

**NEVADA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CDV)
FATALITY REVIEW STATEWIDE TEAM (FRST)
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order and roll call of members.
 - a. The Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Fatality Review Statewide Team (FRST) Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.
 - b. Present
 - Green, April (Green)
 - Hall, Karl (Hall)
 - Harig, Tracy (Harig)
 - Hernandez, Cory (Hernandez)
 - Ingram, Tyler (Ingram)
 - Morris, Marla (Morris)
 - Ortenburger, Liz (Ortenburger)
 - c. Absent
 - Armstrong, Ross (Armstrong)

- Moseley, Leisa (Moseley)
 - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
 - Scott, Annette (Scott)
- a. Staff
 - Adair, Jessica (Adair) – Chief of Staff
 - Reilly, Nicole (Reilly) – DV/SA/HT Ombudsman
 - Mouannes, Jason (Mouannes) - DV/SA/HT Deputy Ombudsman
 - Bordelove, Rosalie (Bordelove) – Chief Deputy Attorney General
 - b. Public
 - None
 - d. **Quorum established**
2. Public Comment.
 - a. No public comment.
 3. **For Possible Action:** FRST Members will review, discuss, and possibly approve the “Confidentiality Agreement” and the “Fatality Review Protocols.” **Attachment 1**
 - a. Reilly introduced the agenda item and wanted to indicate a few corrections to the attachments. Those changes include: (1) adjusting the Confidentiality Agreement to say “FRST” instead of “FSRT” for the fatality review statewide team abbreviation and (2) updating Reilly’s new last name from her old one and title which now includes sexual assault and human trafficking on the Fatality Review Protocols.
 - b. Reilly requested for a motion to approve the Confidentiality Agreement and Fatality Review Protocols. Motion to approve by Ortenburger. Seconded by Hernandez. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 4. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Team members will discuss possible cases for review.
 - a. Reilly explained the statutory responsibilities of the Attorney General statewide domestic violence fatality review team. The team had always been tasked with reviewing cases of domestic homicide anywhere where a review team did not exist or if the team was invited by a review team where one does exist to go and participate in the review. The Washoe County and Clark County domestic violence fatality reviews have disbanded so this team is the only fatality review team in the State of Nevada. Generally, we had always focused on the rural areas as they lacked resources to sponsor a team in their jurisdiction(s).
 - b. Members discussed potential cases to consider for review. Some criteria required for case review is a case that is fully adjudicated and has sufficient discovery indicating contact with the system. A spreadsheet attached to the agenda lists the potential cases to be consider for a

review although the document lacks specific details due to confidentiality (information is not public record). The highlighted cases on the spreadsheet are fully adjudicated cases. The cases are also from 2020 so we could dig in and recover cases prior to 2020 as well and the team can determine if they want to complete a review in a rural or urban area.

- c. Ingram asked for more details related to cases with previous interaction with the system.
 - Reilly responded that cases interacting with any part of the system including, but not limited to: victim services, law enforcement, related cases (repeat offenders), prosecutor's office. The interactions include contact with victim or perpetrator or both.
- d. Ingram expressed an interest in reviewing a domestic homicide in Elko that may adjudicated soon.
- e. Ortenburger shared that there is a similar case to the one mentioned by Ingram that could also be another option although it is a few years old. She expressed that reviewing such cases would allow an opportunity to understand the role of child protective services related to domestic violence.
 - Reilly agreed and expressed that could be beneficial because the Division of Child and Family Services is currently undergoing a revamp of all their protocols in relation to child welfare and domestic violence in their agency.
 - Ortenburger asked if it mattered if the case review was rural or urban related to these cases.
 - Reilly and Adair expressed the value of the review regardless of the location when it comes to review of a domestic homicide involving child welfare services. It is important to note that the Division of Child and Family Services in Washoe and Clark counties are operated by the county while the rural areas are operated by the State of Nevada.
- f. Adair asked about handling appeals process after a case has been adjudicated.
 - Reilly responded that it is best to wait thirty (30) days after the case has been fully adjudicated.
- g. Ortenburger shared another domestic homicide case that took place in Clark County which had a ton of previous contact with Safe Nest, Child Protective Services and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD). It is a complex, but potentially valuable case to review.
- h. Harig expressed interest in a rural domestic homicide case review.
- i. Ingram asked if there is a limit on the number of cases that can be reviewed.

- Reilly responded that there is no limit on the number of cases reviewed by the team.
 - j. Reilly asked Ortenburger if the case she mentioned would still hold value in identifying weak points since it was a while ago.
 - Ortenburger would not be able to speak on meaningful change or not (there could be bias) although there have been positive changes to system.
 - k. Morris expressed interest in reviewing both the cases mentioned by the members.
 - l. Reilly tasked members with sending her more details on the cases mentioned by email (information listed in the spreadsheet currently should suffice). She asked Bordelove if the co-chairs can work together to collect information on cases without deliberating to stay compliant with Open Meeting Law (OML).
 - Bordelove said that would be fine as there are no deliberations occurring between members.
 - m. Mouannes reminded FRST members that all emails containing sensitive information be labeled as confidential to protect case information that is not public from public records requests.
5. **For Information Only:** FRST's future meeting date:
- Fatality Review Statewide Team: TBD (once more details are collected on cases mentioned)
6. Public Comment.
- a. None
7. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment.
- a. Reilly called for a motion to adjourn. Ingram motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Hall. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - b. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by **Jason Mouannes**
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