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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (or until adjournment)

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#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

**Members Present:** Dr. Cindy Pitlock (by way of proxy: Esther Rodriguez-Brown), Dr. Ali Banister, Nicole Reilly, Janice Wolf, Brennan Patterson, Pauline Salla, Eboni Washington, Shannon McCoy, Sgt. Greg Flores, Jhenna Halili, Laurie Jackson, Makaya Swain, Ashley Martinez, Fran Maldonado, Brenda Sandquist, Jenny Williamson, Annika Huff, Melissa Holland, Chris Davin

**Members Absent:** Brigid Duffy, Deshaun Jackson, Jill Marano, Tami Goulden-Bosco, Kimberly Yeager

Esther Rodriguez-Brown called the March 21, 2023, meeting of the CSEC Coalition to order. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown conducted roll call and established quorum.

**2. Public Comment and Discussion** (*Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting, per NRS 241.020*)- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

There was no public comment.

**3. For Possible Action:** Approval of December 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

**Action:** A motion was made by Ali Banister to approve the December 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes, Eboni Washington seconded the motion. No objections. Fran Maldonado abstained. Motion carries.

**4. For Information Only:** 2023 CSEC Coalition Membership- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

- **Introduction of the new voting coalition members for 2023.**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown introduced the new members of the CSEC Coalition:

- Anika Huff
- Chris Davin
- Jenny Williamson
- Jhenna Halili
- Kimberly Yeager
- Tami Goulden-Bosco
- Melissa Holland

**5. For Discussion and Possible Action:** Review, discuss, and approve purpose and goals of the 2023 Coalition Sub-Committees- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

Esther Rodriguez-Brown introduced the three subcommittees and noted that beginning with the next CSEC meeting, the Chair and Co-Chair of each subcommittee will be presenting during this portion of the meeting. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown informed the Coalition that a Google folder exists for each subcommittee, which include blank documents for commentary from the members.

- **Placement and Continuum of Care**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that this subcommittee met for the first time on March 2 and will meet the Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown informed the Coalition that the goal for this subcommittee will be to explore the residential gaps in continuum of care for CSEC and youth with high risk of being exploited and trafficked, including those who are missing or in runaway status that would make them vulnerable to exploitation. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted that this subcommittee will create a plan to

identify providers, develop opportunities and resources for housing and continuum of care, focus on emergency crisis and stabilization housing, short and long-term residential treatment opportunities, transitional housing, independent living, and CSEC with unmet mental-health needs and wraparound services. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated that the subcommittee has identified three goals, the first of which is to explore placement barriers. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated that under this goal, there are sub-goals that include: strategizing how the state of Nevada will meet the goals by the July 1 mandate, and funding, including exploration of federal grants, specialized foster rates, and Medicaid. Ms. Rodriguez Brown explained that Goal 2 is to identify continuum of care services that currently exist in the state as well as the services that are needed but not present, and that Goal 3 will be strategies to accomplish that continuum of care. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown identified some of the other topics that will be explored in this subcommittee, including: how to address the needs of CSEC with high level of mental health, residential, and continuum of care; decriminalization of CSEC behaviors; youths with high level of unmet mental-health needs leading to an increased number of youth lingering in detention due to lack of more appropriate resources; placement of high-risk CSEC versus identified CSEC to prevent peer-to-peer recruitment. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted that the co-chairs for this subcommittee are Eboni Washington and Shannon McCoy. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown closed her presentation of this subcommittee with a reminder that the subcommittee does not have the power to create funding or do things like build foster homes, but can make recommendations from the CSEC Coalition for the next legislation to do things like allocate funding to these issues.

Melissa Holland questioned if the placements in continuum of care will expand to include treatment modalities and how to work with them, or if this includes only housing needs and gaps for placement.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that treatment modalities were not discussed up to this point, but is a topic that could potentially be included somewhere in the continuum of care or creation of strategies.

- **Parent Education**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that the purpose of this subcommittee is to create tools for parents and/or caregivers of CSEC to help them to understand the dynamics of sexual exploitation and trauma responses. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted that these tools are intended to provide parents with the opportunity to help their children heal. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown further noted that agencies and organizations that have access to families will be assisting with parent education along with distribution of tools and resources to parents. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted that the first meeting took place on March 9 and that this subcommittee will meet on the second Thursday each month at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown informed the Coalition that the Chair for this subcommittee is Socorro Saldana and that Ms. Brown-Rodriguez will assist Ms. Saldana until the vacant seat of co-chair is filled. Ms. Brown-Rodriguez next discussed the three goals of this subcommittee: to gather questions from subcommittee participants in order to create a survey to be distributed to parents and CSEC clients for them to identify three or more major gaps or disconnections and then compile the answers as a baseline to develop goal number 2; to create tools and materials for parents and/or caregivers to better support CSEC and understand the extent of trauma; and to create a plan to deliver these tools.

Brennan Patterson discussed the importance of noting that within the subcommittees, some goals might have to come after other goals have been completed and cited the example of needing to complete Goal 1 prior to moving onto Goal 2 in this subcommittee.

Jessica Freeman informed the Coalition that the parenting subcommittee has acknowledged exactly what Mr. Patterson is proposing.

Pauline Salla voiced her support for the goals of this subcommittee.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown asked for support of the strategy for members of agencies that have access to CSEC to utilize their platforms to gather the answers to these questions.

Pauline Salla indicated her willingness to gather that information despite the limited number of CSEC youth.

Melissa Holland concurred.

- **Diversity Engagement**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that the purpose of this subcommittee is to create paths for collaboration, engagement, and participation to understand the needs of CSEC and to include all representations from all communities and cultures with the purpose of recognizing the barriers and systematic gaps to enhance and provide resources and opportunities for those communities to be part of the process. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown explained that the subcommittee intends to recognize and create strategies and participation throughout the process rather than afterwards. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated that the meetings for this subcommittee began on March 16 and will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown next discussed the subcommittee's proposed goals, the first of which includes identifying major gaps and disconnections in servicing CSEC from diverse communities, with a sub goal of creating a survey to collect question and explore these gaps. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown directed the Coalition to the Google Doc containing three different surveys: 1, for clients to assess the agency; 2, for community partners to assess the agency; and 3, for the agency to self-assess. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted that through the use of these surveys, the subcommittee hopes to create a holistic approach. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated that Goal 2 of this subcommittee is to create tools of collaboration to engage different communities throughout the process of creating services and fulfilling other needs and that Goal 3 is to create strategies to implement the above information and events in agencies working with diverse populations as well as public awareness training to highlight the needs of specific populations so as to create recommendations to present to the CSEC Coalition based on Goals 1 and 2. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown explained that these recommendations will be for child welfare, law enforcement, service providers, judiciary, and any other agency working with CSEC. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown informed the Coalition that the co-chairs for this subcommittee will be Makaya Swain and Joanna Granados.

Brennan Paterson expressed his support for these goals.

➤ ***Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken***

**Action:** A motion was made by Janice Wolf to approve all goals and purposes in totality, Brennan Patterson seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

**6. For Discussion and Possible Action: Amendment the By-Laws to add/revise section(s)- Esther Rodriguez-Brown**

- **Add Article 2.2.1 to include the maximum term allotted as a voting member**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown explained that this proposed amendment is under 2.2 to add another article that includes the consecutive amount of years a voting member can serve prior to taking a break and applying to serve again. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated that the reason for this is to create a flow of voting members within the Coalition rather than a stack. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown pointed out that the amendment applies to the consecutive amount of years the individual serves, not the agency.

Shannon McCoy noted her support for some turnover within the Coalition to allow for new energy and perspectives and indicated her support for the term limits to be two to three years.

Eboni Washington asked for examples from other statewide committees regarding term limits, and concurred with Ms. McCoy's suggestion of three years.

Jessica Freeman explained that there is currently a term limit on officer appointment but not for voting members.

Brenda Sandquist suggested alternating time limits to provide continuity in the Coalition.

Melissa Holland noted that legislature only meets every two years and thus a minimum of a three-year term would allow for continuity of the same people working on the continuum of any kind of legislative efforts and allow them the ability to see the efforts through to implementation.

Janice Wolf recommended tabling the vote for this item to allow for some brainstorming of potential options.

➤ ***Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken***

**Action:** A motion was made by Janice Wolf to table the vote on Agenda Item 6 until a future meeting, Ali Banister seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

**7. For Information Only: Legislation updates by members**

Pauline Salla informed the Coalition that there is a new bill proposed, AB 238, which requires CSEC training for all who come into contact with youth in custody, expands prohibited charges for booking, creates MDT and info sharing, and creates state executive committee. Ms. Salla indicated that

juvenile justice agencies are tracking this proposal. Ms. Salla discussed SB 89, which revises provisions governing crimes relating to sex trafficking, and revises certain requirements for compensation for the fund of the compensation of victims of crimes, and provides penalties and other matters. Ms. Salla next discussed SB 121, which raises the minimum age at which a person may consent to sexual conduct, revises various provisions relating to sexual conduct involving children, and provides penalties. Ms. Salla referred to AB 183, which discusses the screening tool, and AB 275, which has a section in it about sealing records for the petitioner if they were being sex trafficked.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown discussed AB 288, the Nevada Blue Ribbon Committee on Human Trafficking, which does not directly affect CSEC, but is going to the judiciary. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown explained that this is the requirement for another statewide coalition on human trafficking, for which 11 members are proposed who will be appointed by the Governor. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated that one of these 11 members will be somebody who owns a house of prostitution.

Melissa Holland confirmed that this has been read on the floor but has not been sent to a committee yet.

Karla Delgado discussed SCR 1, which is specific to successful prosecutions on traffickers and how law enforcement is working with service providers and victims to accomplish this.

Melissa Holland discussed the proposed bill regarding law enforcement allowed to pose as a child victim and be solicited. Ms. Holland noted that currently the penalty is attempted trafficking and the change proposes for the penalty to become trafficking rather than attempted trafficking.

**8. For Information Only: Update on the Regulations for the Receiving Center-** Esther Rodriguez-Brown

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that she is unaware of any updates regarding this agenda item.

Jessica Freeman confirmed that there are no updates for this agenda item.

**9. For Discussion and Possible Action: Future Agenda Items-** Esther Rodriguez-Brown

There were no suggestions for possible future agenda items.

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**10. Final Public Comment and Discussion** (*Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting, per NRS 241.020*)- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

There was no public comment.

**11. Adjournment-** Esther Rodriguez-Brown

Esther Rodriguez-Brown adjourned the meeting of the CSEC Coalition at 11:05 a.m.

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