

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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Location:

Pershing County School District
Main Boardroom
1150 Elmhurst Avenue
Lovelock, Nevada 89419

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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 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Present
 - Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General (Chairman Ford)
 - Green, April (Green)
 - Greene, Elynne (Greene)
 - Harig, Tracy (Harig)
 - Larson, Zach (Larson)
 - Ortenburger, Liz (Ortenburger)
 - Bullard, Amanda (Bullard)
 - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
 - Metherell, Leticia (Metherell)
 - Morris, Marla (Morris)
 - Scott, Annette (Scott)
 - c. Absent
 - Gradick, Jamie (Gradick)
 - Ingram, Tyler (Ingram)
 - Lynch, Patricia (Judge Lynch)
 - Hall, Karl (Hall)
 - a. Staff
 - Adair, Jessica (Adair)
 - Nicole Reilly
 - Hinds, Gina (Hinds)
 - Rasul, Henna (Rasul)
 - b. Public
 - None
 - d. **Quorum established**
2. Introduction and welcoming of Dr. Pamela Payne as a new committee member.
3. Members reviewed and discussed the *August 25, 2022, Meeting Minutes*. April Green made a correction to Page 2, Item 1, Paragraph a. April Green also made a correction to Subparagraph a. Suzanne Ramos motioned to approve the corrected meeting minutes. Amanda Bullard motioned to second. Meeting minutes approved as amended.
4. Beverly Brown, LMSW, Social Services Chief II, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Health and Human Services provided an

update on the DCFS's Domestic Violence Protocol. Beverly discussed in detail the need's assessments, organizational policies, and best practices. DCFS is implementing training curriculum for child welfare staff which will soon include online training. Child welfare workers are providing perpetrators with community services such as: visitation, anger management, and drug testing. Members discussed batterers' treatment and options to better implement the program.

5. Swearing In: Chairman AG Ford swore in new committee member, Judge James Spoo.
6. Committee member, Amanda Bullard, presented updates from the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV). Amanda discussed their new website and explained that it is a training and evidence collection guide. The website also provides a victim survivor resource page. NCEDSV has been and continues to work on the community coordinated response team and has added two more community response teams– statewide. Amanda stated the coalition also created an economic justice workgroup that focuses on inequities and challenges that prevent violence. The coalition has also enhanced their advocate certificate program to include core sexual assault and domestic violence training.
7. Committee member, Liz Ortenburger, presented the Services & Training Subcommittee Action Plan. Liz discussed standardizing the advocacy training for the upcoming legislation. She stated the subcommittee is still working on the Blue Cards. Liz stated the DA-LE screening tool for the hotline and training community partners. It was determined the DA-LE screening tool is the best method in comparison to the lethality assessment tool. Liz mentioned the subcommittee has been working with the school district and their curriculum and will be meeting and discussing this in further detail at the next subcommittee meeting.
8. Committee member, Elyne Green presented the Justice Partners Subcommittee Action Plan. Elyne stated the subcommittee has identified two issues to add to the action plan: 1) a proposed CCRT (Community Coordination Response Team) wherein each community should be approached on a need's basis. Elyne discussed the eight steps in detail. 2) data collection– Elyne explained that we need to obtain data from the courts. The data collected will provide a better understanding of adjudicated domestic violence discrepancies

in Nevada's court system. The data will show the work that needs to be done to effectively assist victims of domestic violence. Moreover, judicial accountability is important to add so the subcommittee can get a fair idea of what happens to domestic violence victims during court procedures. The end goal is to submit a clear and concise report to the legislation to allow the subcommittee to gain ground by creating mandatory reports from the courts—statewide. The committee also discussed the resistance they are getting from the courts when trying to obtain data. Jessica Adair mentioned there will be a fiscal impact to working with the courts in this data collection endeavor.

9. Nicole Reilly presented the CDV Biennial Legislation Report. Committee Members developed questions for the Judicial Survey:

- 1) How often do judges receive training for domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or sex trafficking?
- 2) How often are judges trained and are the trainings substantive?
- 3) What are judges' understanding of the batterers' intervention program? Do they think it is effective? Why or why not?
- 4) Where do judges refer batterers if not referred to the batterers' intervention program?
- 5) How many erroneous domestic violence cases have been presented to judges? What percentage do they feel are erroneous?
- 6) Where are judges receiving their training? Is it a qualified trainer?
- 7) What are judges' reasons for denying a TPO? What is the best process to push through a TPO so advocates can better assist victims?
- 8) Have judges had formal training in stalking, harassment, trauma, brain injury, and strangulation?
- 9) Are judges aware that this information is not being reported? Do they see the value of the importance of court data collection?

Suzanne motioned to approve the questions to be asked to the Judges' Survey. April Green seconded the motion.

10. Nicole Reilly, Nevada Office of the Attorney General presented the Fatality Review Teams Draft Summary Report.

11. **For Information Only:** the CDV's future meeting dates:

- Committee on Domestic Violence: TBD | Location: Virtual: Lifesize
- Services and Training Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Lifesize
- Justice Partners Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Lifesize

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12. Public Comment. None

13. Adjournment.

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