

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

Minutes of Meeting

January 14, 2010

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

Committee Members Present

Amy Crowe

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Barbara Aupperle
Elynn Wernikove-Greene
Bob Zentz
Dr. Michael Freda
Traci Dory

Committee Members Absent

Brett Kandt
Ron Titus
Suzanne Ramos
Vic Hutchings

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

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

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

Bob Zentz called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Review and approval of minutes from November 5, 2009 meeting.

Elynn Greene made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Traci Dory seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. *Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding multidisciplinary training opportunities.

Bob Zentz asked if any one had any information on the recent Sexual Violence Conference. Kareen Prentice reported that it was a good conference.

No other training opportunities were discussed.

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

Mr. Zentz stated that Brett Kandt was looking for volunteers to draft best practice guidelines using the Humboldt County protocols and the materials provided by Barbara Aupperle. Elynn Greene, Barbara Aupperle, Amy Crowe, and Kareen Prentice volunteered to draft the guidelines. Traci Dory asked what agencies without advocates would do. Mr. Zentz stated that each agency would have to decide if they could incorporate recommendations based on their resources. Ms. Greene added that they expected differences depending on several factors, including the way agencies are funded and whether they are in rural or urban communities. Ms. Prentice stated that the best practices would be useful to agencies and would aid them in offering assistance, even if their organization is set up in a different way. Ms. Prentice asked if Ms. Dory would share the policies developed by the Department of Corrections. Ms. Dory stated that she would, upon approval from her agency. Ms. Greene made a motion that the Committee convene a group of volunteers to come up with a single best practice model to present at the next Committee meeting. Barbara Aupperle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

- i. Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention/Intervention Conference Criminal Justice Track – Las Vegas, Nevada for November, 2010.

Mr. Zentz reported that, at this point, there is no information on when the conference will be scheduled.

- ii. Review most recent posted items deposited in Central Repository.

Mr. Zentz state that there are still no 2009 statistics posted on the website.

- iii. Victim Witness Advocate Best Practice Guidelines.

This item was discussed under item 4 of the agenda.

- iv. Batterer/Victim Perspectives Training Video.

Mr. Zentz reported that a grant was awarded and they needed to find out if the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force would still fund a portion of it. Ms. Greene stated that they can contribute \$3000-\$3500 towards the project. She is awaiting a report from Brett Kandt and then the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force will determine how much to contribute. Mr. Zentz will send the grant application to Lorraine Webber for distribution to the Committee.

Mr. Zentz stated that one offender had agreed to participate in the video and that he was working on getting other participants to commit to the project.

6. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

7. *Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

8. *Adjournment

Barbara Aupperle made a motion to adjourn; Dr. Freda seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Minutes of Meeting

February 16, 2010

Office of the Attorney General
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Committee Members Present

Brett Kandt
Amy Crowe

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Elynn Wernikove-Greene
Bob Zentz
Dr. Michael Freda
Ron Titus
Traci Dory

Committee Members Absent

Suzanne Ramos
Vic Hutchings
Barbara Aupperle

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

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

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

Brett Kandt called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Review and approval of minutes from January 14, 2010 meeting.

Elynn Greene made a motion to approve the January 14, 2010 minutes as submitted; Dr. Michael Freda seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes of were approved. Mr. Kandt abstained from voting because he was not present at the January 14, 2010 meeting.

3. *Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding multidisciplinary training opportunities.

Mr. Kandt reported that the Prosecutors conference will be September 22-24, 2010 and the Statewide Sexual Violence Conference will be in November in Reno.

Ms. Greene stated that there will be a free all-day workshop on March 11, 2010 in Las Vegas on the topic of working with the media. The lunchtime speaker will give a presentation on domestic violence survivors working with media.

Kareen Prentice said that the UNR police are doing a free, all-day stalking training on April 7, 2010 at the Regional Public Safety Training Center.

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

Mr. Kandt revised some of the references in the existing Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practices to reflect amendments in 2009 to NRS 200.485, however no substantive changes have been made.

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

- i. Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention/Intervention Conference Criminal Justice Track – Reno, Nevada, November, 2010.

Mr. Kandt asked the committee for input on any presenters or topics they would like to see at the conference. He noted that he would like to have

the training video completed by that time so that it can premiere at that time.

- ii. Review most recent posted items deposited in Central Repository.

Mr. Kandt stated that there are still no 2009 statistics posted on the website.

- iii. Victim Witness Advocate Best Practice Guidelines.

Elynn Greene, Kareen Prentice, Amy Crowe and Barbara Aupperle have formed a working group to work on drafting the Victim Witness Advocate Best Practice Guidelines. They are scheduled to meet on February 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

- iv. Batterer/Victim Perspectives Training Video.

Mr. Kandt reported that \$14,300 in STOP grant funding had been obtained for the video project. The Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force and the Prosecution Advisory Council will each provide an additional \$3500 for a total of \$7000 in match funds. Bob Zentz has been discussing possible interviewees with Safe House and Mr. Kandt has been engaged in the contract solicitation process. He asked the committee to let him know of any video production companies in the Las Vegas area who might be interested in submitting a proposal for the project. Due to the time it takes to get through the contract process, it will probably be a two or three months before production can start. Mr. Kandt asked the Committee to review the proposed script and let him know if anyone has any suggestions for additional questions.

6. *Schedule future meetings and agenda items.

The next meeting will be scheduled for late May, 2010 to allow sufficient time for the Victim Witness Advocate Best Practice Guidelines working group to meet, and for the video production project to get through the contract process. (The meeting was subsequently scheduled for June 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.)

7. *Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

8. *Adjournment

Bob Zentz made a motion to adjourn; Elynne Greene seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

Office of the Attorney General
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Reno, Nevada 89511

Committee Members Present

Brett Kandt
Amy Crowe

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Barbara Aupperle
Bob Zentz
Dr. Michael Freda
Suzanne Ramos
Elynn Greene

Committee Members Absent

Traci Dory
Ron Titus

Public Present

Ted Beutel, Eureka County District Attorney
Maxine Lantz, Victim Witness Services

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General
Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman
Judy Girton, Assistant to Brett Kandt

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

Brett Kandt called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Approval of minutes from February 16, 2010 meeting.

Elynn Greene made a motion to approve the February 16, 2010 minutes as submitted; Dr. Freda seconded the motion. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

3. *Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding multidisciplinary training opportunities.

Brett Kandt asked if anyone had any training items that they wanted to announce. There were no training items to announce.

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

- i. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding Nevada Model Domestic Violence Protocol for Law Enforcement Protocols on Patrol Officer Response Investigation Section II(E)(4) and (5) regarding the impound of weapons by law enforcement upon responding to a domestic violence call and establishing probable cause.**

Brett Kandt stated that law enforcement protocols were brought to his attention by Maxine Lantz and he discussed this matter with Ted Beutel. Mr. Kandt had asked staff to send out a copy of the Nevada Model Domestic Violence Protocol for Law Enforcement. Section 2E (4) and (5), Patrol Officer Response and Investigation.

Discussion centered on protocol on weapons in the home and how it was developed; firearm possession; police procedures in the commission of a domestic violence incident; as well as the inconsistency of federal and state law on the issue of possession. Mr. Kandt stated that at sometime in the future, the committee should look at the protocol and revise and amend it as necessary. Ted Beutel stated that the language is not clear and that a re-write of that section to clarify it should be done. Maxine Lantz stated that she would also like to see the group revisit the section on "safekeeping" and clearly define what is meant. Brett Kandt stated that the committee should review and update the law enforcement protocols in the future.

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

i. Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention/Intervention Conference Criminal Justice Track – Las Vegas, Nevada for November 2010.

Brett Kandt stated the conference is going to be November 8 and 9, 2010, in Reno, not Las Vegas. The location is not yet known. He stated that with regard to the Criminal Justice Track, he intended to have some subject matter related to prosecution of strangulation cases under the new law. He has been asked for more training. He hopes the video will be complete at that time and can debut it then. He said he will be getting feedback from the planning committee on what else we can provide on the Criminal Justice Track. If anyone has ideas or recommendations to share, please let him know.

Elyne Greene stated that the Southern Nevada DV Task Force is planning a free, one day workshop on stalking on November 4th in Las Vegas. She asked what the committee thought about the date conflicting with the statewide conference. She said she was concerned that there were too many seminars being offered and they would dilute the attendance. Brett Kandt suggested she talk to Andrea Sundberg who is the chair of the conference.

Kareen Prentice stated that the Attorney General will be hosting a DV Fatality Review Summit on October 1, 2010, in Las Vegas. Elyne stated that there is also going to be a Human Trafficking Conference on September 23, 2010. She also stated that Clark County's press conference kick off for Domestic Violence Awareness Month will be held September 30, 2010. She stated they should coordinate their efforts to maximize attendance and impact.

Ms. Prentice stated that on September 30th, they will have a meet and greet with policy makers, legislators, and people who are interested in the fatality review initiative but are unable to attend the all-day seminar. She said they are offering scholarships but are having difficulty in finding a place to hold the meeting. Ms. Prentice will discuss with Ms. Greene after the meeting.

ii. Review most recent posted items deposited in Central Repository.

Mr. Kandt stated that nothing had been posted yet.

iii. Update from Subcommittee to Draft Victim Witness Advocate Best Practice Guidelines.

Brett Kandt stated that the best practice guidelines that Barbara Aupperle provided should have been sent out to everyone from the Office of Victims of Crime, Victim Advocate Standards. Mr. Kandt stated they can provide technical assistance to

Nevada to help develop a statewide strategic plan. Mr. Kandt asked if there was any interest by the subcommittee in using these best practice guidelines for victim witness advocates. There was discussion and it was decided not to pursue this at this time.

iv. Batterer/Victim Perspectives Training Video.

- Interviews with victim and offender
- Video production

Brett Kandt gave an update on what he and Bob Zentz have done to get the video into production. Bob stated that there are four victims and four offenders who are willing to participate. Brett said he sent out the draft script with questions for the committee's review and comments. There were no comments. Brett stated the video should be completed in the fall.

6. *Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

Kareen Prentice proposed adding the Fatality Review to keep the committee updated. Brett Kandt suggested that this item belongs under agenda item 3, multi-disciplinary training opportunities, and will be added there. There were no further comments to add items to the agenda and no comments as to the next meeting date.

7. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

8. *Adjournment.

Bob Zentz made a motion to adjourn; Barbara Aupperle seconded the motion; motion carried; the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

Office of the Attorney General
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Committee Members Present

Brett Kandt

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Barbara Aupperle
Bob Zentz
Suzanne Ramos
Elyne Greene
Eileen Herrington

Committee Members Absent

Traci Dory
Ron Titus
Amy Crowe
Dr. Michael Freda

Public Present

None

Attorney General's Office Staff Present

Lorraine Webber, Assistant to the NCPDV

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

Brett Kandt called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

2. *Approval of minutes from June 10, 2010 meeting.

Bob Zentz made a motion to approve the June 10, 2010 minutes as submitted; Barbara Aupperle seconded the motion. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

3. *Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding multidisciplinary training opportunities.

Mr. Kandt stated that the Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention/Intervention Conference was coming up. He asked if anyone had any training items that they wanted to announce.

Ms. Wernikove-Greene said that there were still some openings for the stalking workshop scheduled for November 4, 2010 in Las Vegas.

Mr. Kandt stated that the Fatality Review summit on October 1, 2010 was very successful. Many Council members attended and there had been good feedback about the summit.

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

Mr. Kandt stated that this would be ongoing agenda item should the need to discuss it arise. He asked if anyone had any comments on this item.

- i. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding Nevada Model Domestic Violence Protocol for Law Enforcement.**
- ii. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding Nevada Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practices.**
- iii. Discussion, recommendations and possible action regarding protocols for victim advocates.**

Ms. Green stated that of August, 2010, the IACP issued a new model policy on response to victims of crime. She suggested that there might be something in that the Committee could use. Mr. Kandt asked her to send it to Ms. Webber for distribution to the Committee.

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

i. Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention/Intervention Conference Criminal Justice Track – Reno, Nevada for November 2010.

The Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention/Intervention Conference is scheduled for November 8-9, 2010, at the Sparks Nugget. He encouraged the Committee members attend and to spread the word about the conference.

ii. Review most recent posted items deposited in Central Repository.

Mr. Kandt stated that he had not followed up on this recently but that it would be discussed at the next Council meeting.

iii. Review and approval of Batterer/Victim Perspectives Training Video.

Mr. Kandt asked for feedback on the video. The Committee agreed that it was well done. Mr. Kandt had some minor changes including adding the words, "A Training Resource for Criminal Justice Professionals on the title page." He asked if anyone had any other suggested changes. There were none. Elynne Wernikove-Greene made a motion to approve the video with the minor changes Mr. Kandt had planned. Barbara Aupperle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. *Schedule future meetings & agenda items.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

7. Public comment.

There was no public comment.

8. *Adjournment.

Suzanne Ramos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Zentz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.