

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 30, 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) meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.
 - b. Present
 - Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General (Chairman Ford)
 - Armstrong, Ross (Armstrong)
 - Green, April (Green)
 - Greene, Elynne (Greene)
 - Hall, Karl (Hall)
 - Harig, Tracy (Harig)
 - Hernandez, Cory (Hernandez)
 - Ingram, Tyler (Ingram)
 - Lynch, Patricia (Judge Lynch)
 - Metherell, Leticia (Metherell)
 - Morris, Marla (Morris)
 - Moseley, Leisa (Moseley)

- Ortenburger, Liz (Ortenburger)
 - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
 - Scott, Annette (Scott)
- c. Absent
- Gradick, Jamie (Gradick)
 - Jones, Cassandra (Judge Jones)
 - Larson, Zach (Larson)
- a. Staff
- Adair, Jessica (Adair)
 - Reilly, Nicole (Reilly)
 - Mouannes, Jason (Mouannes)
 - Rasul, Henna (Rasul)
- b. Public
- None
- d. **Quorum established**
2. Public Comment.
- a. No public comment.

Chairman Ford decided to take the agenda items out of order and began with Item 7.

3. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Review, discussion, and possible approval of *July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes*.
Attachment 1
- a. Chairman Ford suggested members take a moment to review the minutes from the previous Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Judge Lynch provided corrections ahead of time for meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes by Ramos. Seconded by Armstrong. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Committee Chair, Aaron Ford, Nevada Attorney General, will take nominations and appoint a Committee Vice-Chair.
- a. Chairman Ford expressed the desire for a Vice-Chair due to occasional absences and requested nominations by the members.
- b. Judge Lynch nominated Ramos for Vice-Chair.
- c. Moseley nominated Adair for Vice-Chair.
- Reilly responded unfortunately Adair is not a member of the committee and cannot serve as a Vice-Chair.
- d. Chairman Ford asked if Ramos would accept nomination.
- Ramos accepted the nomination.

5. **For Discussion:** *Training, Legislative, and Court Subcommittees Update* by Nicole Reilly, Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking, Nevada Office of the Attorney General.
 - a. **Item will be carried over to the next CDV meeting.**

6. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Nicole Reilly, Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, will take recommendations from committee members for filling the remaining open CDV positions.
 - a. Chairman Ford asked Reilly how many positions are still available related to the CDV.
 - Reilly responded that she is excited about the current committee members involved who bring valuable expertise related to domestic violence. The CDV needs a law enforcement officer and a mental health professional to adequately meet the statutory membership requirements for the committee.
 - b. Greene recommended Sergeant Ryan Smith at the Family Justice Center in Las Vegas if he was willing and able to volunteer for the committee.
 - Chairman Ford reminded members to ask the availability of their recommendations but not make offers that would imply they have automatic membership without being appointed by the Chair.
 - c. Ortenburger asked if more rural representation was needed.
 - Reilly mentioned we can include both urban and rural representatives with no maximum number of members.

Chairman Ford moved to Item 4.

7. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Committee Chair, Aaron Ford, Nevada Attorney General, will facilitate a discussion to dissolve/add/or change Subcommittees and/or their tasks including taking volunteers for the Statewide Fatality Review Team.
 - a. Chairman Ford asked Reilly for suggestions and ideas regarding the development of the AG Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.
 - b. Reilly explained that the Committee on Domestic Violence is statutorily required to host an annual domestic violence fatality case review anywhere in the State of Nevada where a team does not currently exist and review a domestic homicide that is fully adjudicated. The team would canvas the cases around the state, pick a case, and complete a thorough review in the jurisdiction where the case occurred in partnership with the local agencies. The meetings are protected due to confidentiality requirements. The purpose is to develop recommendations to improve the systematic response to domestic

violence by preventing homicide and reducing severity per incident. She recommended two members serve as Co-Chairs of the Attorney General Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (AGSDVFRT) and any additional volunteers who would like to participate in the review. She nominated Reno City Attorney Karl Hall and Elko County District Attorney Tyler Ingram to Co-Chair the AGSDVFRT. She also requested the participation of CDV member Tracy Harig.

- c. Ortenburger asked if the Committee was statutorily required to only review rural domestic homicides.
 - Reilly responded that in the past Clark County and Washoe County had domestic violence fatality review teams. As a result, the Nevada Attorney General's Office took over the rural areas. However, Clark County recently dissolved their Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) and Washoe County has transitioned to utilizing the Domestic Violence High Risk Team model. 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).
- d. Chairman Ford moved to entertain a motion related to the appointment of Reno City Attorney Karl Hall and Elko County District Attorney Tyler Ingram as Co-Chairs of the AGSDVFRT. Motion by Judge Lynch. Seconded by Greene. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- e. Reilly requested any additional member volunteers interested to serve on the AGSDVFRT. Members who volunteered include:
 - Marla Morris
 - Liz Ortenburger
 - April Green
 - Ross Armstrong
 - Leisa Moseley
 - Cory Hernandez
 - Annette Scott
 - Tracy Harig
 - Suzanne Ramos
- f. Chairman Ford asked Reilly to share next steps in facilitating a discussion to dissolve/add/or change Subcommittees and/or their tasks.
 - Reilly recommended following the same process used two years ago leading to the creation of the Subcommittees by bringing project ideas to the table and forming Subcommittees to accomplish goals decided by the full CDV committee. Members were encouraged to bring project ideas with any supporting resources to the next meeting held in rural Mesquite, NV.
- g. Ortenburger asked if the project ideas need to be proposed with a funding solution.

- Reilly responded it was not required. Chairman Ford added that the meeting will serve as a brainstorming session.

Chairman Ford moved to Item 6.

8. **For Information Only:** the CDV's future meeting date(s):
 - Committee on Domestic Violence: Monday, November 8, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. | Location: Rural Meeting in Mesquite Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting.
9. Public Comment.
 - a. None
10. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment.
 - a. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by **Jason Mouannes**
Edited by **Nicole Reilly**
Office of the Attorney General
