be talking more about this in her Committee but wanted to make the Council aware of the issue.

General Masto thanked the Elko community and the Council members.

21. *Adjournment

General Masto adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE
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Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 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
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89701

Committee Members Present

Barbara Aupperle, Christine Jones Brady,
Valerie Cooney, Traci Dory, Dr. Michael Freda, Anya Arechiga Gonzalez,
Christina Hernandez, Brett Kandt,
Sue Meuschke, Suzanne Ramos, Wendy Ronovech, Russell Smith,
Mike Sprinkle, Andrea Sundberg, Ron Titus, Elynn Wernikove-Greene

Committee Members Absent

Amy Crowe, Toni Downen, Eileen Herrington, Patricia Lynch,
Catherine Cortez Masto, Caryn Sternlicht, Robert (Bob) Zentz

Public Present

Kathy Jacobs, Crisis Call Center
Kathy Grost, Learning for Life
Jennifer Kandt, Committee on Domestic Violence

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General, Legal Counsel to NCPDV
Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
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 Vice-Chair, Mike Sprinkle, at 9:08 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Review, amend, and approve minutes from the July 15, 2010 Council meeting.

Dr. Freda made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Russell Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Sue Meuschke, Ron Titus, Elynn Wernikove-Greene and Valerie Cooney abstained from voting.

3. *Review and discussion of potential new members selected by the Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

- Lubna Ahmad
- Deborah Armstrong
- Kathleen Ja Sook Bergquist
- Matthew Deal
- Dallas Smales

Ms. Ramos stated that the Nominating Committee had received 15 completed applications and two incomplete applications. From the 15 completed applications, the Nominating Committee narrowed it down to the top seven candidates and then interviewed them by phone. From those candidates, the top five were recommended for membership to the Council. Ms. Ramos gave a brief summary of each of the top applicants.

Brett Kandt made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that Lubna Ahmad, Deborah Armstrong, Kathleen Ja Sook Bergquist, Matthew Deal, and Dallas Smales be appointed to the NCPDV. Dr. Freda seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. *Review and discussion of potential new members selected by General Masto.

- Staci Alonso
- Lt. Rob Lundquist

Ms. Prentice stated that Staci Columbo Alonso had been invited to speak at a previous Council meeting about the animal shelter built at the Shade Tree Shelter in Las Vegas and her efforts to do a similar project in the North. General Masto had invited Ms. Alonso to join the Council.

Because Captain Vincent Cannito from LVMPD had been reassigned, General Masto invited Lieutenant Rob Lundquist to take his place as a representative from LVMPD.

Russell Smith made a motion for the approval of General Masto's appointees by the Council. Brett Kandt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Christine Jones Brady abstained from voting because she was out of the room at the time of the discussion.

5. *Presentation by Kathy Jacobs on Crisis Call Center's new text message program.

Ms. Jacobs presented information on the Crisis Call Center's text messaging program. In May, 2010, text messaging for crisis intervention was implemented. The pilot project was first introduced at Pyramid Lake High School and within the first few days, 10% of the student population had texted messages to the Crisis Call Center. It has since been introduced at Virginia City High School, Dayton Intermediate School, and Dayton High School. Ms. Jacobs stated that kids often send crank messages at first but when the Crisis Call Center responds to them, the students often text in again with real issues. Although the program has been aimed at kids for whom text messaging is a preferred method of communication, the program is open to anyone in crisis. Ms. Jacobs stated that the program has been successful so far. She noted that as the program grows, there will be greater demand on the staff. By training volunteers, she anticipates the Crisis Call Center will be able to meet the demand.

Ms. Prentice asked what the calls have been about. Ms. Jacobs replied that they are primarily from teens experiencing family issues.

In response to a question from Ms. Brady about what kind of information was being tracked, Ms. Jacobs stated that they were tracking geographical data as well as primary and secondary issues and are developing a system to better utilize the data.

Ms. Ramos asked about the use of text lingo. Ms. Jacobs said that staff had been trained to use it but that those contacting the Crisis Call Center did not seem to care one way or another and are not using it as much as was anticipated.

Ms. Meuschke asked about the security of the text messaging program and how it protected the confidentiality of participants. Ms. Jacobs replied that it is a HIPAA compliant system. She is more concerned about the users' phones and worries that messages may not get erased.

6. *Presentation by Lt. Robert Lundquist on the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Teen Dating Violence project with Clark County Schools.

Lt Lundquist spoke about LVMPD's efforts to reduce and prevent domestic violence through its teen dating violence and abuse program. His department sees 23,000-26,000 cases per year. Currently, preventative measures include the Lethality Assessment Program, which assists the victim by identifying the level of risk, and the Victim Protection Tracking unit that tracks perpetrators through phone calls and home visits for an extended period of time. These programs occur after a domestic violence assault. Despite these programs, the number of domestic violence calls had not decreased. LVMPD recognized the need to approach the problem at a different level and help people develop patterns of good behavior long before an incident might occur. LVMPD has worked collaboratively with the Clark County School District in implementing a teen dating violence and abuse curriculum being taught in the 8th and 10th grades. Information and modules from the CDC's "Dating Matters" program was used to develop the curriculum. They also created video segments which illustrate various types of abuse. The primary learning objectives are to define teen dating violence and abuse; identify the four types of dating violence/abuse; and to define the consequences for both the victim and the perpetrator. The warning signs of teen dating violence and abuse, why people stay in abusive relationships; risk factors for teen dating violence; considering the issues at various personal and societal levels; safety plans and identifying a healthy relationship are also discussed. Lt. Lundquist stated that the program is not perfect and has room to develop and grow. The health teachers are required to teach teen dating violence, however they are not required to use the entire curriculum that has been developed. In order to combat the problem of domestic violence he would like to see education for pre-teens as well.

Ms. Hernandez asked if they had partnered with any other organizations besides the school district. Lt. Lundquist replied that they had not yet done that.

Ms. Cooney encouraged Lt. Lundquist to include representatives from the juvenile courts to help create a better informed judiciary and asked Lt. Lundquist if the children were educated on the protection order process. Lt. Lundquist stated that available resources for help were discussed during the safety planning portion of the training, but that specific instructions for getting protection orders were not given.

Mr. Sprinkle stated he would like to see this program on a statewide basis and asked about the financial costs of the program. Lt. Lundquist stated that the Clark County School District was committed to teaching a teen dating violence curriculum. He reported that they were able to get the video segments done for free. He thought the only cost the school district might face is the distribution of the program on CD or a jump drive.

Ms. Meuschke asked if there were an evaluation component to the program that might include who is teaching, what they are teaching, and what impact the program might be having. Lt. Lundquist replied that an evaluation component had not been developed yet but that the program was a work in progress. Mr. Kandt pointed out that because the objective was to reach younger people, it would take years to see how effective the program really is.

Ms. Meuschke asked if there was concern from educators about how to handle issues that might come out of teaching the curriculum. Lt. Lundquist said that there had been some concern about how to present the sexual abuse component of the curriculum. Another concern was discussion of same-gender relationships. However, he emphasized that the type of relationship does not matter. The focus is on patterns of abuse or warning signs present in the relationship. He stated that the teachers in the focus group felt comfortable with teaching the curriculum. He acknowledged that some teachers may not feel as comfortable but that the curriculum was a framework and the teachers had some discretion on how they wanted to teach it.

Dr. Freda questioned what happens when a student, who is a minor, discloses to a teacher, who is a mandated reporter, that they have been involved in teen dating violence or abuse. Lt. Lundquist said that the school district has policies and procedures in place for reporting abuse and so there has been no change in that.

Ms. Dory asked if Lt. Lundquist would be willing to share the curriculum with the NCPDV. He answered that he did not have a problem sharing it and was, in fact, scheduled to meet with the Reno Police Department to share the program with them.

7. *Discussion and possible action regarding adding sexual assault language to NRS 228.

Mr. Sprinkle stated that this is something the Legislative Committee has been working on since the Council meeting in Elko on July 15, 2010. The proposed changes to NRS 228.490 were presented to the Council for review and approval as a possible BDR. In each place where the statute reads “domestic violence,” the words “and sexual assault” would be added. In section NRS 228.490(b), the last part of the last sentence would be eliminated:

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.

Ms. Meuschke questioned whether the Council should open the statute to changes during such a contentious legislative session. She also noted that the sentence soliciting comments from rural judges had been specifically asked for by legislators when the section was written. She asked for clarification on why the changes were really needed.

Mr. Kandt stated that it was the consensus among Council members at the July meeting to amend the statute to include sexual assault. Additionally, the Attorney General's Office, its staff, and the committees of the NCPDV go to great lengths to solicit input from all judges, not just those in rural communities. If the language in NRS 228.490(b) were deleted, the Council would still be fulfilling the intent of the statute and it would simplify preparation of the biennial report.

The Committee discussed the possibility of unintended consequences if the statute is opened and considered other ways to accomplish the desired change. Ms. Dory asked what additional responsibilities would the Council need to take on if the change were made and if there would be a fiscal note. Ms. Prentice stated that adding sexual assault language to the duties section should not add any fiscal obligation. Mr. Smith suggested that, as an alternative to legislation, perhaps the issue could be addressed by amending the NCPDV bylaws to include sexual assault. Ms. Sundberg stated that there is currently no statewide government office dealing with sexual assault. Although she appreciates the support of the current Council and the way they have been addressing the issue, she believes it is important to make the changes legislatively so that sexual assault will continue to be addressed in the future. Ms. Rasul stated that the Council has been addressing sexual assault issues and will continue to do so. However, putting it in statute will help draw attention to the issue and create more awareness and support.

The Council discussed whether the name of the NCPDV would be changed if sexual assault language were added to NRS 228.490. In their discussions, the Legislative Committee was generally opposed to a statutory change to the name of the Council. Mr. Kandt stated that the Office could provide suggested language for a BDR but they are drafted by LCB who could change the name as they see fit. Ms. Meuschke asked that if making the change was to elevate the issue of sexual assault, then why wouldn't the name of the Council be changed? It is not likely that many people would read the Council duties detailing the sexual assault language.

Ms. Hernandez asked what barriers the Council might face if the NRS were opened up. Mr. Kandt stated that the current governor is looking at downsizing, consolidating, and eliminating boards and commissions. Although the NCPDV is in NRS 228, separate from the chapter where most of the boards and commissions are, the concern is bringing it to the attention of legislators at a time when boards are being downsized. Ms. Meuschke added that when you open a

bill, you don't have control over what will be added to it. Ms. Sundberg stated that there is a risk of those things happening during any legislative session and that she would like to see the change in the statute go forward.

Mr. Sprinkle stated this discussion had been added to the agenda so that the Council could decide whether the Legislative Committee should go forward with the BDR or put it on hold. Mr. Smith made a motion to table the question until the next meeting. In the meantime, the Legislative Committee can find out who is presenting the bill, which committees in the legislature it would be before, and who is chairing those committees. That way, the Council will have a better idea of the political environment. Dr. Freda seconded the motion. Mr. Kandt stated that the Legislative Committee may not be in a position to know that information. Mr. Sprinkle expressed concern that the timing may not work out. After discussion, Mr. Smith withdrew his motion; Dr. Freda withdrew his second and the motion was withdrawn.

Ms. Meuschke made a motion to defer the legislation for this session and work on changing the NCPDV bylaws. After the 2011 legislation session is over, the Council will look at potentially changing the NRS for the next session. Valerie Cooney seconded the motion. Mr. Titus stated that there is a possibility that the statute will be opened anyway and, if that is the case, then the Legislative Committee will need to plan how to get in the proposed changes. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Christina Hernandez, Barbara Aupperle and Andrea Sundberg opposed the motion.

Henna Rasul will research the legality of whether the Council bylaws can be changed to incorporate sexual assault language.

8. *Discussion and possible action regarding Attorney General Domestic Violence Fatality Review Bill Draft Request addition to NRS 228.

Because the Attorney General was not present, and because the potential BDR is still under review and modification, Mr. Sprinkle asked for a motion tabling the discussion until the next Council Meeting. Dr. Freda made the motion. Russell Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

*At 12:05 p.m. the meeting lost quorum.

a. Bylaws & Structure Committee (Russell Smith).

i. 2010 Goals Update

Mr. Smith stated that until this meeting, no issues had come up. There has been a suggestion to add sexual assault language to the bylaws. Mr. Smith asked the Council members to let him know if there were any other suggestions or concerns regarding the bylaws.

b. Criminal Justice Committee (Brett Kandt).

i. 2010 Goals Update

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Kandt congratulated the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence for an outstanding Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention Conference which was held November 8-9 at the Sparks Nugget. He also thanked the Coalition on behalf of the Prosecution Advisory Council for allowing them to participate and co-sponsor the event.

The training video on Perspectives on Domestic Violence has been completed and he hoped to have the opportunity in the future to show it and utilize it as a training resource.

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

i. 2010 Goals Update

Ms. Meuschke updated the Council on the activities of the Education Committee. She reported that approximately 130 girls, leaders, and parents attended a Girl Scout patch event on October 2, 2010 in Las Vegas. The Cut-It-Out program has trained 300 students in the past three months, has added five new trainers, and has distributed 3000 pieces of literature. The healthcare survey the Committee has been working on is currently stalled. The Committee is working with the Nursing Board and, in 2011, plans to approach other boards such as gaming and psychology. Ms. Prentice added that the Committee had considered working with the EMS board in the past. She recently had a meeting with representatives from the city of North Las Vegas and learned that they had developed training for EMS workers there. The person she spoke to is willing to attend an Education Committee meeting to talk about what is being done in the south and to work on a possible statewide effort.

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

Ms. Prentice stated that there had been two Boy Scout events; a kick-off event in September and one in October after the boys have had an opportunity to work on their badges. She presented a draft of the “Peace Begins at Home” patch

designed by the boys. Ms. Cooney added that the boys were very excited because nationally, this is the first domestic violence awareness patch. Mr. Smith observed that the purple ribbon at the center of the patch gets lost in the design because it is purple on purple. It was suggested outlining the center ribbon in gold stitching. The next Boy Scout patch event will be in Reno/Sparks in April.

iii. Presentation by Kathy Grost on Boy Scout Explorer program.

This item was taken out of order.

Ms. Grost, Executive Director for Specialty Programs for Learning for Life, a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts, made a presentation on the worksite based Explorer Program. Within the Explorer program, there is an area focusing on the prevention of sexual abuse and violence. After hearing Lieutenant Lundquist's presentation, it is her hope that she can coordinate efforts with both LVMPD and the Attorney General's Office to implement the Explorer program in these agencies. She provided some brochures for the Council members' review. She stated that the Explorer Program is the largest national career education program in the country. In Nevada, the program has been heavily focused on law enforcement, fire, and EMT education. Ms. Grost would like to build the program in the area of law and government and through her discussions with General Masto and Kareen Prentice, she thought the program may fit in with the Attorney General's domestic violence prevention initiative. A teen participating in the Explorer Program could serve as a communication liaison between the Council and the schools. She hoped that the program could move forward in 2011.

d. Legislative Committee (Mike Sprinkle).

i. 2010 Goals Update

This item was taken out of order while there was a quorum.

Mr. Sprinkle presented a draft of the biennial legislative report to the Council. Mr. Kandt made a motion to move forward and submit the report to the legislature. Valerie Cooney seconded the motion. Traci Dory noted some grammatical errors. Mr. Kandt clarified his motion to allow for correction of grammatical errors. Ms. Cooney seconded the amended motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Nominating Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2010 Goals Update

Mr. Sprinkle reported that the majority of the work of the Committee resulted in the recommendations of the applicants approved for membership in the NCPDV at this meeting.

f. Public Information Committee (Traci Dory).

i. 2010 Goals Update

Ms. Dory stated that the Public Information Committee had met several times since the last Council meeting. One of the Committee's goals was to increase media awareness. Anya Arechiga and Suzanne Ramos are working on a series of domestic violence stories to air on Univision in Northern Nevada beginning in January. Ms. Arechiga said that some of the stories may air in Las Vegas as well. Ms. Dory stated that the Committee planned to work with other Northern Nevada television stations in the future.

Another project the Committee is working on is getting purple ribbon bumper stickers on law enforcement vehicles.

g. Underserved Populations Committee (Suzanne Ramos).

i. 2010 Goals Update

Ms. Prentice stated that the Committee had been working on a TPO survey. Copies of the survey were provided to the Council members. Ms. Prentice asked everyone to read it and send any suggested changes to her or to Lorraine Webber.

ii. Presentation on underserved issues by Melissa Goodwin, Youth and Volunteer Services Director of The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada.

This item was taken out of order.

Ms. Goodwin gave an overview of the concerns she has as an advocate for the LGBT community, specifically those who are transgender. She stated that as a community center, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada is not necessarily in the business of direct intervention services; however, clients do come to them in crisis situations because the center provides a safe haven.

One of her concerns is that transgender clients are sometimes asked questions regarding their genitalia when seeking services at shelters for domestic violence or homelessness. This revictimizes the victim. Another area of concern is that law enforcement does not recognize same-sex relationships the same way that they do heterosexual relationships. Additionally, those involved in domestic violence are not receiving appropriate information at treatment classes. Ms. Goodwin sees a need for provider education.

Ms. Meuschke asked Ms. Goodwin if she had recommendations for how to change some of the practices she is seeing. Ms. Goodwin stated that she is not an expert but is in a position where people turn to her for help. She suggested that best practices need to be developed and that perhaps other communities may provide a model.

Ms. Prentice invited Ms. Goodwin to attend the Underserved Populations Committee meetings so that the Council can work with her to find solutions to the problems she identified.

Mr. Smith identified a couple of potential issues the Underserved Populations Committee may want to address; specifically possible liability issues for the shelter and the requirement that some grant funding for shelters may specify a certain gender.

h. Judicial Training Committee (Michael Freda).

i. 2010 Goals Update.

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

This item was taken out of order while there was still a quorum.

Dr. Freda stated that the Judicial Training Committee was set up to explore what additional training the general and limited jurisdiction judges might need in regard to domestic violence issues. The Committee has identified and created a list of several topics. General Masto has talked with the education committees for the judges associations and some of the topics will be incorporated into the judges' conferences. Dr. Freda asked the Council if they wanted to disband the Judicial Training Committee, or refocus the Committee's efforts on something else. Mr. Sprinkle stated that he thought the topic should be tabled until the next meeting since the Committee had been created at the request of General Masto and he wanted to give her the opportunity to address the question. Mr. Smith made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting so that General Masto may give her input. Mr. Kandt seconded the motion. Mr. Kandt noted that there may be an ongoing need for this committee because there are changes to the law during every legislation session. A vote was taken and the motion to table this item passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Prentice updated the Council on the VINE project. Promotional materials have been received and the program has gone live in Esmeralda County. Lyon County, Carson City and Douglas County will be next. Ms. Cooney asked if an organization can register to use the system. Ms. Prentice told her yes. Mr. Smith asked if this system was just for people in jail or prison, or if those under supervision were included. Ms. Prentice stated that parole and probation would be added late next year and that she would keep the Council posted.

Ms. Prentice reported that about 1000 purple ribbon pins had been distributed during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For teen dating violence awareness month, the Attorney General's Office is hoping to place sexting mini posters in the high schools.

Ms. Prentice and Liz Greb met with representatives from the Women's Development Center in the South. Ms. Prentice stated she was going to invite them to the next Council meeting to talk about some of the things they are doing for victims of domestic violence, particularly transitional housing. Working with various agencies, the Women's Development Center has also developed a list of issues that they would like addressed in Southern Nevada.

After Thanksgiving, Ms. Prentice will be attending a conference in New Orleans with Liz Greb, Ron Titus, and Sheila MacDonald.

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

Ms. Greene provided a written report to the Council and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2011; not January 6, 2011 as is written in the report.

Ms. Greene stated she would like to discuss the possibility of moving ahead with the Domestic Violence Fatality Review with Ms. Prentice. She thought the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence could help facilitate it and would like some updates in anticipation of the Task Force's January meeting.

Ms. Greene reported that they had had a very successful stalking workshop and would like to do another one in the next year. She welcomed any suggestions or comments. The workshop will be free and economical reservations will be available at a hotel.

Ms. Prentice added that the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Summit on October 1, 2010 had gone well. About 120 people attended including many Council members. The next step is offering technical assistance on the national initiative to existing teams in the North and the South.

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

Dr. Freda reported that their big event, Safe and Healthy Homes, has been postponed until May. They hope to have better participation and therefore raise more funds in May.

As a result of the Washoe County Domestic Violence Review Task Force and the its Fatality Review Committee, the Washoe County School District is now incorporating domestic violence training into their child assault prevention program at the elementary school level.

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

Ms. Mueschke stated that Domestic Violence Awareness month had been very busy with the Fatality Review Summit and the Girl Scout patch event previously mentioned, along with other projects and events such as distributing silhouette t-shirts and celebrating the NNADV's 30th birthday. Over the course of the year, the NNAADV threw a series of birthday parties at which they honored various individuals' contributions to the fight against domestic violence.

The NNADV is working on expanding their language line program. Six brochures have been translated into various languages including Russian and Korean. Six more brochures will be added next year. They plan to continue with their legal advocate program in rural communities and to work on the issues of transitional housing and economic justice.

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

Ms. Sundberg reported that the Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention and Intervention Conference went very well. It was attended by 184 people, primarily law enforcement, advocates and marriage and family therapists.

Other projects of the Coalition include a statewide public service announcement, made possible through a Public Health and Human Services Grant, which focuses on bystander intervention and sexual assault prevention. The PSA is scheduled to air 9800 times throughout the state.

One of the issues the Coalition is working on is accessibility to emergency contraception. In Clark County, 22% of pharmacies have denied Plan B contraception to women who have requested it.

Another problem the Coalition hopes to address is that homeowner associations in Southern Nevada have been fining homeowners if the police respond to a call at their homes. The Coalition is concerned about the impact this of this policy on victims of crime.

The Coalition has obtained funding to develop a handbook for survivors of sexual assault and Ms. Sundberg will be asking for feedback on that.

15. Report from the Attorney General's Office on Violence Against Women STOP Grant and update on *State of Nevada Violence Against Women Forensic Compliance Best Practice Guidelines for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault* (Liz Greb).

Ms. Greb did not attend the meeting and no report was available.

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

Ms. Kandt reported that General Masto appointed Dr. Meri Shadley and Carol Ferranti to the Committee on Domestic Violence.

Batterers treatment programs continue to struggle in the rural areas. Ms. Kandt and Ms. Prentice recently met with individuals in Pahrump and a report about that trip is available for anyone interested. A supervisor available via webcam has been identified and Ms. Kandt believes that there will be qualified providers trained in Pahrump in the next four to six months. The Elko treatment program had shut down for a short time but is now back up and running. The Rural Issues Subcommittee will be meeting some time before February, 2011 to examine all the statutory regulations pertaining to batterers treatment in the rural community. The Training Subcommittee is scheduled to meet January 14, 2011 to discuss possible formal training topics. The next full CDV meeting, including a regulation adoption hearing, is scheduled for November 18, 2010.

17. Comments from the Chair.

There were no comments from the Chair as General Masto was not present at the meeting.

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

a. Vice Chair - Mike Sprinkle

Mr. Sprinkle stated he had nothing to report.

b. Treasurer - Suzanne Ramos

Ms. Ramos reviewed the fiscal year 2010 and 2011 budgets. At the end of fiscal year 2010, the Council had a balance of \$15.04. After the rural road trip in July, 2010 (fiscal year 2011), the Council had a balance of \$53.41. A work program was added and the Council now has a balance of \$2,520.71 to use before June 30, 2011.

Mr. Titus stated that this fiscal year, for the first time, the AOC is expecting that less money will be collected in administrative assessments than the year before. The Council briefly discussed court assessments and the effect of the economy on collecting those funds.

c. Secretary - Brett Kandt

Mr. Kandt had no report.

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

The Council discussed how many meetings to have in 2011 and what months in which to have them. Council members generally agreed to meet in January, July and November. The dates will be chosen once the Attorney General's availability is known.

20. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

21. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.