

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (PST)

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1. Call to order and roll call of members.
 - a. The Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Legislative Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.
 - b. Present
 - Chairwoman Green, April (Chairwoman Green)
 - Meuschke, Sue (Meuschke)
 - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
 - Scott, Annette (Scott)
 - c. Absent
 - Yoxsimer, Denise (Yoxsimer)
 - a. Staff
 - Reilly, Nicole (Reilly)
 - Mouannes, Jason (Mouannes)
 - Rasul, Henna (Rasul)
 - b. Public
 - None
 - d. **Quorum established**
2. Public Comment.
 - a. No public comment.
3. **For Possible Action:** Review, discussion and possible approval of *February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes*.

Attachment 1

- a. Chairwoman Green suggested members take a moment to review the minutes from the previous Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted by Ramos. Seconded by Meuschke. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Legislative Subcommittee member Sue Meuschke, Executive Director, Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, will facilitate a discussion of the *Action Plan* for any changes and next steps.

Attachment 2

- a. Meuschke began reviewing the action plan. She summarized the first item on the action plan regarding the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model (DVHRTM). Washoe County is implementing this model and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) is exploring a statewide approach. The Committee has completed Item 1 on the Action Plan.
- b. Regarding Item 2, the Subcommittee originally planned to identify and track 2019 legislative changes to understand their implementation throughout State of Nevada. Meuschke requested suggestions for next steps.
 - Greene suggested focusing on problematic legislation as we are approaching the 2021 legislative session and time was lost for meetings due to the pandemic.

Annette Scott joined the meeting at 1:16 PM.

- Scott asked if the Nevada Attorney General's Office has any proposed domestic violence bills for the upcoming 2021 legislative session.
 1. Reilly responded that there is a bill to update the language for the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV), but not a bill to update definitions and/or penalties at the time.
 - Scott followed up by asking if any domestic violence bills are being brought forward for Nevada that members may be aware of.
 1. Meuschke responded that the Henderson City Attorney's Office is bringing forth legislation to address jury trials for domestic violence cases. There may be other proposals but nothing concrete at the current moment.
 - Reilly suggested revisiting Item 2 as new bills come forward for the upcoming 2021 legislative session.
 - Subcommittee members continued dialogue about potential domestic violence bill proposals.
- c. Meuschke transitioned to Item 3 to address Item 2 discussion.

- She indicated that at the last meeting the subcommittee discussed its function and finalized a process regarding legislation.
 1. Reilly agreed.
- Meuschke recommend this become an agenda item for the upcoming Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) meeting.
 1. The subcommittee would review potential proposals and bring them forth to the full committee but would not testify or take a position.
- Reilly questioned the relevancy of discussion since past BDR deadline.
 1. Meuschke emphasized we can review proposals and provide an analysis to the full committee.
- Meuschke expressed interest in reviewing and discussing 2019 legislative changes from spreadsheet she created.
 1. Reilly would include this on the next agenda.
- An individual and/or organization had scheduled a Domestic Violence Awareness Day on February 15th at the Nevada Legislature.
- Meuschke reviewed the Legislative Subcommittee Process:

“LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE PROCESS

The Legislative Sub-Committee (LSC) of the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) proposes the following process for reviewing legislative initiatives prior to and during each legislative session as well as working on other initiatives to increase awareness of the work of the CDV.

LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE: *The LSC will work directly with the CDV and the Office of the Attorney General to review legislative proposals and to assess legislative implementation during interim years.*

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY: *The Committee will review any legislative proposals presented and provide an analysis of the proposal to the CDV. The CDV will make decisions about taking positions or actions on any legislative proposal.*

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT: *The LSC will not engage in any legislative testimony during the session.*

BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE: *The LSC will provide support to the Ombudsman in the development and review of the biennial report, including; reviewing and recommending questions for the judicial survey; general content suggestions; and, proofreading the final document.*

LEGISLATIVE EVENT: *The LSC will work with the Ombudsman to create and implement an event during the legislative session to highlight the work of the CDV and other efforts to address domestic violence statewide.”*

- Green asked if Meuschke would be able to present this process to the Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV).
 1. Meuschke agreed.
 - d. The final part of the action plan is Item 4, the 2021 Biennial Report. Reilly indicated a discussion will take place in Item 5 on agenda.
 - e. Mouannes asked who will update the action plan.
 - Reilly stated the action plan will not need to be updated until the next subcommittee meeting.
5. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Nicole Reilly, Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, will facilitate a discussion of the *2019 Biennial Legislative Report*. Subcommittee members will develop questions for the judiciary, what will be covered in the report, and volunteer to be responsible for developing sections of the *2021 Biennial Legislative Report*.

Attachment 3

- a. Reilly introduced and reviewed the 2019 Biennial Report, in which the 2021 Biennial Report will be modeled after. The only required components for report are the questions for the judiciary and activities of the Committee on Domestic Violence the past two years.
- b. Meuschke asked if the Legislative Summary included all proposed domestic violence bills for the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session.
 - Reilly clarified that the bills listed (AB 19, AB 41, AB 60) were all domestic violence bills proposed by the Nevada Attorney General’s Office. This is not a required section. VINE information is also not required.
- c. Subcommittee members discussed questions to send to judiciary. At least three questions are necessary.
 - Members began reviewing questions asked in last survey.
 - Meuschke reviewed two questions:
 1. “What resources are lacking in the adjudication of domestic violence cases that you handle?”
 2. “What resources are most helpful in the adjudication of domestic violence cases that you handle?”
 - Meuschke inquired if those questions asked were appropriate. She also mentioned judges were not issuing/extending protection orders for some individuals from out of state.
 1. Green supported Meuschke. She mentioned that at least 27 states have enacted legislation to give themselves

authority to extend protection orders from outside of their state.

2. Meuschke responded there is no authority saying they can or cannot extended a current protection order.

• Proposed Questions:

1. Are there protocols in place for the surrendering of firearms i.e. collection, tracking, and returning of the firearms? If so, can you attach the protocol to support other jurisdictions that may need to establish one?

2. Will you grant a protective order in Nevada when the crime occurred in another state, the victim had to flee to Nevada for safety, and therefore didn't have the time or ability to seek a protective order in the state the crime occurred in?

3. How often were bench warrants for failure to appear used to force Domestic Violence victims to testify over the past five years?

4. According to data collected in Clark County, the rate of denial for Extended Protection Orders is much higher than that of Temporary Protection Orders. Is this true in all jurisdictions? What causes this disparity?

5. Question related to a pre-trial risk assessment**

a. Requested feedback from the Court Subcommittee

6. Any other question from the CDV**

• Meuschke asked if we need to list conversations verbatim in the minutes.

1. Mouannes responded we can summarize the conversation with specific comments as necessary.

d. Reilly transitioned to the content of the report. Members voiced interest in keeping introduction, overview of CDV meetings, summary of judicial questions while adding in the appendices the final domestic violence fatality review team (DVFRT) report and the domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking one-sheets.

e. Meuschke asked if the recidivism report drafted by Appriss was finalized.

• Reilly responded that the report was not finalized as it was not helpful in tracking recidivism but rather served as an arrest report.

f. Meuschke expressed removing the VINE statistics in the biennial report. They do not serve a purpose without context.

g. Members discussed including Nevada Uniform Crime Report statistics in report. They finalized recommended components of report.

6. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** the CDV and Subcommittee's tentative future meeting dates:
 - Training Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Virtual Meeting.
 - Court Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Virtual Meeting.
 - Legislative Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Virtual Meeting.
 - Committee on Domestic Violence: December 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM | Location: Virtual Meeting.
7. Public Comment.
 - a. No public comment.
8. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment.
 - a. Chairwoman Green called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Meuschke. Seconded by Scott. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - b. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by **Jason Mouannes**
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