

**STATE OF NEVADA COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
(BATTERER’S TREATMENT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday July 7th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

<b><i>Members Present</i></b>	<b><i>Members Absent</i></b>	<b><i>Attorney General’s Office</i></b>
Judge Max Bunch Moreen Scully Tim Hamilton Todd Peters	Christopher Hazlett- Stevens Lisa Arnold <b><i>Public Present</i></b>	Joelle Gutman Kelsi Herrick Peter K. Keegan, DAG

Annette Scott Dr. Lorraine Benuto	Dennis Fitzpatrick – LRS Systems and New Beginnings Aaron Williams – Aaron Williams Therapy/Focusing On You Theron Morgan – Safe Nest	
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**2. Public comment.**

- a) None

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**3. \*Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding election of new Committee Chair. (for possible action)**

- a) Judge Bunch recommended and nominated Tim Hamilton. Tim accepted this nomination. Todd Peters seconded the nomination. All in favor. Motion carried.  
b) Tim Hamilton took over the meeting at this point.

**4. \*Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review and approval of minutes of the following meetings (for possible action):**

- a) April 21, 2016 minutes

Motion: Judge Bunch moved to approve 2nd: Todd  
Vote: All in favor. Motioned carried.

**5. Update by Attorney General Staff.**

- a) Budget – *continued from November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

Joelle requested that this be continued at the next meeting so the AG office could get a better look at the financial situations.

- b) Discussion of status on Court Assessments – *continued from November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

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- c) Discussions of Match, review Match material, and remind members to fill out Match forms.

Kelsi reminded the members to fill out match paperwork and stated that she would send this out after the meeting.

- d) Discussion of annual inspection qualifications – *continued from October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

Joelle requested that this be continued at the next meeting so the AG office could get a better look at the financial situations.

- e) Discussion and update of the proposed amendments to NAC 228 by DAG Peter Keegan.

Peter stated that there will be a permanent regulation. At this point the amendments are waiting to be reviewed by LCB. Peter reviewed the changes that were submitted during the public workshop.

**6. \*Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the following requests for domestic violence continuing education credits and/or formal training (for possible action):**

- a) Application for Training Credits: 16  
Las Vegas Municipal Court  
"Break the Silence, Stop the Violence"  
Las Vegas, NV  
(Reviewed by Annette Scott)

Annette recommended approval of 16 credits.

Motion: Judge Bunch moved to approve 2nd: Todd.

Vote: All in favor. Motioned carried.

**7. \*Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of new providers and supervisors (for possible action):**

- a) Theron Morgan  
Safe Nest  
Las Vegas, NV  
(Reviewed by Todd Peters)

Tim passed the Committee Chair to Judge Bunch.

Todd had questions due to reciprocity. Theron Morgan is approved as a provider in the state of Washington and was previously approved in Nevada years ago. Tim stated that there have been reciprocity with programs but not providers or supervisors. He also said that there is not anything in the code [NAC 288] about this. Tim brought this item to the Committee in order to get answers to these situations. Theron went over his history of licensure and state approval. Joelle stated that the Committee should recognize the approval of providers and supervisors in other states. Judge Bunch and Tim both said that providers and supervisors need to have 15 CEUs every two (2) years; Theron does not have that. Theron has 4.5 CEUs. Theron (and his application) stated that he is currently certified in the state of Washington from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017. Judge Bunch and Peter discussed granting temporary approval for one (1) year and have the remaining 11.5 CEUs completed in one year.

Motion: Moreen moved to approve on conditions 2nd: Annette.

Vote: All in favor. Motioned carried.

Judge Bunch and Tim Hamilton abstained.

Judge Bunch passed Committee Chair back to Tim.

**8. \*Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the following application for certificate renewal from the following agencies (for possible action):**

- a) New Beginnings Counseling Centers  
Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, NV  
(Reviewed by All Present Committee Members)

Traci previously recommended approval but Dennis Fitzpatrick stated that he did not want the one (1) year approval; however he now wants that approval now that the issues seem to be resolved. The remaining Committee members decided to recommend approval for the program based off of the previous Chair's decision.

Motion: Todd moved to approve 2nd: Moreen.

Vote: All in favor. Motioned carried.

Judge Bunch abstained.

**9. \*Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding new program:**

- a) Aaron Williams Therapy “Focusing On You”  
Las Vegas, NV  
(Reviewed by Tim Hamilton)

Tim recommended continuance of this item. There are missing items and questions about the curriculum.

Motion: Todd motioned to continue 2nd: Moreen.

Vote: All in favor. Motioned carried.

Judge Bunch abstained.

**10. Comments from Committee Chair.**

Tim thanked the Committee for nominated and voting for him to be the Committee Chair. He also thanked everyone for their hard work and time.

**11. \*Discussion regarding future agenda items and future meeting dates (for possible action).**

- a) Reciprocity
- b) Budget
- c) Court assessments
- d) Annual inspections
- e) NAC 228
- f) 2017 agenda dates
- g) Aaron Williams Therapy
- h) Joelle told the Committee that she will be leaving the AG’s office on August 5<sup>th</sup>.  
The transition to the new ombudsman should be smooth.

**12. Public comment.**

- a) Dennis Fitzpatrick -
  - i. The assumption of NAC 228 is that group treatment of domestic violence is effective. Research suggests it is not. I think there are 5 correctible reasons for it. But I would like the committee to consider making a Deming like system model of the reoffend rate. Once there is actual evidence based on the reoffend rate, a model can be improved. Inspecting agencies for compliance to rules and regs should be of secondary importance compared to the examination of whether the system is working and how it can be improved. Agencies should pay for this service. I have examined national studies of domestic violence groups over the last 17 years and included them in the handouts Kelsi provided you. Even Dr. Gondolf, a proponent of the Duluth Model shows a 49% reoffend rate in his program. A major study, the Babcock study, showed that offenders had a recidivism rate of at least 60% with or without BIP treatment. Nevada rules are based in part on California practice. This is what the National Institute of Justice division of the DOJ had to say after they examined domestic violence groups in California: “There is no statistical association at all between the BIP program participation and a batterer’s likelihood of re-offending.” Thank you.
- b) Aaron Williams stated that he was upset with administrative assistant to the Committee because he was not given notice ahead of time that his program was not approved.

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**13. \*Adjournment. (For possible action).**

a) Tim adjourned the meeting. All in favor.

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