

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

**MEETINGS MINUTES**

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*Wednesday, August 28th, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.*

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1. Call to order and roll call of members.
  - a. The CDV meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
  - b. Present
    - Attorney General Aaron Ford (Chair)
    - Abdur-Raheem, Elizabeth
    - Greene, Elyne
    - Gradick, Jamie
    - Thimsen, Kathleen
    - Metherell, Leticia
    - Ortenburger, Liz
    - Ramos, Suzanne
    - Harig, Tracy
    - Payne, Doctor Pamela
    - Duncan, Wes

- c. Absent

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- Scott, Annette
- Green, April
- Lynch, Judge Patricia
- Hall, Karl
- Morris, Marla
- Ingram, Tyler
- Larson, Zach
- Spool, Judge James

- a. Staff
  - Reilly, Nicole
  - Rasul, Henna
- b. Public
  - None
- c. Quorum established.

2. **Public Comment.**

- a. None.

3. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Review, discussion and possible approval of the *May 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes*.

- a. Approved unanimously with an adjustment to Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem's name in the minutes/roll call sheet.

4. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Nicole Reilly, Nevada Attorney General's Office, will review the VINE Governance Committee NRS and will take volunteers for this subcommittee

Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chief of Staff, Nevada Office of the Attorney General informed the committee:

- a. A committee is being reestablished to review proposals and to build out the RFP for new vendor submittals for when the VINE contract is up.
- b. Volunteers will submit their names to Nicole Reilly and Teresa Benitez-Thompson to join this subcommittee.

5. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chief of Staff, Nevada Attorney General's Office will discuss and take BDR requests from the CDV Members for the 2025 legislative Session

- a. Discussed outstanding language for BDRs and new ideas that the committee might want to include.

- b. Discussion regarding a BDR about making police reports free to survivors and the requirements needing these reports in order to obtain services.
6. **For discussion and Possible Action:** Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chief of Staff, Nevada Attorney General's Office will re-visit the option for the CDV to absorb the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee and take responsibility for the mandates outlined for that committee in NRS 178A.320.
- a. Discussed what it would look like to absorb the duties of the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee. Discussed protentional language changes with LCB. Will bring forward proposals to the next meeting for exact language changes to show LCB.
7. **For Discussion:** Nicole Reilly, Nevada Attorney General's Office, will provide an update on the Data Subcommittee Action Plan.
- a. Identified where data collection is missing and remedies on how to receive those data points.
    - i. Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center was contacted and they are getting a new system in 2025. The Committee has been invited to make suggestions on data points we'd like to see collected while the new program is being built out.
    - ii. Discussed reaching out to DCFS to connect with their new administration to get data points from them since their information tends to be confidential.
8. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Nicole Reilly, Nevada Attorney General's Office will review the rural meeting locations and the CDV members will vote on this year's location.
- a. The rural meeting will be some time at the end of October/beginning of November. Discussed possible locations
    - i. Voted and accepted unanimously to have the meeting held in Laughlin, NV.
9. **For Discussion:** Kathleen Thimsen DNP, MSN, WOCN/CETN, FNS, DF-AFN, Associate Professor in Residence, Distinguished Fellow - Academy of Forensic Nursing, Certified - Danger Assessment, Associate Editor - *Journal of the Academy of Forensic Nursing*, School of Nursing, UNLV, will present on the Certified Forensic Nursing program and any other pertinent information on this topic in Nevada.
- a. Discussed the lack of full time forensic nurses. There is a new Dean of nursing who is very supportive of forensic nursing who will discuss the

need for more trained nurses. Looking into another full week's training next spring with curriculum involving non fatal strangulation and gunshot wounds.

- b. Looking into heat maps for a firearm injury reduction plan.
- c. Discussed how the main issue is the singular billing system in southern Nevada, not necessarily the number of nurses trained or willing to be trained.
- d. Discussed the lack of immediate access for survivors and how some find it easier to fly home to another state than it is to get care here in Nevada.

10. **For Discussion:** Elizabeth Abur-Raheem, Executive Director, NCEDSV, will present the projects the coalition is involved in around the state regarding sexual assault and forensic nursing.

- a. The AGO runs the SAKI grant and NCEDSV has been working under this grant on several things:
  - i. Designed a training for SAKI improvements. It offers Les post credit units and outreach is commencing to bring more awareness to this training.
  - ii. Created an online resource on how to report sexual assault in both English and Spanish and what happens during a forensic exam.
  - iii. Met up with SANE nurses for better collaboration and provided direct emergency supplies for survivors at these exams.
  - iv. Worked on an indigenous initiative called "Weaving Communities Together" to grow their programs, training, and advocacy units.
- b. STOP grant work:
  - i. Updated their Sexual Assault best practices and promising practices guidelines for service providers.
- c. All 3 bills that they supported were passed.
  - i. Created the Committee on Responses to Power Based Violence in Schools through the Department of Education.
  - ii. Corrected a power imbalance to protect minor survivors during hearings.
- d. Annual NCEDSV conference will be September 24-26 in Henderson.

11. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** the CDV and Subcommittee's tentative future meeting dates:

- Data Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Virtual
- Committee on Domestic Violence: November 7, 2024 | Location: In-Person in Laughlin, NV and Virtual via Teams

12. Public Comment.

a. None.

13. **For Action:** Adjournment.

Minutes respectfully drafted by **Jamie Trevino**  
Edited by **Nicole Reilly**  
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