

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, January 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located at:
Office of the Attorney General
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202, Large Conference Room, Reno, Nevada 89511

AGENDA

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1. *Call to order and roll call of members.
2. *Review and approval of minutes from March 29, 2007 meeting.
3. *Discussion and possible action on Biannual Legislative Report.
4. *Discussion and possible action on any pending or upcoming legislative actions.
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Committee Members Present

Mike Sprinkle, Dr. Mike Freda

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Ron Titus, Valerie Cooney, Sue Meuschke

Committee Members Absent

Brett Kandt, Tammy Whatley

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office staff present

Henna Kacyra, Deputy Attorney General

1. ***Call to order, roll call of members, and introduction.**
Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. ***Review and approval of minutes from March 29, 2007 meeting.**
Valerie Cooney moved for approval of the minutes, Dr. Mike Freda seconded the motion. Sue Meuschke abstained. Motion passed.

3. *Discussion and possible action on Biannual Legislative Report.

Mike Sprinkle asked that the members think about the next report and how extensive they feel it should be this year. Mike Sprinkle read the statute (NRS 228.490) to refresh members on what their duties are in reference to the report. Sue Meuschke felt that a report from the Council's rural road trip should be included in the report to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. She also suggested they do a follow-up survey of judges. Ron Titus suggested summarizing some of the legislation that has been passed and sending a questionnaire requesting comments. Valerie Cooney brought up the training that was held for limited jurisdiction judges, and she wonders if through the questionnaire, they could find out if judges attitudes or opinions have changed. Sue Meuschke felt it would be helpful to include in the report, a survey on whether more victim services positions have been created in the rurals. She suggested speaking to Kareen Prentice to see what information has been collected in this area. Valerie Cooney directed the committee's attention to the elections that will take place soon, and the resulting number of new judges that may come to sit on the bench in these rural jurisdictions. There is currently no requirement for in depth training of these new judges on domestic violence – they receive training at the Judicial College, but only a small fraction of their time is spent on domestic violence issues. Sue Meuschke said she believes it currently amounts to about an afternoon of training. Sue Meuschke asked Ron Titus for a copy of the curriculum or syllabus of the Judicial College training for these limited jurisdiction judges. Mike Sprinkle asked that Ron Titus send a copy of the judges training to Melissa Page, Assistant to the Council, for her to email to all the committee members.

Mike Sprinkle summarized the action items and the member assigned to each, for the new report to the Legislative Counsel Bureau:

- Report on the Council's rural tour – Kareen Prentice
- Summary of all 2007 legislation passed having to do with domestic violence – Mike Sprinkle
- Copy of Committee on Domestic Violence report – Kareen Prentice
- An update on the status of counseling services in rural Nevada – Kareen Prentice
- A report on how many victim/witness advocates are available in rural Nevada that weren't available 2 years ago – Sue Meuschke
- Outline or summary of the judges trainings at the Judicial College and the AOC – Ron Titus
- Follow-up questionnaire to the rural judges along with their responses – Committee

4. *Discussion and possible action on any pending or upcoming legislative actions.

Mike Sprinkle submitted a copy of the proposed regulations and changes to the Committee on Domestic Violence and asked for feedback from the members. Sue Meuschke asked if it wasn't simply regulation changes from the items passed during the 2005 legislative session. DAG Henna Kacyra agreed that it was, and that it was mostly clean up. Dr. Mike Freda was concerned about the regulation that addressed the number of unexcused absences that can be missed from the 26-week mandated treatment session. Henna Kacyra said there had been much discussion around this issue, and suggested that he bring his concern to the Committee on Domestic Violence for clarification.

5. * Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting of the Legislative Committee will be held on March 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Reno office of the Attorney General. Mike Sprinkle asked that everyone assigned a task, have their information to Melissa Page by Friday, February 22, by 5:00pm. for her to disseminate to the rest of the committee via email.

6. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

7. *Adjournment.

Dr. Freda moved to adjourn. Valerie Cooney seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.

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Mike Sprinkle, Tammy Whatley, Brett Kandt, Dr. Mike Freda

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Valerie Cooney, Sue Meuschke, Kelly Langdon, Andrea Sundberg,
Elynn Greene

Committee Members Absent

Ron Titus

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office staff present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa South, Assistant to the Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Melissa Page, Assistant to the Council

1. ***Call to order, roll call of members, and introduction.**
Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Review and approval of minutes from January 18, 2008 meeting.

Dr. Freda moved that the minutes be approved. Tammy Whatley seconded the motion. Elynne Green, Kelly Langdon, Andrea Sundberg abstained. Motion passed, the minutes were approved.

3. *Discussion and possible action on Biennial Legislative Report.

Mike Sprinkle reported on the list that Sue Meuschke sent to him of advocates available in the rurals, and summarized the topics to be covered in the upcoming Legislative Report. Valerie Cooney, Brett Kandt, and Elynne Greene all gave suggestions of where updated information for the domestic violence-related legislation passed in 2007 could be obtained.

The topic of training for judges was discussed. Brett Kandt said that he would contact Michael Bell of the Administrative Office of the Courts to find out what trainings are currently being provided.

Mike Sprinkle asked the Committee to think about any specific questions they would like to see added to the follow-up questionnaire that is sent to all the judges.

Mike Sprinkle requested that Committee members, who have a task assigned to them related to the Legislative Report, be ready to present their research and information to the Committee at the next meeting so that it can be voted on and/or approved so that work can begin on the Report.

4. *Discussion and possible action on any upcoming or pending Legislative items.

Elynne Greene noted that strangulation laws are being researched by Las Vegas Metro. Brett Kandt reported that the advisor to the Best Practices group from the Battered Women's Justice Project also suggested taking a look at the strangulation laws. Andrea Sundberg said that it is also an issue for Henderson. Brett Kandt noted the trend toward mandatory minimum sentences and truth in sentencing laws.

5. *Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting of the Legislative Committee will be held on 4/22/08 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reno office of the Attorney General. Brett suggested Sentencing Reform as an agenda item for the next meeting.

6. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

7. *Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Wednesday, April 22, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

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Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

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Committee Members Present

Mike Sprinkle, Mike Freda

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Valerie Cooney, Andrea Sundberg, Elynn Greene, Sue Meuschke, Ron Titus

Public Present

Michael Sprinkle

Attorney General's Office staff present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa South, Assistant to the DV Ombudsman

1. ***Call to order, roll call of members, and introduction.**
Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.
2. ***Review and approval of minutes from March 26, 2008.**
Elynn Greene made a motion to approve, Valerie Cooney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with one change – Elynn Greene was not listed as present at the last meeting – she was present by phone.

3. * Discussion and possible action on Biennial Legislative Report.

Mike Sprinkle thanked Ron Titus and Robin Sweet for sending the information about the domestic violence training for judges and their attendance to the Committee.

There was discussion about the report on the Committee's legislative actions in the last legislature – whether the Committee should report on all domestic violence bills, or just the ones that the Committee took action on. It was decided that only the bills that the Committee took action on would be included in the report.

The questionnaire/survey to be sent to the judges was discussed. Kareen Prentice asked that themes or questions to be sent to her for inclusion in the survey. It was suggested that one of the questions be, "What domestic violence resources and/or programs are available in your area?"

Valerie Cooney and Mike Freda volunteered to work with Kareen Prentice on the survey questions. Kareen asked that the members each submit two to three questions for possible inclusion in the survey. It was decided that the survey should have ten or fewer questions to keep it short enough that the judges will answer and return it. Lisa South was asked to send out a copy of the last questionnaire to the Committee. Mike Sprinkle said he would also send out a copy of the specific NRS that deals with the Biennial Report and the judge's comments. He requested that each member send in their two or three questions to Kareen Prentice by May 7, 2008, so that they can be whittled down into the final form for review at the next Committee meeting at the end of May. The questionnaire will be sent out by the middle of June, with a return date of August 1, 2008. The full report will be presented to the Council at the next meeting – in either December or January.

4. *Discussion and possible action on Sentencing Reform.

This item was tabled until next meeting since Brett Kandt was not present.

5. *Discussion and possible action on any upcoming or pending Legislative items.

Elyne Greene said that a proposed felony strangulation bill is being reviewed in the South. Mike Sprinkle spoke about his meeting with Keith Munro about perhaps changing the requirements of the legislative report in the next legislative session. Sue Meuschke suggested that perhaps instead of a formal questionnaire or survey, judge's comments during the rural tour could be collected and used in future reports. It was decided that this would save both time and money and should be done on the next rural tour.

6. *Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting of the Legislative Committee will be held on May 30, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in the Reno office of the Attorney General.

7. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

8. *Adjournment.

Mike Freda moved to adjourn. Sue Meuschke seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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Committee Members Present

Tammy Whatley, Dr. Mike Freda, Mike Sprinkle

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Sue Meuschke, Kelly Langdon, Andrea Sundberg, Valerie Cooney

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office staff present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa South, Legal Researcher
Melissa Page, Assistant to the Council

1. ***Call to order, roll call of members, and introduction.**
Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.
2. ***Review and approval of minutes from April 22, 2008 meeting.**
Dr. Freda moved that the minutes be approved. Tammy Whatley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- 3. *Discussion and possible action on Biennial Legislative Report.**
The questions for the judges survey were discussed in detail. Dr. Freda moved to approve the questions as amended. Tammy Whatley seconded the motion. The survey questions were approved. It was decided that the survey would be sent out by mid-June with a July 30th due date for reply. The report will be drafted during August and September for review by the Council during the fall meeting.
- 4. *Discussion and possible action on Sentencing Reform.**
This item was tabled.
- 5. *Discussion and possible action on any upcoming or pending Legislative items.**
There was a discussion regarding the wording of “primary aggressor” in the current NRS vs. the perhaps more preferable use of “dominant aggressor”. It was decided that holding a DV Summit on Visitation and Custody Issues during DV Awareness month (October 2009) was a good goal for the Committee. There was also a discussion regarding proposed amendments to NRS 200.485 – “once a felon, always a felon” for domestic violence.
- 6. * Schedule future meetings & agenda items.**
The next meeting of the Legislative Committee will be held on August 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Reno office of the Attorney General.
- 7. Public Comment.**
There was no public comment.
- 8. *Adjournment.**
Tammy moved to adjourn. Dr. Freda seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.

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4. *Discussion and possible action on Primary vs. Dominant Aggressor issue.
5. *Discussion and possible action on Sentencing Reform.
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Valerie Cooney, Sue Meuschke, Andrea Sundberg,

Deleted: ,

Public Present

Dr. John Yacenda

Attorney General's Office staff present

Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Melissa Page, Assistant to the Council

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

Mike Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Review and approval of minutes from May 30, 2008 meeting.

Brett Kandt made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Valerie Cooney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. *Discussion and Possible Action on Biennial Legislative Report

Kareen Prentice gave the Committee an Update. She reported that they had close to 40 Judges completed and returned the survey, and their comments are currently being typed. They should be done in a couple of days. She indicated the comments had been interesting, and she would have them ready for the Committee to look at for the next meeting. There were a couple of Judges that were concerned with the questions and felt that they were breaking laws by filling out the survey. They had contacted Assistant AG Munro regarding this, and he had discussed the matter with Kareen. The Questionnaire and Survey had been approved by both the Legislative Committee and Assistant AG Munro.

Mr. Sprinkle inquired as to the time line for a draft of the report. Ms. Prentice responded it is due in January, and September 8th is the next Council meeting. The report itself is due February 1, 2009, but they will have to present it to the entire Council prior to that time. Ms. Prentice mentioned the Council will have to meet in January so they can review the final document. She will have a draft ready for the September 8th meeting, but she did not know if the Committee members would have a chance to look at it prior. Mr. Sprinkle preferred that they be able to go through it in their committee first, so they can have something more formal. A Committee member stated she thought they would be more responsive if they have a review of the draft prior to the September 8th meeting. Ms. Prentice stated she would email a draft to each Committee member. Ms. Rasul suggested they have a meeting of a smaller group prior to September 8th. Mr. Sprinkle indicated he thought this would be more efficient than having 25 people at the larger meeting review the document. Then they could make just one presentation to the Council.

Ms. Rasul asked if they could have a Committee member volunteer to help Kareen with the draft. Valerie Cooney then offered to assist Kareen with the draft of the report. Mike Sprinkle asked if there were any other general thoughts as far as the body of the report goes as to what the Committee would like to have presented to the Legislature. He thought input on this matter would help Kareen. Sue Meuschke mentioned she thought they should put in whatever the legislation requires. Mike Sprinkle mentioned he thought they should give a synopsis of the rural meetings the Council has had over the last couple of years, and in a general sense some of the feedback that they have gotten at those meetings. That is an important issue to the legislators, that the Council is doing outreach to the rural communities. He suggested they also talk about some of the efforts they have made to get underrepresented persons on the Council. They have not been really successful, but at least they have been trying. Ms. Prentice agreed to include this information in her report. Ms. Rasul then thanked Ms. Cooney for agreeing to help her

and Kareen with the report, and Ms. Cooney stated they should email her to let her know what they need in terms of getting together, etc.

4. *Public Comment

Dr. Yacenda stated he wished to make a comment as there is something they might want to consider as a Committee, or rather as the Council. He then referred to the forms they used in terms of policy considerations, and referred to two charts, (Abuse of Children, and Power and Control) stating that he had an item that would intersect those two charts. He suggested there is currently a major conflict in their elder abuse and their child visitation laws. The conflict states that we don't want to let elders be abused, exploited, isolated, or intimidated, but we also have a visitation law that says that certain grandparents of certain families have no rights to ask the Court to help them see their grandchildren, whereas other grandparents do have that right. We have a conflict in the laws that says that depending on the nature of the family, whether it is intact, or non-intact, and a grandchild is involved, if they are from an intact family, the grandparents cannot ask the court if they can be in contact with their grandchildren.

He stated the long and short of it is that they have custody and visitation statutes that are in contradiction to elder abuse statutes, and that without changes to certain statutes, they have a situation where adult children can deny visitation rights to grandparents and great-grandparents. He also added he would leave the recommended changes with the Council, put together in the format required by the legislature, and that his contact information was on the documents.

5. *Discussion and possible action on Primary vs. Dominant Aggressor Issue

Mr. Sprinkle indicated that this issue was a general topic at their last meeting. Someone on the Committee was going to do some research into that topic. He asked if anyone wished to speak on this issue. Valerie Cooney indicated that Sue had given them the background and history on the issue. She did not remember that someone had offered to do additional research at this point in time, but that the minutes reflect that they were going to have this issue as part of the Visitation and Custody issues in DV awareness month in 2009. Mr. Sprinkle suggested they go ahead and not add this issue to further agendas. There was no further discussion of this item.

5. *Discussion and possible action on Sentencing Reform

Mr. Sprinkle mentioned this had been on the agenda for a few months now. Mr. Kandt reported that the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice will be meeting twice in August, the 18th and the 25th, to make some decisions on their legislative proposals. He did not know what they were going to be, or if any of them would specifically involve Domestic Violence. He stated Kareen Prentice is on the Subcommittee for Victim's Rights, and might have a better idea if that subcommittee is going to have any specific recommendations. He mentioned he had written a letter on behalf of prosecutors at the request of Justice Hardesty, that had strongly voiced objections to the impact of AB 510. It stated that in fact there is not truth in sentencing, and sentences are not accurately reflected any more, and that they want the Commission to take the position that at the time of sentencing a full and accurate disclosure of the impact of AB 510 on the sentence will be made to all parties. Ms. Prentice mentioned the Victims of Crime Subcommittee had just submitted three bill draft requests that they voted on, to the Advisory Commission for them to choose one, or not choose any. One of them is from the Victims of Crime Compensation, changing the time frame in which a victim can appeal a denied claim from 15 to 60 days, and a request for a new sexual assault protection order, because if there is not a dating relationship, if they know the person from the workplace or college, they cannot currently obtain a protection order. . The third one is a revision to the Victims of Crime Compensation NRS that would allow them to keep the extra funds within the Victims of Crime Compensation above their authority, and not have it revert back to the general fund, so they can help more victims. Ms. Meuschke verified that was accurate.

6. *Discussion and possible action on any upcoming or pending Legislative Items

Mr. Sprinkle asked about the "Once A Felon, Always A Felon" BDR status with the AG Office. Mr. Kandt mentioned they did have the BDR request, and he had a copy of it. It had been shared with the Committee. He qualified his previous statement when he mentioned he did not know if the Attorney General had made a final decision as to which bills she is going to carry; the office is limited to 15 BDR's, and the office has a greater number of proposed BDR's than the limit. But, it is his understanding that Once a Felon, Always a Felon, will receive strong consideration to be one of the BDR's that is carried by the Attorney General's office. Mr. Kandt is fairly confident this will be part of the Attorney General's BDR package; he was certain she had made the decision to include it. He requested permission of the Chairman to mention one other matter. He had also authored a bill to amend NRS 200.481, which is the battery statute, to provide for battery by strangulation to be considered a felony, which he had worked on with Las Vegas Metro Police Dept. They had been planning to line up a

legislator to carry the bill but they had not done that. Heidi Gansert had approached him and asked if there was anything she could do to help; she was very interested and was meeting with LCB legal this week. She may be carrying this; and he would like the entire Committee to be on board. It was his understanding that there is widespread support for this bill. Mr. Kandt asked if everyone had seen the draft he did; several persons had not. He mentioned he would like to hear back from Heidi Gansert as to whether she was willing to carry it, then he would get back to the Committee regarding the matter, and would disseminate the materials accordingly. The Chairman asked if there was any further information anyone had on pending legislation. Ms. Meuschke mentioned there would be a bill proposing an increase to the marriage license fee to make up for the shortfall, Bernice Matthews would be carrying the bill. They are hoping to get a letter of support from the Council. Mr. Sprinkle mentioned if they could see the language, they would probably be able to do that.

He also stated that in his comments section at the next Council meeting he will be requesting the same thing he did a couple of years ago; that once they get closer to the legislative session, the BDR's will come through this Committee first. That does not mean the other council members are excluded, however. Ms. Meuschke mentioned there is a BDR for the creation of a Domestic Violence registry; she did not have the number of it, but it is under Assemblyman Ohrenschall. They have communicated with him that they would not support such a bill.

Ms. Meuschke mentioned it would not be good use of resources, there would not be good information included in it, and she did not know what the benefit to anyone would be. Mr. Kandt mentioned the fiscal costs associated with it pretty much doomed it from the start. Ms. Meuschke stated there are lots of issues. She thinks maybe once DPS gets some other things up and running, then maybe they could have a conversation about this. But, the problem is determining who is going to be in the registry, how you define things, and what the benefit would be. Mr. Kandt asked if this was being modeled after a registry in another state. Ms. Meuschke responded this would be the first one. There is currently a bill in the Pennsylvania legislature, and California just defeated a bill that would have created one in California. There was no further discussion under this topic.

7. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items

Mr. Sprinkle asked if they wanted to try and schedule a meeting before September 8th to go over the report. He asked Kareen if she thought she could have it done, and she replied in the affirmative. Mr. Sprinkle stated they would be looking at the first week in September. The

meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on August 29, 2008. Mr. Sprinkle asked if there were any other agenda items anyone would like to see for the meeting, aside from the draft. He stated if anything comes to mind prior to that date to let him or Kareen know. Ms. Meuschke asked if in terms of the minutes they were going to discuss the summit on Visitation and Custody. She wanted to have that put on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Kandt suggested that for a little bit of specificity, they also add to the agenda for the next meeting a review of any legislative proposals from the Advisory Committee for the Administration of Justice; those should be finalized by that time.

8 *Public Comment

Dr. Yacenda once again identified himself for the record. He stated he is a Commissioner on the State's Juvenile Justice Commission, and he is also the college campus chair for the Dean of the College of Health and Human Services.

9 *Adjournment

Brett Kandt made a motion to adjourn. Andrea Sundberg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

**NEVADA COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, August 29, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

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