

Attachment Two (2)

CDV Fatality Review Team Agenda
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Contents: Fatality Review Team Protocols

NEVADA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM SUBCOMMITTEE PROTOCOLS

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These Protocols are designed to help guide process and provide structure for the Nevada Office of the Attorney General, Committee on Domestic Violence, Fatality Review Team Subcommittee (FRT). The FRT will review and modify these Protocols as needed.

Purpose

The purpose of the Nevada Office of the Attorney General, Committee on Domestic Violence, Fatality Review Team Subcommittee (FRT) is to review selected cases of domestic violence related deaths in communities where a domestic violence fatality review (FRT) team does not exist, or if a local team, established pursuant to NRS 217.475, has requested a review by the FRT. The FRT is created by the Nevada Office of the Attorney General, Committee on Domestic Violence (Committee) in order to carry about the Committee's duties prescribed by NRS 228.495 through NRS 228.497.

Mission

The FRT will carefully select and review deaths of victims of crimes that constitute domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018, in order to improve the coordination and delivery of service outcomes and prevent incidents and deaths related to domestic violence.

Goals and Objectives

The FRT will achieve its mission by:

- Identifying adjudicated domestic violence fatalities for review;
- Reviewing circumstances of domestic violence related deaths;
- Identifying patterns that lead to fatal outcomes;
- Determining whether reviewed deaths may have been preventable;
- Identifying strategies for prevention of domestic violence related deaths, including but not limited to, delivery of agency services and intervention methods;
- Developing intervention strategies to reduce fatalities and eliminate ongoing abuse;
- Identifying ways to improve and enhance interagency reporting and communication;

- Identifying methods, services, and strategies that were used effectively and efficiently; and
- Following any and all statutory requirements, including those set forth in NRS 228.495 through NRS 228.497.

Meetings

Any meeting of the Committee or the FRT held to review the death of a victim pursuant to this section, or any portion of a meeting of the Committee or the FRT, during which the Committee or the FRT reviews such a death, is not subject to the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 241.

Case Selection and Review Process

The FRT will only review adjudicated cases where the victim's death occurred because the victim was a victim of a crime that constitutes domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018. In addition, the FRT may choose to review a case at the written request of a victim's family member if the case fits the criteria established by NRS 228.495. Written requests must be made to the Office of the Attorney General.

The review process will take a timeline approach whereby the FRT members share case specific information to create a timeline of the relationship between the victim and perpetrator. The FRT's discussion will be led by a facilitator who will help to guide discussion of case details. The timeline approach has been recognized as a best practice by the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative. Case reviews may also involve non- FRT members ("case review participants") with pertinent information to assist in a more comprehensive review of each case. Case review participants may be invited to participate in the review by the Committee.

Confidentiality

All information shared during these review meetings is confidential and cannot be used for any purpose other than the review itself. *See* NRS 228.495(4). All FRT members, staff and case review participants will sign a confidentiality agreement at the beginning of each review meeting, and all materials collected for the review will be destroyed with the exception of the data collection tool and the recommendations drafted by the FRT. The confidentiality agreement is attached in Appendix A of this document.

Reporting

The FRT shall submit a report of its activities pursuant to this section to the Committee on Domestic Violence for ratification and submission to the Attorney General. *See* NRS 228.495(10). The report must include, without limitation, the findings and recommendations of the FRT. The report must not include information that identifies any person involved in a particular case under review. This report will be compiled with a data collection tool prepared by the Nevada Ombudsman for

Domestic Violence in the Office of the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall make the report available to the public. *See* NRS 228.495(10).

Statutory Authority

NRS 228.495; NRS 228.497; NRS 239.010; NRS 241.016.