

Attachment One (1)

Committee on Domestic Violence
May 7, 2024

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October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 26, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Location:

Southern Nye County Extension Educator
University of Nevada, Reno - Extension
1651 E. Calvada Blvd.
Pahrump, NV 89048

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1. Call to order and roll call of members.
 - a. The Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.
 - b. Present
 - Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General (Chairman Ford)
 - Harig, Dr. Tracy (Dr. Harig)
 - Larson, Zach (Larson)
 - Abdur-Raheem, Elizabeth (Abdur-Raheem)
 - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
 - Lynch, Patricia (Judge Lynch)
 - Hall, Karl (Hall)
 - Dr. Pamela Payne (Dr. Payne)
 - Green, April (Green)
 - Liz Ortenburger (Ortenburger)
 - Metherel, Leticia (Metherel)
 - Ingram, Tyler (Ingram)
 - Greene, Elynn (Greene)
 - c. Absent
 - Gradick, Jamie (Gradick)
 - Morris, Marla (Morris)
 - Judge Spoo (Judge Spoo)
 - Duncan, Wes (Duncan)
 - d. Staff
 - Benitez-Thompson, Teresa (Benitez-Thompson)
 - Nicole Reilly (Reilly)
 - Hinds, Gina (Hinds)
 - Rasul, Henna (Rasul)
 - e. Public
 - None
 - f. **Quorum established.**
2. Welcome and introductions of community partners. Kathie McKenna (McKenna) Executive Director for Nevada Outreach and Executive Director for Advocates for Children of Rural Nevada, also present were the advocates from No to Abuse; chairman for group advocate; members of Soroptomist; and an officer with Pahrump's Juvenile and Probation services.

3. Members reviewed and discussed the *July 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes*. Lynch stated the third paragraph regarding Bills SB32 does not make sense. Lynch stated she was uncertain of what the term inadmissible implies. Abdur-Raheem went on to say what happens in the court TPO is not admissible since the parties do not have representation. Reilly stated she will refer to Serena's legislative summary. Reilly also noted to correct Ortenburger's last name. AG Ford moved for a motion, Ramos motioned, Payne seconded. Minutes approved as amended.
4. Reilly provided an update on the Fatality Review Team (FRT). List of two potential cases- one in Henderson which is a murder suicide, and one in Elko with a female perpetrator and both cases have been adjudicated. Reilly stated she will schedule the FRT case review at the end of November or first part of December. Ortenburger requested to meet in person. AG Ford asked if the jurisdictions have been invited to attend and Reilly stated they rarely show. AG Ford suggested that the members contemplate having the FRT review in each jurisdiction and invite community partners. Haley (CDV's host at UNR Extension) offered the use of the UNR Extension offices in Elko.
5. McKenna discussed No to Abuse and Nevada Outreach which are both essentially synonymous and are in both Tonopah and Pahrump. Nevada Outreach has 24 centers in Nevada, but funding is dwindling quickly. The Pahrump Family Resource Center assists with rent, mortgage, utilities, gas vouchers, and a large donation center. There are three case workers serving 2400 victims throughout the year. The agencies work closely with the Division of Child and Family Services when neglect and abuse and/or substance abuse is discovered. Christy Mills is the Advocate Supervisor of Children's Advocacy Center and is the Supervising Advocate for the Child and Family advocate. No to Abuse and Nevada Outreach titles are essentially synonymous. Emergency housing, transitional housing, employment. McKenna disclosed the strikingly alarming numbers of assisting victims has significantly increased from one year ago. McKenna mentioned barriers- there is currently no domestic violence shelter and there is no homeless shelter, and this is the biggest problem they face. It is difficult to obtain a motel/hotel room, due to the egregious behavior of victims, such as stealing motel/hotel items, etc. McKenna stated there is a need for resources such as affordable housing, mental health evaluations, and lack of assistance from the sheriff's department. Crossroads, and Westcare is a hit or miss whether these agencies take in their victims for assistance. SANE exams are done in Las Vegas. McKenna stated they receive VOCA grant money, but stated it is not enough funding. McKenna is hoping for state assistance, because Pahrump's community leaders are not assisting with these issues, for example, the community leaders built a multimillion-dollar animal

shelter. McKenna voiced her many frustrations with finding means to assist her victims that walk through her door. Ortenburger asked if the temporary restraining orders have a high denial rate. Christy Mills with Nevada outreach stated they have been going to the courts for hearings more often for TPOs because are all in person. Payne asked if they had been surveyed. McKenna responded that Pahrump's court system has only paper files, no electronic filing system. Ortenburger asked if McKenna is seeing victims being reimbursed for SANE exams. She stated Clark County is not billing the state to effectively bill the state for these exams. Christy Mills stated only one victim has been properly billed for their SANE exam in Las Vegas, at UMC. Reilly asked how law enforcement and the district attorney's office respond to domestic violence instances. McKenna stated there is a lot of turnover, and the biggest gap is lack of software training on dv instances. Ortenburger asked if McKenna can pilot the SANE exams, the space is not a problem but finding the SANE exam nurses is difficult because there is a huge nursing shortage in Las Vegas. Ortenburger recommended utilizing the Telehealth service in the interim.

6. Reilly discussed SB412 and the creation of subcommittees to implement the new bill. Ortenburger stated the new language is problematic, but the subcommittee will be worthwhile and advantageous. Reilly went on to discuss the next possible subcommittee. Lack of SANE exams and perpetrators not being held accountable. Dr. Harig stated that the lack of oversight over SANE exams is an issue. The nursing board isn't involved, and neither is the Department of Health and Human Services. Reilly stated there should be an officer to oversee the SANE exams and nurses. She also stated we can begin those conversations. Ortenburger stated working on SANE exams the committee will find solutions. Abdur-Raheem stated that Telehealth is a possible solution in the rural areas, but that there are different issues in Washoe and Clark County, and that the work is important and to look at the whole picture. Dr. Harig asked about intervention in the schools. Abdur-Raheem stated her agency is working on these matters, stating education is the most important piece. Dr. Payne stated the need to discuss batterer's treatment, such as accountability, training, and education. Ortenburger asked if this committee is the best space to discuss. She suggested there should be a sweeping batterer's treatment bill proposed in legislative session 2025. Abdur-Raheem stated there is much to discuss about batterer's treatment, that the goal is behavior change through intervention. Reilly stated we will continue

having discussions about batterer's treatment. Larson stated the assessments of the batterers are important. Dr. Payne agreed that this needs to be a statewide solution but cannot be a one size fits all solution. Members further discussed the batterer's treatment processes. Reilly stated four items 1. Strangulation language for next session. 2. SANE oversight and other models. 3. Data Collection (ACR6) 4. Batterer's Treatment. Reilly suggested two subcommittees should be sufficient. The first subcommittee will be data collection and batterer's treatment and intervention and will be named Data Collection Subcommittee. The second subcommittee will be called Forensic Nursing subcommittee and will include SANE discussions and strangulation. Volunteers is Nursing Subcommittee will be: Ortenburger, Dr. Harig, Dr. Payne, Abdur-Raheem. The Data Collection Subcommittee volunteers will be Ortenburger, Larson, Abdur-Raheem, Dr. Payne, Greene, Judge Lynch, Dr. Payne. Chairman Ford recommended Wes Duncan to volunteer on the Forensic Nursing Subcommittee.

7. **For Information Only:** the CDV's future meeting dates:
 - Committee on Domestic Violence: TBD | Location Virtual
 - Data Collection Subcommittee: TBD | Location Virtual
 - Forensic Nursing Subcommittee: TBD | Location Virtual
8. Public Comment. Ortenburger stated there is a free strangulation training January 25-26, 2024, includes four-hour sessions, same training each day, located at Las Vegas Metro Police Department- Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Las Vegas.
9. Adjournment.

Minutes respectfully submitted by **Gina Hinds**
Edited by **Nicole Reilly**
Office of the Attorney General

Attachment Two (2)

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Contents:

Data Subcommittee Action Plan

Data Sub-Committee Action Plan

Goal: Main goal is to have a statewide consistent policy, consistent plan, and consistent source of data.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Data to Collect</u>	<u>Where to House the Data</u>	<u>Volunteer Responsible for Task</u>	<u>Funding Needs</u>
Courts	1. TPO Applications and Denials 2. Are judges seeing the DALE or other Fatality Risk Tool? 3. Child Abuse (All of this around one abuser)	NIBRS???		?
District Attorney's	1. DV Homicides 2. # of DV related cases submitted by LE vs. # of cases charged 3. The manner in which battery which constitutes domestic violence and is committed by strangulation is prosecuted 4. The number of defendants charged with such a crime and, of those defendants, the number: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who plead guilty or no contest to the charge; b. Whose charges were dismissed; and c. Who stood trial on the charges 5. The outcomes of trials in which defendants are charged with battery which constitutes domestic violence and is committed by strangulation. 6. Alleged victims of domestic violence who receive a forensic strangulation examination 7. Defendants accused of battery which constitutes domestic violence and is committed by strangulation by an alleged victim who received a forensic strangulation examination and whose charges were dismissed or who stood trial and were found not guilty of the crime			

Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center.	What data do they have??			
Is there a Southern one?				
Nevada Dept. of Sentencing & Policy (Director Georgia Powers)				
NDOC				
Parole & Probation				
Child Welfare	1. # of DV identified cases			
Dept. of ED	1. Data on healthy relationship curriculum - Safe Voice & SHARE are both supposed to be in all districts.			
SafeNest	- From a quantitative analysis perspective, SafeNest has got enough data to be viable for Clark which could be translated to Washoe with a 95% confidence interval. 1. What data?			

Attachment Three (3)

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Advisory Committee on Rights
of Survivors of Sexual Assault

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RIGHTS OF SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

NRS 178A.300 Definitions. As used in [NRS 178A.300](#) to [178A.330](#), inclusive, “Advisory Committee” means the Advisory Committee on Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 2846](#))

NRS 178A.310 Creation; members and appointing authorities; terms; vacancies; Chair; meetings; quorum; voting; per diem; staff.

1. There is hereby created the Advisory Committee on Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault.
2. The Advisory Committee consists of:
 - (a) The Attorney General;
 - (b) The Director of the Department of Corrections;
 - (c) One member who is a law enforcement official working for a local law enforcement agency, appointed by the Nevada Sheriffs’ and Chiefs’ Association;
 - (d) One member who is an attorney, appointed by the governing body of the State Bar of Nevada; and
 - (e) The following members appointed by the Attorney General:
 - (1) One member who is a survivor and a citizen or lawful resident of this State;
 - (2) One member who is a representative of an organization supporting the rights of survivors;
 - (3) One member who is a representative of a center of support for victims of sexual assault;
 - (4) One member who is a representative of a forensic laboratory;
 - (5) One member who is a representative of a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education whose duties of his or her occupation include direct services to victims of sexual assault and whose employer is not under investigation by the United States Department of Education for an alleged violation of 20 U.S.C. § 1092 or Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq.;
 - (6) One member who is a representative of an organization that provides services, education or outreach to minority communities;
 - (7) One member who is a representative of an organization that provides services, education or outreach to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning persons; and
 - (8) One member who is a nurse examiner who specializes in forensic medical examinations for sexual assault.
3. The Attorney General may appoint not more than three other persons to the Advisory Committee. The total membership of the Advisory Committee must not exceed 15 members.
4. If any organization listed in subsection 2 ceases to exist, the appointment required pursuant to that subsection must be made by the association’s successor in interest or, if there is no successor in interest, by the Attorney General.
5. Each appointed member serves a term of 2 years. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Advisory Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.
6. At the first regular meeting of each odd-numbered year, the members of the Advisory Committee shall elect a Chair by majority vote who shall serve until the next Chair is elected.
7. The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once annually at a time and place specified by the Chair and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair.
8. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Committee.
9. While engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee, to the extent of legislative appropriation, each member of the Advisory Committee is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
10. The Attorney General shall provide the staff necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory Committee.
(Added to NRS by [2019, 2846](#))

NRS 178A.320 Duties; retention of experts; report.

1. The Advisory Committee shall study practices that are nationally recognized and make recommendations regarding:
 - (a) Whether a need exists for additional sexual assault victims’ advocates for survivors and, if such a need exists, the Advisory Committee shall, in conjunction with centers of support for victims of sexual assault, organizations for

advocates of survivors and other relevant programs or organizations, create a plan for how the State can provide additional sexual assault victims' advocates to meet such a need, and determine the cost of such a plan.

(b) Whether the need exists to expand the right of a survivor to a sexual assault victims' advocate beyond the forensic medical examination and with a law enforcement official interview, and if such a need exists, the Advisory Committee shall:

- (1) Identify the scope and nature of the need; and
- (2) Make recommendations on how to best fill such a need.

(c) Whether a need exists to provide ongoing evaluation of the implementation of the rights of survivors pursuant to the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights and, if such a need exists, the Advisory Committee shall:

- (1) Identify the scope and nature of the need; and
- (2) Make recommendations on how to best fill such a need, legislatively or otherwise.

(d) The effectiveness of the statewide program to track sexual assault forensic evidence kits pursuant to [NRS 200.3788](#).

2. In fulfilling the duties prescribed by subsection 1, the Advisory Committee shall collect:

(a) Data regarding reporting of sexual assaults, arrests relating to sexual assaults, rates of prosecutions relating to sexual assaults, access to victims' services for survivors and any other relevant data necessary relating to sexual assaults for the deliberations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee and, if such data does not exist, the Advisory Committee shall encourage the creation and maintenance of such data; and

(b) Feedback from stakeholders, practitioners and leadership of state and local law enforcement agencies, victims' services, practitioners of forensic science and health care communities to inform the development of best practices for the future, or clinical guidelines regarding the care and treatment of survivors.

3. In undertaking the duties prescribed by subsection 1, the Advisory Committee may retain independent experts. Such experts may:

(a) Request files and records from any law enforcement official. The information obtained from such a request must be kept strictly confidential and reported only as aggregated or anonymized data.

(b) Conduct confidential interviews with law enforcement officials, medical providers, sexual assault victims' advocates and other such persons with direct knowledge of the response process for sexual assaults.

(c) Provide recommendations to the Advisory Committee.

4. On or before September 1 of each even-numbered year, the Advisory Committee shall:

(a) Prepare a report that includes the results of the assessments, developments and recommendations pursuant to this section.

(b) Submit the report prepared pursuant to paragraph (a) to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for submission to the Legislative Commission.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 2847](#); A [2019, 2851](#))

NRS 178A.330 Grants, bequests, devises, donations or gifts; Special Account for the Support of the Advisory Committee.

1. The Attorney General may apply for and accept any available grants and may accept any bequests, devises, donations or gifts from any public or private source to carry out the provisions of [NRS 178A.300](#) to [178A.330](#), inclusive.

2. Any money received pursuant to this section must be deposited in the Special Account for the Support of the Advisory Committee, which is hereby created in the State General Fund. Interest and income earned on money in the Account must be credited to the Account. Money in the Account may only be used for the support of the Advisory Committee and its activities pursuant to [NRS 178A.300](#) to [178A.330](#), inclusive.

(Added to NRS by [2019, 2848](#))