

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

**Meeting Minutes**

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*Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.*

**Meeting Location:**

Office of the Attorney General  
Mock Courtroom  
100 North Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

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1. Call to order and roll call of members.
  - a. The Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Training Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.
  - b. Present
    - Chairman Wheable, Michael (Chairman Wheable)
    - Armstrong, Ross (Armstrong)
    - Greene, Elynne (Greene)
    - Spratley, Eric (Spratley)
    - Troshynski, Emily (Troshynski)
  - a. Absent
    - Cisneros, Jessica (Cisneros)
    - Hernandez, Cory (Hernandez)
    - Morris, Marla (Morris)
  - b. Staff
    - O'Banion, Nicole (O'Banion)
    - Bradley, Sarah (Bradley)
    - Mouannes, Jason (Mouannes)
  - c. Public
    - Pinchevsky, Gillian (Pinchevsky)
  - c. **Quorum established**
2. Public Comment.
  - a. No public comment.

3. **For Possible Action:** Review, discussion, and possible approval of September 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

**Attachment 1**

- a. Chairman Wheable suggested members take a moment to review the minutes from the previous Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) Training Subcommittee meeting. Chairman Wheable and Troshynski noted corrections needed to their names. He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Spratley. Seconded by Ross. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. **For Discussion:** CDV Member Emily Troshynski, Undergraduate Coordinator, UNLV Department of Criminal Justice will present the Domestic Violence Court Overview/Report, Domestic Violence National Trainings for Justice System Professionals and the Dissemination Guide for Domestic Violence Researchers and Practitioners.

**Attachment 2**

- a. Chairman Wheable requested Troshynski begin her presentation and share some implementation strategies derived from the report.
- b. Troshynski began her presentation by introducing Pinchevsky, Ph.D who she worked with to write an overview of research report on specialized domestic violence courts for the Clark County Commissioners in 2018. Troshynski and Pinchevsky have a long history researching domestic violence specialty courts and violence against women. The report summarized the purpose domestic violence courts were developed and the limited amounts of research evaluating the domestic violence courts. The research focused on procedural justice, victim satisfaction, offender accountability (inclusive of what is known about the impacts of prosecution, conviction, sentencing, and judicial monitoring), rate of offender recidivism and case processing. She stated a desire for more data about domestic violence specialty courts.
- c. Pinchevsky noted the research is dated, however there is not much to add onto the report. Troshynski and Pinchevsky are open to new opportunities to continue this research.
- d. Troshynski reviewed information about domestic violence national trainings for justice system professionals.
- e. O'Banion indicated the Court Subcommittee might be a better fit to continue discussion about domestic violence specialty courts.
- f. Troshynski reviewed information about domestic violence dissemination guide for domestic violence researchers and practitioners.

5. **For Discussion:** Nicole O'Banion, Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking, Nevada Office of the Attorney General will present the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) Statistics Info Sheet on Domestic and Sexual Violence in Nevada, the NCEDSV National Statistics Info Sheet and the LVMPD 2019 Sex Trafficking Annual Report.

**Attachment 3**

- a. O'Banion reached out to the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) to ask if they had one-page information sheets that the Training Subcommittee would be able to utilize while presenting to different legislative interim committees to inform legislatures about impact of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking bills by the next session. These info sheets illustrated the lack of services or unavailability of services due to no or low funding.
  - b. Greene suggested the number of human trafficking victims is significantly higher than reported due to lack of information verifying an individual is a victim of trafficking. We do not have a consistent statewide database to identify trafficking victims.
  - c. Chairman Wheable asked if members had additional input on this agenda item.
  - d. Spratley informed the subcommittee that the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is being replaced with the National Incident-Based Reporting (NIBR) system. The new system should be accurate for reporting of data.
6. **For Discussion:** CDV Member Eric Spratley, Executive Director, Nevada Sheriff's and Chief's Association will present the UNR Domestic Violence Training Overview/Report and the new Domestic Violence and Aggravated Stalking POST Reference Manual.

**Attachment 4**

- a. Spratley presented information regarding training for law enforcement on domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) hosted by the University Police between 1996 and 2006. This training proved to be effective.
- b. Chairman Wheable asked if members had additional input on this agenda item. He suggested a training for legislatures with continuing legal education (CLE) to increase participation.
- c. Spratley and O'Banion agreed with Chairman Wheable about providing training for legislatures.
- d. Spratley added trainings provided by PoliceOne and Lexipol are not more robust than Nevada police academies.
- e. Greene noted Southern Nevada is developing modules to increase access to trainings for law enforcement officers. In addition, she offered to share Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) procedures for U-visa applications.

7. **For Discussion:** CDV Member Ross Armstrong, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services will present the Training Memo – Crimes with Kid Victims, Training Memo – Defense Attorney Strategies and the Strangulation Memo.

**Attachment 5**

- a. Armstrong presented information regarding education for law enforcement about domestic violence. He shared his experience working in rural Nevada communities.
  - b. Chairman Wheable suggested creating a large training about domestic violence best practices for multiple disciplines supported by a grant to law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and legislators along with victim advocates, service providers and nurse practitioners.
    - The summit would be CLE, CEU, and POST certified training.
    - Short-term goals: Information sheets on domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
    - Long-term goals: Host Domestic Violence Summit (would help with creating training modules immediately after the event).
  - c. O'Banion suggested seeking presenters and funding as some first steps.
  - d. Armstrong offered to take lead in drafting the action plan.
8. **For Discussion:** The Training Subcommittee Chair, District Attorney Michael Wheable, will request a volunteer(s) to draft the first action plan to present at the November 13, 2019 Committee on Domestic Violence meeting.
- a. Armstrong offered to draft the structure of the action plan for the Training Subcommittee by close of business November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. O'Banion noted all communications should go through her to stay compliant with Open Meeting Law (OML).
  - c. Spratley suggested spring of 2021 as a target date to host domestic violence summit that would be one week long. He added hosting a day long summit in the North and the South to get feedback on training before hosting larger summit.
  - d. O'Banion shared her experience with hosting summits for law enforcement such as the Human Trafficking Summit that took place in October 2019.
  - e. Chairman Wheable asked if members had additional input on this agenda item.
  - f. Harig suggested training health care providers. She cautioned the subcommittee mandating trainings through legislation would require making those trainings available to ensure healthcare providers have ability to stay in compliance.
  - g. Armstrong planned to present the action plan at the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 CDV meeting.

9. **For Information Only:** the CDV's tentative future meeting dates:
- Court Subcommittee: October 29, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m. | Location: Mock Courtroom, Carson City – Nevada Office of the Attorney General
  - Committee on Domestic Violence: November 13, 2019 @ 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Location: Rural Meeting – Mineral County Public Library, Hawthorne, NV.
10. Public Comment.
- a. No public comment.
11. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment.
- a. Chairman Wheable called for a motion to adjourn. Spratley motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Greene. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
  - b. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Jason Mouannes**  
Edited by: **Nicole O'Banion**  
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