

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

Tuesday, May 7th, 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)
 - Green, April
 - Abdur-Rahim, Elizabeth
 - Greene, Elynne
 - Gradick, Jamie
 - Lynch, Judge Patricia
 - Thimsen, Kathleen
 - Hall, Karl
 - Metherell, Leticia
 - Ortenburger, Liz

- Harig, Tracy
 - Ingram, Tyler
 - Payne, Doctor Pamela
 - Duncan, Wes
 - Larson, Zach
 - Morris, Marla
- c. Absent
- Scott, Annette
 - Ramos, Suzanne
 - 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 ***October 26th, 2023, Meeting Minutes.***
- a. No corrections, Minutes approved unanimously.
4. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Tyler Ingram, Elko County District Attorney, will present current issues with the truth in sentencing in Nevada and how problematic it can be for victims/survivors of domestic violence.
- a. Tabled for a future meeting due to an active investigation.
5. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** 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. Strangulation training in Las Vegas in September.
- b. Forensic nursing conference also in September at UNLV.
- c. Firearm prevention program and grants coming up.

- d. This topic will be brought up in a future meeting with full presentation as time ran out in meeting.
- 6. 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. Wrapping up Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - b. New mobile unit in the rural area with Nora Lusk/Nevada Mobile Forensic Nursing SAME unit.
 - c. Working with UNLV on starting up a training for forensic nurses.
 - d. Looking into a grant from the CDC for sexual assault coalitions.
 - e. Look into passing legislation to require hospitals that are receiving state money to have a 24 hour nurse response.
- 7. For Discussion:** Nicole Reilly, Nevada Attorney General's Office, will provide an update on the Data Subcommittee Action Plan and the Forensic Nursing Subcommittee Action Plan.
- a. Looking into data housing locations, namely: Nevada Department of Corrections, Nevada Department of Sentencing and Policy, some of the courts, the District Attorney's Office, and the Department of Education. Safe Nest will provide data from the victim's side and Batterers' intervention side.
 - b. Reach out to DPS to see about expanding their system so the prosecutor's office can submit their data directly like law enforcement. It would also make this data public which it is not currently.
 - c. Discuss providing resources and training to agencies on holding perpetrators more accountable instead of allowing more lenient plea deals due to caseloads and lack of resources for the agencies.
- 8. For Discussion and Possible Action:** Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chief of Staff, Nevada Attorney General's Office will present on the option for the CDV to absorb the Sexual Assault Advisory and take responsibility for the mandates outlined for that committee in NRS 178A.320.

Attachment 3

- a. Discussion to take a vote in a future meeting on whether to expand/absorb/sunset the Sexual Assault Subcommittee.
- 9. For Discussion and Possible Action:** the CDV and Subcommittee's tentative future meeting dates:
- Data Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Virtual
 - Committee on Domestic Violence: TBD | Location: Teams

10. Public Comment.

11. **For Action:** Adjournment.

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