

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:00 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 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)
 - Bullard, Amanda (Bullard)
 - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
 - Morris, Marla (Morris)
 - Scott, Annette (Scott)
 - Lynch, Patricia (Judge Lynch)
 - Hall, Karl (Hall)
 - Gradick, Jamie (Gradick)
 - Ingram, Tyler (Ingram)
 - Judge Spoo (Judge Spoo)
 - Dr. Pamela Payne (Dr. Payne)
 - c. Absent
 - Ortenburger, Liz (Ortenburger)
 - Morris, Marla (Morris)
 - a. Staff
 - Benitez-Thompson, Teresa (Benitez-Thompson)
 - Nicole Reilly (Reilly)
 - Hinds, Gina (Hinds)
 - Rasul, Henna (Rasul)
 - b. Public
 - None
 - d. **Quorum established**
2. Members reviewed and discussed the *October 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes*. Ramos motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Scott motioned to second. Meeting minutes approved as is.
3. Serena of the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence stated the proposed 20-to-40-hour implementation in AB48 would have negative consequences. Therefore, three amendments were made to the proposed language in AB48 as follows:

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1. The victim advocate will receive privilege after 20 hours of relevant training.
2. Victim advocates will be required to complete an additional 20 hours of hands on, field work, and supervised by a certified and supervisor victim advocate.
3. Does not feel media best practices should be made mandatory by way of AB48.

Dr. Payne stated this is a starting point to ensure Nevada is meeting a national standard of educating victim advocates. Certification will be provided by each advocate agency for now. Reilly stated the Executive Director of the victim advocate agency would be the one signing off on each certification to prove privilege. Scott stated the advocates should not be allowed to work with clients until completion of the training program so the field work with a supervised victim advocate would not be a good idea. AG Ford stated we will need to continue discussion on this as we get closer to legislation session on February 6th. AG Ford also stated we will revisit this and finalize the language. Dr Payne mentioned that advocates will need a best practice training regardless. Serena said she and the coalition is willing to facilitate another meeting to work out details in the proposed language before legislative session begins. AG Ford stated not to get discouraged but we will go ahead move forward and will have a work meeting take place soon and that we will have to come to an agreement even though we may not completely agree with the proposed language. Judge Spoo stated a uniform certification process would be effective that came from somewhere such as the Attorney General's Office or a court to facilitate a final and qualifying certification. Dr. Payne agreed that a more centralized certification process could be beneficial such as the centralized Batterer's Treatment Program through the Department of Health and Human Services. AG Ford agreed that would be a good idea.

4. Reilly stated that there are some corrections to be made to the Legislative Report such as correcting the committee members' job titles. Reilly stated there is no other feedback. On the Appendixes Reilly said she is waiting on feedback from Ramos and Ingram to see if there is additional information they want to share. Otherwise, the report is ready to submit to the legislation. March 1st is the deadline to submit the committee's legislative report. Judge Lynch recommended highlighting the most important areas in the report so the legislators are able to quickly digest the material as they are extremely busy. Judge Lynch commented on the 'Judge's Survey' in the report. She said the Judge's responses were good and she is pleased to see the courts cooperating

with the committee's requests. Dr. Payne stated the university can also be helpful with the collection of data from the courts.

5. **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
6. Public Comment. None
7. Adjournment.

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