

Nevada Committee on Domestic Violence (NCDV)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 27th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer State Building
555 East Washington Street, Room 4500
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

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

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1. Roll Call.

a. Present

- Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt, Chairman (Chairman Laxalt)
- Brady, Christine (Brady)
- Bunch, Judge Max (Judge Bunch)
- Cafferata, Patty (Cafferata)
- Gordon, Monsignor Greg (Gordon)
- Green, April (Green)
- Hamilton, Tim (Hamilton)
- Hall, Karl (Hall)
- Hernandez, Cory (Hernandez)
- Jordan, Magann (Jordan)
- Lynch, Judge Patricia (Judge Lynch)
- McMahon, Marcie (McMahon)
- Meuschke, Susan (Meuschke)
- Morris, Marla (Morris)
- Moseley, Lisa (Moseley)
- Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
- Scott, Annette (Scott)
- Scully, Moreen (Scully)
- Troshynski, Emily (Troshynski)

b. Absent

- Smith, Sergeant Blake (Smith)
- Ely, Tom (Ely)
- Green, Elyne (Green)

- Guy, Dorie (Guy)
- Harig, Tracy (Harig)
- Hazlett-Stevens, Christopher (Hazlett-Stevens)
- Herrick, Kelsi (Herrick)
- Prindle, Angela (Prindle)
- Roshak, Robert (Roshak)
- Wheable, Michael (Wheable)
- Yoxsimer, Denise (Yoxsimer)

c. **Quorum established**

2. Introduction of new committee members and staff.

a. Chairman Laxalt wanted all members in attendance to introduce themselves because various committees have been merged. He requested that each member state their name, brief background about themselves, and the experience they bring to this committee.

b. Members who introduced themselves at meeting:

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| • Annette Scott | • Magann Jordan |
| • April Green | • Marcie McMahill |
| • Christine Jones Brady | • Marla Morris |
| • Cory Hernandez | • Monsignor Gregory Gordon |
| • Emily Troshynski | • Moreen Scully |
| • Judge Max Bunch | • Patty Cafferata |
| • Judge Patricia Lynch | • Susan Meuschke |
| • Karl Hall | • Suzanne Ramos |
| • Leisa Moseley | • Tim Hamilton |

c. Staff

i. Carson City

- Arlene Rivera (Rivera), DV/SA/HT Ombudsman
- Peter Keegan (Keegan), Deputy Attorney General
- Jason Mouannes (Mouannes), Administrative Assistant

d. Public

i. Carson City

- Leticia Metherell (Metherell), Health Program Manager III for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
- Kirsten Coulombe (Coulombe), Deputy Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

ii. Las Vegas

- Caroline Bateman (Bateman), Chief Deputy Attorney General
- Dennis Fitzpatrick (Fitzpatrick), DV Supervisor

3. Public Comment.
 - a. Comment from Las Vegas
 - i. Fitzpatrick stated he has been a domestic violence supervisor in the State of Nevada for the past 15 years. He suggested two improvements to NAC 228:
 1. The unavailability of live in-person CEUs has been a catastrophe.
 2. Distance media is suggested. An in-person CEU is only available on a given day.
 - a. Allows more access to counselors wanting to continue teaching courses
 - b. If a course is good enough to be approved, it should then stay approved.
 - b. No comment from Carson City
4. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Update by Ombudsman Arlene Rivera in regards to the transition of the combination of committees.
 - a. Rivera stated there are 30 members in this new committee. These members are made up from the former Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, VINE Governance Subcommittee, and the Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.
 - b. Rivera stated Keegan would update the committee on Senate Bill (SB) 25.
 - c. Keegan stated he was counsel to the former Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) – Batterers’ Intervention Program Certification and outlined the responsibilities of the new committee.
 - i. There was a lack of funding and cohesion.
 - ii. There was a lack of budget and staffing.
 - iii. The Division of Public and Behavioral Health will be handling all future regulatory and licensing components for batterers’ intervention program certifications.
 - d. Rivera made a few announcements to new members:
 - i. The Open Meeting Law (OML) applies to the Nevada Committee on Domestic Violence (NCDV).
 - ii. A new contact list was sent out to all members of the new committee.
 1. Updated contact forms were still needed from some committee members.
 - iii. Travel requests were provided to the appropriate individuals. Anyone interested in donating their miles was instructed to inform Rivera and Mouannes in advance.
 - iv. All members should have received their appointment letter and ethical standards form.
 - v. All four major committees were consolidated.
 - vi. Match forms were requested from the members.
 - e. Chairman Laxalt envisioned the next rural meeting will allow the members to review how to divide duties associated with the new committee.
 - i. Rivera clarified details about the next rural meeting.

5. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Election of Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary for the committee.
 - a. Chairman Laxalt stated members may nominate themselves or someone else for these roles.
 - b. Members briefly discussed the potential responsibilities of each officer position available.
 - c. Nominations began:
 - i. Judge Lynch nominated Ramos for Vice Chair. Chairman Laxalt asked Ramos if she was willing and able. Ramos agreed. Nomination seconded by Brady. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Ramos was nominated as the Vice Chair for the committee.
 - ii. Scully nominated Judge Bunch for Treasurer. Nomination seconded by Meuschke. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Judge Bunch was nominated as the Treasurer for the committee.
 - iii. Judge Bunch nominated Hamilton for Secretary. Hamilton respectfully declined nomination.
 - iv. Moseley was also nominated for Secretary by a committee member. She also respectfully declined the nomination.
 - v. Jordan nominated Scott for Secretary. Nomination seconded by Moseley. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Scott was nominated as the Secretary for the committee.

6. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Members to vote between Fallon and Winnemucca for the location of the next rural meeting on October 4th and 5th according to domestic violence statistics. No further discussion. All in favor.
 - a. Chairman Laxalt cited Rivera that the rural meeting dates will be changed. He stated that the proposed locations are Fallon and Winnemucca.
 - b. Members discussed recent visits from the committees to the rural locations.
 - c. Rivera indicated that the former AG Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (AGDVFRT) visited Fallon last year and the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (NCPDV) visited Winnemucca two years ago.
 - d. Members discussed considering the population and transportation to each rural location.
 - e. Brady inquired about the Winnemucca Batterers' Intervention Program.
 - i. Rivera stated her Division received calls from the Winnemucca Batterers' Intervention Program in regards to potential issues in the way domestic violence cases are being handled in that specific jurisdiction.
 - f. Bateman inquired about the rural meeting dates and possible locations.
 - i. Chairman Laxalt provided clarification that the rural meeting will be the last and final meeting of this year for the Nevada Committee on Domestic Violence (NCDV).

- g. Chairman Laxalt indicated that Winnemucca was selected as the location for the next rural meeting based on the discussion and general consensus of the committee members.
7. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Presentation by Kirsten Coulombe and Leticia Metherell, from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, regarding the transfer and new procedures of the certification process for the Batterers' Intervention Program with the revised draft of regulations. **Attachment 1**
- a. Coulombe introduced Metherell and herself to the committee members prior to reviewing the draft regulations for the certification of batterers' intervention programs.
 - i. Coulombe stated they are responsible for all the functions and duties associated with the certification process.
 - ii. Coulombe also recognized Fitzpatrick's suggestions as insightful and valuable information.
 - iii. Furthermore, Coulombe thanked Rivera and Mouannes as the Division of Public and Behavioral Health has received all of the files for the former Batterers' Intervention Program certification committee.
 - b. Metherell began reviewing the approach taken to revise the regulations for the certification of batterer's intervention programs.
 - i. Metherell indicated the documentation of programs is continuously updated on an online database.
 - ii. Members discussed parts of the regulation that may be improved prior to finalizing draft regulations.
 - 1. Former members of the batterers' intervention program certification committee provided insight on the proposed regulations.
 - c. Chairman Laxalt encouraged members to provide feedback during public comment for sake of completing agenda in the given time period set for the meeting.
 - d. Ramos inquired about the batterers' intervention pilot programs in the rural areas.
 - i. Judge Bunch provided further details about the feedback received on these programs.
 - e. Coulombe indicated that the Division of Public and Behavioral Health will send out a one-page summary indicating all of the changes made to the regulations.
 - f. The committee members and the representatives from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health concluded the discussion on these subjects.
 - i. The status of any new programs.
 - 1. Site reviews for programs and monitoring all offenders.
 - ii. Any additional policies to regulate programs such as a potential fee implementation.
 - g. Chairman Laxalt thanked everyone for their contribution to this discussion.
8. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Review of the "State of Nevada Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practice Guidelines". **Attachment 2**

- a. Rivera stated, per review by Cafferata, that the “State of Nevada Domestic Violence Prosecution Best Practice Guidelines” is outdated. Rivera requested assistance by attorneys and victim advocates to help revise document.
 - i. Some members would like to volunteer while others will circulate this task request to their contacts.
 - b. Rivera stated she will send an email to construct the revision team. After reviewing the document, the individuals who are interested will be able to assess the commitment to rewriting this document.
 - i. A first draft of the document would be desirable by next meeting.
 - c. Members discussed existing document.
9. **For Discussion:** Update by member Leisa Moseley regarding the Legacy of Violence in the African American Community group on October 7th, 2017. This event will address the prevalence of domestic violence within the African American community. **Attachment 3**
 - a. Moseley informed members about the forum which discusses the epidemic of violence in the African American community.
 - i. The goal is to talk all about the different types of violence in a community, which includes domestic violence.
 - ii. The information about the focus of this event is provided in Attachment 3, which is included in the meeting agenda.
 - b. Many members expressed their willingness to participate in this event and provide additional support.
 - i. Monsignor Gordon suggested addressing the role of religion in this upcoming forum.
 - ii. Brady suggested that a similar event be hosted in the North with participation of any potential partners in northern Nevada.
10. Council Member Comments.
 - a. Judge Lynch suggested moving future meeting times to 9 a.m. and copies of information containing resources for victims.
11. **For Discussion:** Possible topics for next agenda and meeting dates.
 - a. Update of the transfer of CAP to Child and Family Services (per request of Meuschke).
 - b. Revisit draft regulations from the Division to make recommendations and continue discussion (per request of Cafferata).
12. Public Comment.
 - a. No public comment from Carson City.
 - b. No public comment from Las Vegas.
13. Adjournment.
 - a. Chairman Laxalt moved to adjourn. Meuschke motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judge Bunch. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Jason Mouannes**
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