

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

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer State Building
555 East Washington Street, Room 4500
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Office of the Attorney General
Mock Courtroom
100 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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1. Call to order, roll call of members, and establish quorum.
 - a) Present Members
 - i. Chairman Tim Hamilton (Hamilton)
 - ii. Judge Max Bunch (Judge Bunch)
 - iii. Christopher Hazlett-Stevens (Hazlett-Stevens)
 - iv. Kelsi Herrick (Herrick)
 - v. Annette Scott (Scott) – via tele-conference
 - vi. Moreen Scully (Scully) – via tele-conference
 - b) Absent Members
 - i. Dr. Lorraine Benuto (Benuto)
 - ii. Todd Peters (Peters)
 - c) Staff
 - i. Arlene Rivera (Rivera), Domestic Violence Ombudsman
 - ii. Peter Keegan (Keegan), Deputy Attorney General
 - iii. Jason Mouannes (Mouannes), Administrative Assistant III
 - d) Quorum established
2. Public Comment
 - a) Hamilton requested public attendees to introduce themselves to the committee.
 - b) Public from Las Vegas
 - i. Dennis Fitzpatrick (Fitzpatrick), DV Supervisor
 - ii. Theron Morgan (Morgan), Supervisor Applicant

- c) Public from Carson
 - i. Kirsten Coulombe (Coulombe), Deputy Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
- d) Comment in Las Vegas
 - i. Fitzpatrick suggested that the Committee on Domestic Violence consider webinars with an interactive component as “live” CEUs, while webinars that do not offer any interaction be considered as “online” CEUs.
 - ii. Judge Bunch stated that he requested more information from Mr. Fitzpatrick on the pilot project in Lincoln and White Pine counties. Judge Bunch read a set of questions and responses he documented when communicating with Fitzpatrick prior to the meeting. The program has received positive feedback despite some technical issues that occurred since the beginning of the program. The project has been up and running in Lincoln County for about two years. This program was started to help provide access to treatment in the rural counties. However, White Pine County did not implement the pilot program.
 - 1. Rivera indicated she will add this item on next agenda to continue receiving updates about the pilot program.
- e) No comment in Carson

3. For Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of meeting minutes from the February 23rd, 2017 meeting. **Attachment 1**

- a) Hamilton called for motion to approve minutes. Hazlett-Stevens motioned to approve meeting minutes. Herrick indicated she was present but her name was not listed under the list of members present during the last meeting. Hazlett-Stevens amended motion to include correction of present members list in minutes. Motion seconded by Judge Bunch. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for domestic violence continuing education credits and/or formal training (for possible action):

A. CEU Submission:

- i. Course Name: “Domestic Violence” (Webinar)

- ii. Agency: Sierra Counseling Center

- 1. Submitted by: Vicki Lillegard
- 2. Reviewed by: Annette Scott

➔ The application met all the criteria necessary. Scott recommended approval of course for 2 victim services hours and 2 perpetrator services hours. Motion to approve application by Judge Bunch. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

B. CEU Submission:

- i. Course Name: "Slide Guide for Domestic Violence Part 1 of , Introduction through Class 4, Revised"
- ii. Agency: LRS, New Beginnings Counseling Center, Treatment Solutions of Nevada, Aaron Williams Therapy LLC
 1. Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick
 2. Reviewed by: Todd Peters

→ Review of application was not available. Hamilton recommended the application be continued to the next agenda. Motion to continue application by Judge Bunch. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

C. CEU Submission:

- i. Course Name: "Supervisor 1 Course: The Deming-Glasser Supervisor Model, Revised"
- ii. Agency: LRS, New Beginnings Counseling Center, Treatment Solutions of Nevada, Aaron Williams Therapy LLC
 1. Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick
 2. Reviewed by: Judge Max Bunch

→ The application met all the criteria necessary. Judge Bunch recommended approval of course for 1 victim services hours and 1 perpetrator services hours. Motion to approve application by Hazlett-Stevens. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

D. CEU Submission:

- i. Course Name: "The STOP Program: For Woman Who Abuse"
- ii. Agency: LRS and New Beginnings
 1. Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick
 2. Reviewed by: Judge Max Bunch

→ The application met all the criteria necessary. Judge Bunch recommended approval of course for 6 victim services hours and 5.75 perpetrator services hours. Motion to approve application by Hazlett-Stevens. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of NEW AGENCIES:

A. Triple "C" Behavior Health Agency

1. Submitted by: Patricia Saulter
2. Reviewed by: Tim Hamilton

→ The application did not meet all the criteria necessary. The applicant included a provider application within the certification packet, in which the provider packet would need to be agendized separately. Hamilton recommended the application be provisionally approved. The supervisor needs to be identified for the batterer's treatment program. Motion by Hazlett-Stevens for provisional approval of Triple 'C' Behavior Health Agency. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

6. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for CERTIFICATE RENEWAL from the following agencies:

A. Las Vegas Municipal Court Alternative Sentencing and Education Division:

1. Submitted by: Nancy Kennehan
2. Reviewed by: Dr. Lorraine Benuto

→ The application met all the criteria necessary. Dr. Benuto recommended approval of application for Las Vegas Municipal Court Alternative Sentencing and Education Division. Motion to approve application by Hazlett-Stevens. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

B. LRS Systems:

1. Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick
2. Reviewed by: Moreen Scully

→ The application meets all the criteria necessary. Scully recommended approval of application for LRS Systems. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Hazlett-Stevens. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

C. New Beginnings Counseling Centers:

1. Submitted by: Dennis Fitzpatrick
2. Reviewed by: Christopher Hazlett-Stevens

→ The application met all the criteria necessary. Hazlett-Stevens recommended approval of application for New Beginnings Counseling Centers. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Hamilton. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

D. New Frontier Treatment Center:

1. Submitted by: David A Dummar
2. Reviewed by: Todd Peters

→ Review of application was not available. Hamilton recommended the application be continued to the next agenda. Motion to continue application by Hamilton. Seconded by Hazlett-Stevens. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

E. Sierra Counseling Center:

1. Submitted by: Craig Merrill
2. Reviewed by: Annette Scott

→ This application does not meet all the criteria necessary. The sliding fee scale was not attached, the last certificate was not attached, and under program legal information there was not a detailed description of the ethics violation charged against Sierra Counseling Center and its outcome. Hazlett-Stevens recommended application to be continued to the next agenda and request absent information. Seconded by Scully. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

F. The Ridgeview Group

1. Submitted by: Michael Freda
2. Reviewed by: Tim Hamilton

→ This application does not meet all the criteria necessary. CEU information was not provided for providers. Hamilton recommended application to be continued to the next agenda. Motion to continue application by Hazlett-Stevens. Seconded by Herrick. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

7. **For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of NEW PROVIDERS:**

A. **New Provider:**

Erika Y Gonzalez
Agency: LRS Systems

Submitted by: Dennis J Fitzpatrick
Reviewed by: Moreen Scully

→ The application met all the criteria necessary. Scully recommended approval of application for Erika Y Gonzalez for LRS Systems. Motion to approve application by Herrick. Seconded by Hazlett-Stevens. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

8. For discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the following requests for approval of NEW SUPERVISORS:

A. **New Supervisor:** Theron Morgan
Agency: Smart Choices

Submitted by: Riley Kline
Reviewed by: Kelsi Herrick

→ The application met all the criteria necessary. Herrick recommended approval of application for Theron Morgan for Smart Choices. Motion to approve application by Hazlett-Stevens. Seconded by Scott. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

B. **New Supervisor:** Theron Morgan
Agency: Spectrum

Submitted by: Theron Morgan
Reviewed by: Kelsi Herrick

→ The application met all the criteria necessary. Herrick recommended approval of application for Theron Morgan for Spectrum. Motion to approve application by Hazlett-Stevens. Seconded by Scott. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch abstains.

9. **Update** on Senate Bill (SB) 25 by representative from Nevada Attorney General's office.

- a) Ombudsman Rivera indicated that SB 25 was approved by the Nevada Legislature. The Committee on Domestic Violence will be transferring over the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.
- b) Ombudsman Rivera introduced Kirsten Coulombe, the Deputy Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.
- c) Keegan stated the components of SB 25 transfer over the regulatory responsibilities to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- d) Ombudsman Rivera reassured members that they will be updated on the status of the Committee while the transfer is being completed.
- e) Judge Bunch indicated that he would like to remain as a member on the Committee.

10. **Update** by Deputy Attorney General Peter Keegan on status on regulatory amendment process for NAC 228-110.
 - a) Keegan stated the amendments were submitted during the Legislative Session and he is awaiting a response from the Legislative Council Bureau.

11. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Arlene Rivera to update committee on Winnemucca Batterer's Intervention Program closing its doors in August. Committee to weigh in on procedure for relocation of clients.
 - a) Ombudsman Rivera wanted to share an email from the Winnemucca Batterer's Treatment Program indicating the closure of the program and the reason for this decision.
 - b) Ombudsman Rivera wanted to make the Committee on Domestic Violence aware of this situation as it raises concern for the lack of treatment in the rural areas.
 - c) Judge Bunch provided input on the difficulty for individuals to receive access to the batterer's treatment programs in rural counties. Furthermore, this information supported the initiative for the pilot program active in Lincoln County.
 - d) Hamilton highlighted there is a scarcity of programs in Northern Nevada.

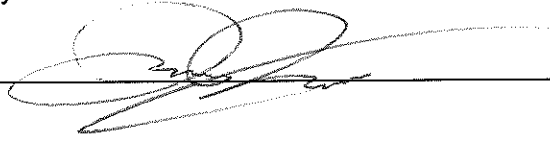
12. **Comment from Committee Chair**
 - a) Hamilton thanked everyone for their work in the Committee on Domestic Violence.

13. **For Discussion:** future agenda items.
 - a) Ombudsman Rivera took note of all agenda items proposed during the meeting to be considered for the next agenda.
 - b) The applications to be continued on the next agenda have been indicated in the review of each application, if applicable.
 - c) Update on pilot program by Fitzpatrick

14. **Public Comment**
 - a) Comment in Las Vegas.
 - i. Fitzpatrick indicated that the agency, Spectrum, has been suspended. They have no approved forms and curriculum. Theron Morgan and he were fired from the agency.

15. **Adjournment**
 - a) Hamilton moves to adjourn meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Jason Mouannes**
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