

**NEVADA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CDV)
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 24th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

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

1. Call to order and roll call of members.
 - a. The Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Legislative Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.
 - b. Present
 - Chairwoman Green, April (Chairwoman Green)
 - Meuschke, Sue (Meuschke)
 - Scott, Annette (Scott)
 - a. Absent
 - No members absent.
 - b. Staff
 - O'Banion, Nicole (O'Banion)
 - Bradley, Sarah (Bradley)
 - Mouannes, Jason (Mouannes)
 - c. Public
 - Kelly Dunne, Chief of Operations, Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center (JGCC)
 - Heather Davies, Project Specialist, Training and Technical Assistance, JGCC
 - c. **Quorum established**
2. Public Comment.
 - a. No public comment.

3. **For Possible Action:** Review, discussion, and possible approval of September 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Attachment 1

- a. O'Banion suggested members take a moment to review the minutes from the previous Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Legislative Subcommittee meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes by Meuschke. Seconded by Scott. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Kelly Dunne, Chief of Operations, Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center (JGCC), and Heather Davies, Project Specialist, Training and Technical Assistance, JGCC, will discuss the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model and training and technical assistance that JGCC can provide tailored to the state of Nevada. The Legislative Subcommittee members will discuss and possibly decide if they want to add this to the action plan to be presented at the November 13, 2019 Committee on Domestic Violence meeting.

Attachment 2

- a. Dunne began presentation highlighting that Davies and herself are technical assistance providers through two separate grants by the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). These grants allow Dunne and Davies to provide training and technical assistance to communities interested in homicide reduction work, specifically by implementing two models: the domestic violence high risk team model and danger assessment tool for law enforcement. Dunne reviewed the strategies used in the model. The model was developed as a result of a local homicide-suicide case in Massachusetts. The model uses risk assessment to bring the most dangerous cases forward to multidisciplinary teams who monitor cases with equal emphasis on offender accountability and victim safety. Additionally, it connects high risk victims to services immediately. The process involves both risk identification and risk management strategies. This creates a vehicle for communication across multiple disciplines to provide the best possible response.
- b. The model must be customized to the local community while maintaining some basic fundamentals.
- c. The Danger Assessment – Law Enforcement (DA-LE) is a rigorously validated safety tool that helps identify history of violence.
- d. All details related to the high risk team model can be found in the second attachment of the meeting agenda.
- e. Meuschke inquired about the impact of the recent Supreme Court ruling allowing misdemeanor domestic violence cases access to jury trials. This decision has created some challenges around prosecuting and adjudicating misdemeanor domestic violence cases. She hopes the

DA-LE can increase the collaboration between the local district attorney's office and law enforcement officers.

- f. Meuschke followed up with questions regarding technical assistance, implementation of the process, time frame for completion and cost of project.
 - g. Dunne responded that it can take almost a full year to implement a domestic violence high risk team model in a jurisdiction. The technical assistance includes phone calls, webinars, and on-site meetings. Furthermore, they provide customized documents and forms that can be shared with all local partners in the area. Advocates would need some training about practical reality of the DA-LE system. The cost of implementation can vary depending on travel expenses and other unidentified charges.
 - h. Dunne and Davies are open to attempting a statewide implementation of the model and the risk assessment tool. Dunne reminded everyone that some jurisdictions decided to do a full implementation of a high risk team along with the DA-LE or decided to only start with the DA-LE system.
 - i. Meuschke noted that Probation and Parole should be part of the conversation regarding implementing domestic violence high risk teams. Dunne agreed Probation and Parole serve as a risk management component. In addition, the DA-LE requires policies in place before implementation in a specific jurisdiction. Some potential jurisdictions include Henderson, Reno, and Elko. Finally, Dunne stated that various statewide domestic violence fatality review teams encouraged the formation of high risk teams to reduce local homicides.
 - j. If the Committee on Domestic Violence decided to adopt the model presented, an individual in the partnership must be a current grantee of an OVW grant.
 - k. Dunne and Davies had offered to host an overview webinar for the Committee on Domestic Violence for about an hour in the near future.
5. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Committee member Sue Meuschke, Executive Director, Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence will present the Legislative Committee Action. Subcommittee members will discuss the Action Plan for content and for any items that may need to be added, amended or removed.

Attachment 3

- a. Meuschke reviewed the Legislative Subcommittee action plan draft.
- b. Members discussed adding the option to explore the domestic violence high risk team model on the action plan.
- c. Motion to explore the domestic violence high risk team model by Scott. Seconded by Chairwoman Green. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. **For Information Only:** the CDV's tentative future meeting dates:
 - Training Subcommittee: October 24, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m. | Location: Conference Room 228, Carson City Office of the Attorney General
 - Court Subcommittee: October 29, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m. | Location: Mock Courtroom, Carson City Office of the Attorney General
 - Committee on Domestic Violence: November 13, 2019 | Location: Rural Meeting – Hawthorne: Times/Location TBD.

7. Public Comment.
 - a. No public comment.

8. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment.
 - a. O'Banion moved to adjourn. Meuschke motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Chairwoman Green. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - b. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Jason Mouannes**
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