The Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

ENGAGEMENT, IDENTIFICATION & ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE CHARTER Approved 10/24/16; Amended 12/06/17

CSEC Coalition's purpose

Per the Governor's Executive Order 2016-14, the Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC Coalition) seeks to: (1) Mobilize all available resources in Nevada to provide a coordinated response to stopping commercial sexual exploitation of children, aiding its victims, and bringing perpetrators of this crime to justice; and (2) support the implementation of Public Law 113-183, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014, which requires states to identify, document and determine appropriate services for children who are victims of sex trafficking or at risk of victimization.

CSEC Coalition's mandates and goals

Per the Governor's Executive Order 2016-14, the CSEC Coalition shall prepare a comprehensive *Statewide Strategic Plan* and recommendations on how to address the Sex Trafficking Provisions of Public Law 113-183, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Aligning efforts by promoting strategic and coordinated services for victims at the State, county, local, and tribal levels.
- Improving understanding by expanding and coordinating child sex trafficking-related research, data, and evaluations to support evidence-based victim services.
- Expanding access to services by providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to increase victim identification and expand the availability of services.
- Improving outcomes by promoting effective, culturally-appropriate, trauma-informed services that improves the short-and long-term health, safety, and well-being of child victims.
- Developing public awareness campaigns to better inform communities across Nevada about the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

The means by which the CSEC Coalition will accomplish these goals includes:

- 1. Identifying a model coordinated response protocol that is grounded in best practices and aids in identifying CSEC and those at risk of CSEC, in treating them as crime victims rather than criminals, and in providing these children the services they need.
- 2. The model protocol may be adapted to meet regional or local needs.

3. Receiving and responding to reports and recommendations from the Executive Committee and subcommittees, including practice, policy and/or legislative changes that would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services.

CSEC Coalition's mission

The CSEC Coalition's *mission* is to:

To combat commercial, sexual exploitation of children in Nevada with a trauma-informed and victim-centered approach.

CSEC Coalition's guiding principles

The CSEC Coalition's *guiding principles* are attached as Addendum A.

Role of the CSEC Coalition's Engagement Subcommittee

The **objective** of the Engagement Subcommittee is to:

Identify methods to engage with and assess victims or suspected victims of commercial sexual exploitation in a standardized culturally-appropriate, trauma-informed manner that improves the short-and long-term health, safety and well-being of child victims.

Toward this end, the Engagement Subcommittee will develop and implement the following *strategies:*

- 1. Make recommendations of policy positions for the Statewide Model Coordinated Response Protocol to ensure CSEC victims are identified and tracked across disciplines and geographic areas.
- 2. Develop/select standard screening tool(s) for the Model Protocol that is (are) responsive to multi-system needs.
- 3. Select an assessment protocol that is responsive to multi-system needs; and create/revise relevant policies as needed.
- 4. Research and identify safety plans (in collaboration with the Care Coordination Subcommittee).
- Seek survivor input to ensure screening, safety and assessment protocols are sensitive to CESC needs.
- 6. Ensure membership on the subcommittee represents both geographic and multidisciplinary diversity, and is reflective of and receives the input of stakeholders who are affected by the Subcommittee's work.

7. Other strategies as identified by the subcommittee.

The Subcommittee shall submit the following recommendations to the Executive Committee for review and submission to the CSEC Coalition.

- 1. The *plan* to implement these strategies.
- 2. The *timeframe* in which to complete related tasks.
- 3. The *resources* available and/or needed to complete these tasks.