

Attachment One (1)

Committee on Domestic Violence Agenda
October 12, 2022

Contents:
August 25, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

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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 1:00 pm.
 - b. Present
 - Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General (Chairman Ford)
 - Green, April (Green)
 - Greene, Elynne (Greene)
 - Hall, Karl (Hall)
 - Harig, Tracy (Harig)
 - Larson, Zach (Larson)
 - Lynch, Patricia (Judge Lynch)
 - Ortenburger, Liz (Ortenburger)
 - Bullard, Amanda (Bullard)
 - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
 - Metherell, Leticia (Metherell)
 - Morris, Marla (Morris)

- c. Absent
 - Scott, Annette (Scott)
 - Hernandez, Cory (Hernandez)
 - Gradick, Jamie (Gradick)
 - Moseley, Leisa (Moseley)
 - Ingram, Tyler (Ingram)
 - a. Staff
 - Adair, Jessica (Adair)
 - Hinds, Gina (Hinds)
 - Rasul, Henna (Rasul)
 - b. Public
 - None
 - d. **Quorum established**
2. Public Comment.
- None

3. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Review, discussion, and possible approval of *February 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes*.

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- a. Judge Lynch suggested several grammatical changes to the minutes from the previous Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) meeting. Chairman Ford asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the revisions made by Judge Lynch. Chairman Ford motioned to approve the minutes as amended. April Green seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting minutes approved as amended.
1. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Committee member April Green, Directing Attorney, Family Justice Project, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, will present the Justice Partners Subcommittee CCRT Protocol & Toolkit Recommendation. The CDV members will discuss and possibly approve the recommendation and identify associations, agencies, or organizations they would like to share the recommendation with on behalf of the CDV.
- a. April Green discussed community response teams at length. A vision statement should be generated, or a tag-line. Things that will brand the team. The team can be a place where we collaborate, educate, work with stakeholders, and assist the victims in need break down the barriers. Also need a standard inter-agency referral process. Who should be on the team? Anyone who works with agencies who works with victims. April's vision is to make Nevada the number one team for receiving services.
 - b. Amanda Bullard stated the coalition started working closely with rural agencies who were in dire need and are continuing to do so over the next year.

- c. Pam Payne stated her agency is working with law enforcement, high risk groups, and is receiving STOP grants for funding. Pam's agency offers prevention education, parenting, financial literacy, relationship education, along with many other topics.
 - d. Liz Ortenburger- stated Nashville' s community is the best role model for revamping our toolkit. Preferred Provider network is Safenest's mechanism to assist victims effectively. Liz stated their needs to be a better system to assist Nevada's victims.
 - e. April Green answered Jessica Adair's question about the high-risk teams and stated that they are more case specific matters whereas the CCRTs are more for agencies and collaboration.
 - f. Pam Payne stated that the education piece is most important for the youth so they do not continue to fall back into victimization.
 - g. Liz Ortenburger stated obtaining strangulation exams are difficult for victims to obtain. Funding for CCRT can we also get funding for CCRT for strangulation bill. Liz asked if there is a fiscal note for obtaining funding.
 - h. Chairman Ford stated we should work on developing a model plan before making a recommendation to other agencies to engage them. Chairman Ford suggested this matter back to the subcommittee to come up with a refined version as a suggestion to roll out to other committees. Chairman Ford closed discussion.
2. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Committee member Elynne Green, Manager Victim Services/Human Trafficking, LVMPD, will present the Services and Training Subcommittee Victim Advocate BDR recommendation for NRS 49.2545. The CDV members will discuss and possibly approve the recommendation to the Attorney General's Office for BDR consideration.
- a. Elynne Greene discussed advocate training. She suggested 40 hours of mandatory training requirements, supervised by a qualified agency or advocate who is specifically trained. Elynne suggested adding topics to the trainings such as ethics, civil and criminal law as it pertains to domestic violence, trauma training, and ongoing continuing education.
 - b. Amanda Bullard stated the coalition is in support of continuing education, however, she expressed her concern about the 40-hour training requirement. Amanda stated a more effective way of providing continuing advocate training is to allow ten hours of continuation training per year. She also stated the topics should be prioritized wherein confidentiality should be top priority, rather than media. Amanda stated it is too cumbersome for many advocates and volunteers to complete the 40-hour training requirement on top of job duties and family work life balance. Amanda stated she cannot support the BDR recommendation at this time.

- c. Jessica Adair suggested bifurcating privilege practice and advocacy training.
 - d. Liz Ortenburger discussed the idea of 40-hour training and how it is a better standard for Nevada rather than continuing with a lower standard with the current 20-hour mandatory training.
 - e. Chairman Ford suggested we should redraft the language and make it clear and concise.
 - f. Liz Ortenburger clarified that Nevada needs a basic level of training that meets a national level of acceptance.
 - g. Elynne Greene stated the topics should be prioritized as Amanda Bullard suggested and that standardizing the 40-hour mandatory training across the state is the recommendation.
 - h. Chairman Ford stated there is work to be done on the BDR and that we should propose the BDR with broad language that encompasses the listings in the recommendation. This committee will need to work on the language during this legislation and it will need to be agreed upon and approved before submitting final BDR to legislation. Chairman Ford stated we can still submit this BDR and leave the details for another discussion.
 - i. Jessica Adair stated we will continue working on submitting the BDR and will amend it at a later time.
 - j. Elynne Greene stated she is in favor of a small workgroup once the BDR is reserved. She recommended the importance of at least getting this bill submitted as a starting point and the BDR can grow with future legislations.
 - k. Chairman Ford motioned to approve the recommendations and submit the BDR with broader language so as to get it in this legislation session. Judge Lynch moved to approve the motion. Elynne Greene seconded. Amanda Bullard opposed the BDR recommendation. Motion passed.
 - Committee on Domestic Violence: October 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Location: Lovelock, In-Person and Life Size
 - Services and Training Subcommittee: TBD
 - Justice Partners Subcommittee: September 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
4. **Public Comment.**
- a. Judge Lynch stated Judge Cassandra Jones passed away this summer leaving behind two young children. Judge Jones was very dedicated to this committee.
 - b. Liz Ortenburger stated the justice court is issuing out of compliance classes.
5. **For Possible Action: Adjournment.**
- a. Meeting adjourned.

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

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Contents: NCEDSV Report

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) is the statewide coalition for domestic and sexual violence and was founded in 1980 by the then-five existing domestic violence program directors to help Nevada's communities respond effectively and creatively to the needs of domestic violence victims. Since its inception, NCEDSV has assisted in the growth and development of domestic violence programs throughout Nevada. In addition to assisting in the establishment of domestic and sexual violence advocacy and response programs in areas lacking services, NCEDSV has worked to improve existing domestic and sexual violence resources statewide.

MISSION

To be a statewide voice advocating for the prevention and elimination of domestic and sexual violence through partnering with communities.

VISION

A Nevada in which domestic and sexual violence are eradicated and healthy relationships thrive.

NEW RESOURCES

NCEDSV provides a variety of resources on our webpage. These new additions were created for both advocates and victim-survivors.

[ADVOCATE RESOURCES WEBPAGE](#)

- [Court Advocacy Guide](#)
- [Evidence Collection Guide](#)

[VICTIM-SURVIVOR RESOURCES WEBPAGE](#)

[CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT](#)

The goal of the toolkit is to provide a comprehensive guide to voting in Nevada. NCEDSV recognizes the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion, and therefore wants voting and legislative information to be easily accessible for everyone in the community.

RECENT PROJECTS

COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE

In 2021 the Coalition worked with three program members on the first steps in developing a coordinated community response:

- Committee Against Domestic Violence serving Elko, Eureka, & White Pine Counties
- Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., serving Churchill and Lyon Counties
- No to Abuse serving Nye County

In 2022 we are now expanding our efforts to continue to work with the original three agencies and now include:

- S.A.F.E. House serving Clark County
- Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services serving Humboldt County

By the end of June 30, 2023, the five program members will have established coordinated community response teams in their communities with ongoing technical assistance from the Coalition.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE WORKGROUP

In 2021, over a dozen statewide and regional agencies formed the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) Statewide Economic Justice Workgroup to address economic justice inequities and challenges to prevent violence. Knowing that working in silos leads to failure, this workgroup leans into organizational strengths to highlight the intersections of our individual work and to collaboratively address violence caused through economic inequity.

In 2022 the NCEDSV Statewide Economic Justice Workgroup identified five policy areas Nevadans should focus efforts on to increase economic opportunities as tools for violence prevention. The focus areas are:

- Access to affordable and available mental health providers;
- Increase state revenue to raise public benefit levels and supports;
- Comprehensive, medically accurate sex and health education;
- Access to safe and affordable housing; and
- Increasing workplace equity and supports.

The NCEDSV Statewide Economic Justice Workgroup will deliver insights and educational opportunities to state policymakers and leaders, communities, and partners on the importance of connecting economic equity with violence prevention.

The workgroup will soon publish a webpage with informational materials and will hold educational panels this Winter. Dates and webpage links will be shared soon.

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE (SAKI) PROTOCOLS

The primary goal of the protocol is to create a standardized process by which those who notify victim-survivors of cold case sexual assault investigations do so in a victim-centered and trauma-informed way. While the protocol is intended to establish best practices, the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) recognizes that each jurisdiction has its own unique needs and resources; in light of this, each agency is highly encouraged to tailor the guidelines as they see fit per their individual circumstances.

The protocol will be accompanied by a distance learning training that will be available free of charge and does offer individuals who complete the course POST CEUs.

PROGRAM UPDATE

ADVOCATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

We offer both a domestic and sexual violence distance learning program for advocates to qualify for privilege. The distance learning program is now accompanied by a virtual 6-week core training offered twice a year. The core training is separated into domestic violence and sexual violence to insure we are providing in-depth training.

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Contents: S&T Action Plan

Services & Training Sub-Committee Action Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Documentation Needed</u>
<p>1. Standard for Advocacy Training w/ special populations module additions and a TOT option.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review current NRS for legislative changes. 2. Identify/develop Standardized Training to implement statewide. 3. Present Standardized Training to the full committee. 4. Work with AGO Grants Division to identify funding for implementation of Standardized Training. 5. Identify legislative recommendations to present to the full committee. 	<p style="color: red;">Work group to be created prior to Legislative Session to develop language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Citation: NV Rev Stat § 49.2545 (2017) <p>“Victim’s advocate” means a person who works for a nonprofit program that provides assistance to victims with or without compensation and who has received at least 20 hours of relevant training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training documentation or PowerPoint for full committee presentation. • Memo of Legislative Recommendations to present at full committee.
<p>2. Blue Card Statute</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review current NRS for legislative changes. 2. Identify legislative recommendations to present to the full committee. 3. Implementation ??? 4. Funding for implementation ??? 	<p>TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRS 171.1225 Peace officer to provide information to suspected victims of domestic violence • Memo of Legislative Recommendations to present to the full committee.
<p>1. Education in the Schools</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review current NVDOE 2020 Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS) for Health PowerPoint. 2. Develop additional activities post review of the standards. 3. Interface with School Districts and Department of Education (DOE) 	<p>12/2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD

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Contents: J&P Action Plan

Justice Partners Sub-Committee Action Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Documentation Needed</u>
1. CCRT in Clark County	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify a list of local agencies and stakeholders who serve DV victims should join the multi-disciplinary task force formed: (Legal Aid Attorneys, Prosecutors, P&P, SafeNest, Safe House, DCFS/CPS, Welfare, Social Services, Law Enforcement, Healthcare Providers)a. share what they do for victims in the fight against domestic violence (education and information)b. collaborate for a coordinated response to our huge DV problemc. develop a inter-agency referral processd. support the efforts of the high risk teamse. Digital Solutions	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ?

<p>2. Data Collection</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) TPO/EPO Denials <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How do we acquire the data? 2) Legislative Recommendations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mandate to Report Denials - Who to report to: LCB/CDV/DPS. b. Produce DV Report Card Each Year c. Note from 11/8/22 CDV Mtg: Statewide compliance audit for the courts (to address plea downs and funding to municipalities as result of action). 3) Judicial Accountability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is currently in place? b. Data on complaints and outcomes. 4) Include information obtained & legislative recommendations in the CDV Biennial Report to LCB. 	<p>TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ?
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Attachment Five (5)

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Contents: Legislative Report

**2023 Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)
Biennial Report**

**A Report to the Nevada Legislature, by the
Committee on Domestic Violence**

In Compliance with Nevada Revised Statute 228.470



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2023 COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CDV) BIENNIAL REPORT

Introduction

The Committee on Domestic Violence was established July 2017 by Senate Bill (SB) 25 which consolidated the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (NCPDV), Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) – Batterer’s Intervention Program Certification, and Attorney General Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (AGSDVFRT) into a single committee now known as the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV). The Committee assumes responsibility for the work of the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, which was established in 1995 by Former Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa as an advisory committee on domestic violence issues. In 2005, the 73rd Session of Nevada Legislature officially established the Council with the passage of Assembly Bill 219, see NRS 228.480. The Council has been responsible for the creation of standards for Batterer Intervention Programs, the creation of the Domestic Violence Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General, establishment of the Protection Order registry as part of the Department of Public Safety, the creation of the Nevada Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (under Former Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto) and many other policies and programs to address domestic violence in Nevada.

The mission of the CDV is to encourage the elimination of domestic violence and to help break the cycle of violence in Nevada. The purpose of the CDV is to prevent and eliminate domestic violence through increased awareness of the existence and unacceptability of domestic violence in our state, review the death of a victim of domestic violence, and recommend legislation.

The membership requires at least two individuals must be residents of a county whose population is less than 100,000 with the overall membership representing a variety of disciplines, including law enforcement, the judiciary, prosecution, victim services, a batterer’s treatment provider, a mental health care provider, and domestic violence survivors. The CDV meets at least three times each calendar year, one of which must be held in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh or Eleventh Judicial Districts (which includes Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, and White Pine counties).

Committee on Domestic Violence Meeting Highlights (2021-2022)

2021

- In 2021, the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) conducted multiple meetings at the Nevada Office of the Attorney General through in-person and videoconferencing meetings, and one meeting in Mesquite, Nevada for the annual CDV Rural Meeting.
- The CDV created subcommittees to help navigate projects of interest for all CDV members. Those subcommittees include the Services & Training Subcommittee, Justice Partners Subcommittee, and Domestic Violence Statewide Fatality Review Team (DVSFRT).
- The Domestic Violence Statewide Fatality Review Team met one time to update the protocols, the confidentiality agreement, and to discuss potential cases for review. There was not a case identified that met the Review Criteria of being fully adjudicated, therefore a case review was not held in 2021.
- A total of five (5) meetings were held in 2021.

2022

- In 2022, the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) conducted multiple meetings at the Nevada Office of the Attorney General through in-person and videoconferencing meetings, including one virtual meeting and one meeting in Lovelock, Nevada for the Annual CDV Rural Meeting.
- The CDV supported the implementation of the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model in local jurisdictions.
- The Services and Training Subcommittee met ? times.
- The Justice Partners Subcommittee met ? times.
- The Domestic Violence Statewide Fatality Review Team (DVSFRT) identified a case that met the Review Criteria and a meeting was held in September 2022 to review the case, identify issues, and develop recommendations for the DVSFRT Report.
- A total of ? meetings were held in 2022.

2021 Meetings

February 18, 2021

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)

The CDV recommended changes to Senate Bill 45 (SB45) during the 81st 2021 legislative session. The references to sexual assault and human trafficking only apply to the Ombudsman and the Nevada Attorney General's Office and were removed as they related to the Committee except for addressing the intersection of sexual assault and human trafficking as they relate to domestic violence.

July 12, 2021

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)

CDV Member Jamie Gradick, Rural Courts Coordinator, Administrative Office of the Courts, discussed Judicial Training Topics. The members will develop a list of training topics to be provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) with a request for these topics to be included on Judicial Training Agendas. Batterers' Intervention Efficacy Project, Pamela Payne, PHD, CFLE, Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Payne discussed offender treatment and ongoing research to evaluate the efficacy of offender treatment programs.

August 30, 2021

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)

The committee discussed filling vacant positions. Ombudsman Reilly nominated two members as Co-Chairs to the Attorney General Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. The AGSDVFRT will canvas all domestic homicide cases that have been fully adjudicated in the past year and decide which one will be reviewed (specifically cases that provide most feedback related to gaps in the system).

September 23, 2021

Attorney General Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (AGSDVFRT)

The team updated, reviewed, and approved the Review Protocol and the Confidentiality Agreement. The team discussed the review of adjudicated cases and how important it is to review such cases in the rural areas. The team also discussed the importance of adjudicated cases when state and county child protective services are involved and their roles in these cases.

November 8, 2021

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)

Mesquite Police Department announced a new robust victim services program to the City of Mesquite through the collaboration with Safenest. The program was started October 1st. Mentors across the country are assisting with the establishment of the program backed by the standards of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Victim Advocacy Program.

University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) partnered with representatives to seek statewide funding to implement high risk team models throughout Nevada. They have gone forward with the process and acquired funding to begin two High Risk Teams. Once the teams are operational with their

facilitators, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) will be developed as cases are reviewed using the High-Risk Team and success factors measured throughout duration.

CEO, Liz Ortenburger advocated for a statewide hotline for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. A statewide response would allow for statewide data. That same hotline could have personnel that can support a police officer in completing a lethality risk assessment to reduce domestic violence homicide.

Ombudsman encouraged the consolidation of the subcommittees as the previous subcommittees were built for the previous two-year term. Chairman Ford made an executive decision to retain two subcommittees especially since they require extensive planning due to being subject to Open Meeting Law.

2022 Meetings

February 3, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Services and Training Subcommittee

Members discussed standards of advocates who should have privilege and what additional expectations should be considered for the State of Nevada. This will allow the possibility of developing an impactful curriculum. The training would need to be overseen by an entity that can continuously update the training and screen all trainees who qualify for training. Once standardized, we can have additional training modules to introduce new topics. Members discussed the need for service providers to collaborate with law enforcement and the justice system to help victims and survivors without using confidentiality as an excuse to withhold critical information. Greene encouraged a conversation related to grant funding and requirements to receive funding that would support credible agencies with privilege. Members also discussed the possibility of a statewide hotline and education for school children about protecting oneself from abuse or what is appropriate physical touch.

February 10, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Justice Partners Subcommittee

Members discussed the High-Risk Team Model that is being implemented through University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). UNR received funding for project and will be moving forward with the team(s). The plan is to expand services throughout State of Nevada. Members added a community coordinated response team (CCRT) and will further explore data collection and reporting statewide to the action plan.

February 24, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)

Members discussed the responsibilities of response units to victims. They also discussed issues of the intake processes of the victims and that the process should be streamlined. Members discussed the turnover rates, funding issues and scheduling issues of advocates. The data collection from the courts needs to be addressed, along with batterer's treatment programs. The members also discussed the history of a statewide hotline.

March 3, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Services and Training Subcommittee

Members discussed the crisis-hotline and having a centralized number. Members will review current law for legislative changes and/or adjustments. The members will discuss an implementation plan and will discuss the statutes that surround the Blue Card. Nicole will keep an updated and current list for the Blue Card. Nevada Department of Education- Nicole stated the standards will be reviewed first then we will research other states' practices. Mental Health Provider Services MAP- Liz stated this is outdated, stated this needs to intersect at many points.

March 11, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Justice Partners Subcommittee

Ortenburger shared that the Clark County Domestic Violence Subcommittee is a place for agencies and their representatives to learn about each other. Members discussed the type of stakeholders necessary to be part of the CCRT template. Reilly suggested a presentation from Gradick at the next meeting related to data collection from courts. Members adjusted the action plan for a statewide template for the community coordinated response team (CCRT). Members will also obtain information from the grant unit related to Nevada Office of the Attorney General, Committee on Domestic Violence coordinating a CCRT and will Jamie Gradick to present on data collection oversight in the courts.

April 14, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Services and Training Subcommittee

Members discussed revising the NRS for victim advocate requirements. They discussed following California as a model for its victim advocacy training. Greene stated that current Nevada law includes HT, DV, and SA advocacy and Best Practices information. Members will review a draft revision and discuss at the upcoming CVD meeting. Ortenburger stated the DA-LE vs. Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) should be added as it is a better screening mechanism as it is weighted in the scoring. DA-LE is a more meaningful and effective mechanism in comparison to LAP. Reilly suggested to continue the discussion on LAP and DA-LE mechanisms at the next subcommittee.

April 25, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Justice Partners Subcommittee

Members discussed in detail the CCRT Characteristics and CCR Tool Kit. The goal will be to distribute these statewide and circulate it once the CCRT document is approved. Examples of agencies who will receive the CCRT documents will be the District Attorney's Association, the Sheriff's and Chief's Association, and the Prosecution Counsel. The Members discussed incentivizing OVW funding. Reilly will check to see if there is an opportunity to expand OVW funding to the tri counties and smaller areas.

Members discussed implementing a plan to collect court data and how they use that data. Reilly will report once she receives more information. Members discussed there needs to be more judicial responsibility.

June 29, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Justice Partners Subcommittee

April Green proposed a framework for implanting the CCRT Characteristics and CCR Tool Kit. CCRTs would be for coordinating responses to sexual assault and domestic violence victims and discuss expected protocols: responders need to act as one coherent body. Will allow for more effective services for victims. April Green's proposed framework is on page 116 of the June 29, 2022, Agenda. The process will require grant funding. April's proposed framework is three pages long in comparison to the 100+ pages in the CCR Tool Kit.

July 18, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Services and Training Subcommittee

Members discussed revising Nevada's statutory victim advocacy training requirements. They recommended utilizing the BDR Committee to make these revisions. Members also discussed the DA-LE and LAP assessments wherein they compared the two. It was decided to utilize the DA-LE as a statewide assessment tool.

August 25, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)

Members discussed how community response teams can be a place to collaborate, educate, work with stakeholders, and assist the victims in need. A standard inter-agency referral process would be effective. Anyone who works with agencies who works with victims would be considered a community response team. The coalition started working closely with rural agencies who were in dire need and are continuing to do so over the next year. Strangulation exams are difficult for victims to obtain. Funding for CCRT can get funding for CCRT for to introduce a strangulation specific bill at the upcoming legislation.

Members also discussed BDR recommendation for NRS 49.2545 that governs advocate training. Members discussed changing the 20-hour recommendation to a 40-hour mandatory training requirement, supervised by a qualified agency or advocate who is specifically trained. Members suggested adding topics to the trainings such as ethics, civil and criminal law as it pertains to domestic violence, trauma training, and ongoing continuing education. Members are concerned that Nevada needs a basic level of training that meets a national standard of approval.

September 21, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Justice Partners Subcommittee

Subcommittee members discussed the overview of the CCRT Proposal and CCRT Toolkit. Nevada Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault have been working diligently on the CCRT Toolkit processes. The coalition is implementing processes in the rural areas such as Humboldt and Winnemucca counties. Members decided it will be a better process for the coalition to continue the work they are doing and will collaborate with the coalition to develop a streamlined and concise recommendation together.

October 12, 2022

Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV)

Members discussed Division of Child and Family Services’ domestic violence protocols. Members discussed the Nevada’s Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence progress and updates statewide. Members also discussed the Services and Training Subcommittee’s plans and suggestions. Members discussed Justice Partners Subcommittee’s plans and recommendations. Members created questions for the Judicial Review. And lastly, members discussed the Fatality Review Team’s case review and discussed any changes and/or additions.

Judge Survey

Per NRS 228.470(2)(f), the CDV shall solicit comments and recommendations from district judges, municipal judges, and justices of the peace in rural Nevada and include them in its report as a separate section.

The CDV in collaboration with the Administrative Office of the Courts compiled a survey for the Nevada Judiciary in _____. A Summary of this Survey is attached to this report.

Appendix A.

**Attorney General Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team
(AGSDVFRT)**

The CDV – Attorney General Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (AGSDVFRT) met virtually to conduct domestic violence fatality case review. Opportunities identified for improvement and suggested strategies for implementation are attached to Case Review Summary Report.

Appendix B

Legislative Summary

While the Committee on Domestic Violence did not take any position during 2019, the following bills were introduced by the Office of the Attorney General:

- AB 19: Revises provisions regarding orders for protection
- AB 41: Revises provisions regarding fictitious address program participants
- AB 60: Revises provisions relating to domestic violence

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Nevada Office of the Attorney General
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Case Review Summary Report

September 28, 2022

Summary of Review:

On September 28, 2022, the Nevada Office of the Attorney General Committee on Domestic Violence Fatality Review Subcommittee conducted a case review. The purpose of the review was to gather information about a fatality related to domestic violence and understand the circumstances leading up to the fatality to identify any opportunities for intervention. In addition to this case-specific review, the subcommittee also worked to generate discussion about the local community and/or state response to domestic violence, prevention and intervention efforts. The multidisciplinary review process works to identify opportunities for improvement and make recommendations for prevention of future deaths related to domestic violence.

While the focus of the subcommittee was on the details of one specific case, through discussion the Fatality Review Team discussed general community concerns related to domestic violence.

Below is a list of identified opportunities for improvement as well as resources and suggested strategies for implementation.

Opportunities Identified by the Review Subcommittee:

***Issue #1:** While reviewing screenings for violence by professionals at the Emergency Room, Mental Health Response Team, and the Mental Health facilities identified that the victim disclosed domestic violence only One (1) out of seven (7) screenings. Four (4) of those screenings the victim reported depression and anxiety but no abuse and only one (1) of the screenings the victim reported depression, anxiety, and abuse. In comparing the timeline of the screenings with the timeline of the relationships it was noted the victim had been in an abusive relationship concurrently with being given the screenings. At none of these screenings was the victim provided education on dynamics of domestic violence, resources for victims of domestic violence, or asked if they could be given a warm handoff to a service provider.*

Proposed Response: Implementing intervention tools to medical professionals wherein warm handoffs are provided when domestic violence and/or sexual assault is disclosed. Educational and informational packets, cards, and brochures about domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking should be provided to all pregnant females and anyone who discloses depression/anxiety even if they don't disclose abuse. The primary focus here is to educate a victim.

Issue #2: Strangulation Exam Costs

Many medical professionals of Nevada are not properly equipped to examine victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Typically, in an incident of strangulation, a victim will seek medical attention right away to report the strangulation only to find a clipboard with the cost of the examination before the examination begins. Oftentimes, medical professionals do not have strangulation kits in their facilities, some are not properly trained to assess and examine a victim of strangulation. In 2022, within one month, Safenest in Las Vegas had a backlog of victims waiting to be examined by a medical professional. This is seriously problematic because the victim of strangulation, as in the same case with a rape victim, needs to be examined immediately after the attack. The process of a victim reporting to a medical professional should be efficient and productive. Nevada's victims deserve the right to a strangulation exam immediately after the attack, regardless of the cost. Moreover, there currently are no mandates to assist in the proper treatment and care of a victim of strangulation.

Proposed Response: Fund strangulation exams (Getting more info from Liz Ortenburger). A victim who discloses strangulation should never be turned away. Rather, they should be examined immediately regardless of cost, treated with respect, and provided a warm hand off to an advocate of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or human trafficking.

Issue #3: *Insufficient strangulation knowledge for medical professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges. Consequences of lack of knowledge by these professionals.*

Proposed Response: Trainings and presentations for nursing school ?? (more info from Tracy Harig), P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Standards & Training), judges (NJC) (more info from Amanda Bullard).

Issue #4: *Lack of a trauma informed healthcare system with protocols implemented for identifying and referring victims can have deadly consequences. The healthcare system is one of the best places to screen a patient for domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Without proper trauma training a healthcare does not have the proper tools to assist victims with or the ability to provide any identified victim with available resources to help get the victim to safety and eventually to leading a thriving life. Without trauma informed healthcare, victims are not given the much-needed opportunities to survive, but rather, it leads to more and more fatality cases. If staff were sufficiently trained and protocols were in place the healthcare system would be able to better assist its patients.*

Proposed Response: Regular trainings should be required for healthcare workers. These trainings can be done online or in-person. Trainings will be provided by a

qualified/certified instructor or a reputable online program. Developing and implementing protocols. (More from Tracy Harig)

Issue #5: *There is a shocking number of cases where prevalence of poly-victimization is present. Poly victimization exists among victims of crime (More from Liz Ortenburger). Violence is not always linear, rather, it is compounded with other types of violence and crimes. When reviewing a fatality case, it is not an uncommon theme to discover a poly victimization. Nonetheless, authorities are not educated in this matter, nor are many healthcare workers.*

Proposed Response: Training (More from Liz O.)

Issue #6: *There is an alarming breakdown in communication between Child Protective Services (CPS) and law enforcement. While assessing the committee's most recent review of Nevada's fatality case, it was discovered that CPS and law enforcement are not in direct communication. This turned out to be a fatal flaw. If there were a protocol in place for law enforcement to conduct a welfare check, it should be mandatory they report to CPS the reason for the check and the outcome if there are children in the home whether they were present or not for the immediate incident. A protocol that allows for collaboration between CPS and law enforcement could greatly reduce the number of domestic violence fatalities.*

Proposed Response: Mandatory routine checks would build and establish better communication. Routine checks would require law enforcement to call CPS for a history check on every domestic violence incident when children are in the home and to report back to CPS on the outcome of the call.

Issue #7: *Courts are not providing all dispositions to the criminal repository or providing certified dispositions in a timely manner for prosecutions.*

Proposed Response: NRS 179A.075, engage DPS for possible regs.

Issue #8: *Dangerous ppl not being flagged especially now that they can plea down.*

Proposed Response: *Educate ppl on Red Flag Law reference NRS and mechanism for reporting. Order of Protection for High-Risk Behavior and is defined in NRS 33.500 to 33.670.*

The Nevada State Legislature passed a law to allow prosecutors to plead down DV battery cases to simple battery. As a result, offenders do not lose their right to own a firearm under state or federal law. Research states that a firearm in the home increases the risk of homicide by 500 percent. The Order of Protection for High Risk Behavior permits family members, those with children in common, and law enforcement to apply to a court to temporarily forbid someone who is engaging in or threatening violent behavior from possessing a firearm. This is a tool that domestic violence victims, other family members, and law enforcement can use to prevent gun deaths like this case, but only if they know this tool is available and how to apply for this kind of protective order.

Proposed Action Plan:

The Fatality Review Team developed each of the recommendations listed above and the local community where the review was completed has already started to discuss ways that some of these recommendations can be implemented. The report of recommendations is provided to the Committee on Domestic Violence for discussion and possible action. In addition, the Committee on Domestic Violence and the Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking can also help to support training initiatives, the dissemination of best practices and implementation of the recommendations statewide.