

**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*.

Attachment 1

- 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, and 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 form regional CCRT Teams throughout the State of Nevada.
 - 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**
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