

**MINUTES OF THE  
NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN  
MEETING ON APRIL 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Webinar**

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- 1. Call to Order at 2:05 p.m., Roll Call, Introductions.** Co-Chair-Kelly Wooldridge welcomed Coalition members. Christina Vela facilitated roll call and introductions. Quorum was established.

Members Present	Members Absent
<p>Chair - <b>Justice Nancy Saitta (Ret.)</b>, Nevada Supreme Court</p> <p>Co-Chair <b>Kelly Wooldridge</b>, Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)</p> <p><b>Ross Armstrong</b>, Nevada DCFS Juvenile Services</p> <p><b>Linda Anderson</b>, Office of Nevada Attorney General</p> <p><b>Amy Ayoub</b>, The Zen Speaker</p> <p><b>Katherine Malzahn-Bass</b>, Court Improvement</p> <p><b>Sharon Benson</b>, Office of Nevada Attorney General</p> <p><b>Victoria Blakeney</b>, Nevada Department of Education</p> <p><b>Elynn Greene</b>, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department</p> <p><b>Paula Hammack</b>, Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS)</p> <p><b>Lawrence Howell</b>, Rite of Passage</p> <p><b>Derek Jones</b>, Reno Police Department, Street Enforcement</p> <p><b>Dr. Alexis Kennedy</b>, UNLV</p> <p><b>Jeff Martin</b>, Washoe County Chief Deputy District Attorney</p> <p><b>Jack Martin</b>, Clark County Juvenile Justice Services</p> <p><b>Reesha Powell</b>, DCFS, Child Welfare Deputy Administrator</p> <p><b>Arlene Rivera</b>, Domestic Violence Ombudsman, Office of the Attorney General</p> <p><b>Kathleen Sandoval</b>, Children’s Cabinet</p> <p><b>Gianna Verness</b>, Washoe County Chief Deputy Public Defender</p> <p><b>Judge Egan Walker</b>, Washoe County Court, Department 2</p> <p><b>Judge Nathan Tod Young</b>, Douglas County, Department 1</p>	<p><b>Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson</b>, Nevada State Assembly</p> <p><b>Brigid Duffy</b>, Clark County District Attorney</p> <p><b>Senator Patricia Farley</b>, Nevada State Senate</p> <p><b>Peter Craanen</b>, FBI</p> <p><b>Frank Cervantes</b>, Washoe County Juvenile Justice Services</p> <p><b>Amber Howell</b>, Washoe County Department of Social Services</p> <p><b>Susan Roske</b>, Sojourn Foundation</p> <p><b>Paula Smith</b>, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Deputy Juvenile Probation Officer</p> <p><b>Judge William Voy</b>, Clark County District Court A</p> <p><b>Jim Wright</b>, Nevada Department of Public Safety</p> <p><b>Janice Wolf</b>, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada</p> <p><b>Kim Yaeger</b>, Nevada Trucking Association</p>
	<p><b>Guests</b></p> <p><b>Justice Bobbe Bridge (Ret.)</b>, Founder and CEO Center for Children &amp; Youth Justice, WA</p> <p><b>Nicholas Oakley</b>, Center for Children &amp; Youth Justice, WA</p> <p><b>Kasia Klaus</b>, Awaken</p> <p><b>Jan Fragale</b>, DCFS</p> <p><b>Abigail Frierson</b>, Southern Nevada Children’s Assessment Center</p> <p><b>Dr. Megan Freeman</b>, DCFS</p> <p><b>Melissa Holland</b>, Awaken</p> <p><b>Hayley Jarolimek</b>, DCFS</p> <p><b>Jeanne Marsh</b>, Washoe County Department of Social Services (WCSS), on behalf of Amber Howell</p> <p><b>Shannon McCoy</b>, WCSS</p> <p><b>Marla Morris</b>, DCFS</p> <p><b>Mari Parlade</b>, Clark County DFS</p> <p><b>Jen Robinson</b>, Awaken</p> <p><b>Sally Kerr</b>, Nye County Children’s Advocacy Center</p> <p><b>Sabrina Sweet</b>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Court</p> <p><b>Saana Kahn</b>, Clark County DFS</p>
<p><b>Public</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><b>Staff</b></p> <p><b>Theresa Anderson</b>, Sierra Mountain Behavior Consulting (SMBC)</p> <p><b>Christina Vela</b>, SMBC</p>	

**2. Initial Public Comment.** (*Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.*)

Justice Saitta welcomed any public comment. No public comment received.

**3. For possible action: Approve January 31, 2017 meeting minutes.** Kelly Wooldridge asked for any changes needed to the minutes.

- Judge Young requested a change to item 8, a. to reflect ethnic, racial, **age** and sexual diversity.
- Victoria Blakeney requested a change to item 11, a. to reflect the system is called P3 system, not 33 system.

***Judge Young made a motion to approve amended minutes and Paula Hammack seconded it; none opposed, all in favor. Minutes approved.***

**4. Announcements (*item taken out of order*).** Justice Saitta welcomed any announcements:

- Elynne Greene – LVMPD will offer an advanced human trafficking training for law enforcement and prosecutors in June 2017. Registration information will be sent at a later date.
- Sharon Benson – Co-hosting with Nevada Trucking Association the 4<sup>th</sup> annual dinner to combat human trafficking on July 13, 2017. A flyer will be shared with all. Tickets available at [www.nevadatrucking.com](http://www.nevadatrucking.com).
- Melissa Holland – Awaken will be hosting an all-inclusive golf tournament on June 5, 2017 to benefit a new transitional home for adult women sex trafficking victims. Information is available at [www.awaken.org](http://www.awaken.org).

**5. Next Meeting: Coalition in-person meeting in Las Vegas on July 26, 2017 (*item taken out of order*).**

- Kelly Wooldridge reminded everyone that the next Coalition meeting will be July 26<sup>th</sup>. Christina Vela shared that the meeting will be at McCarran Airport, additional info will be provided in the coming weeks. Flights are being identified and the meeting will likely be from 9 - 4:30.
- Amy Ayoub asked if someone from McCarran can present about the CSEC work they are doing. Christina Vela shared that Rosemary and her team are willing to present and will be on the agenda.
- Kelly Wooldridge asked that First Med do a presentation about their behavioral and medical health services for CSEC victims. Christina Vela will follow up.
- Mari Parlade reported that she attended the LVMPD training where Steve Coneg with Aria Resort and MGM properties provided a presentation about their CSEC efforts. He would be willing to present to the Coalition. Christina Vela will follow up with Mari.

6. **Presentation: The Washington State Model Protocol for CSEC – Center for Children & Youth Justice (see attached PowerPoint).**

- **Introduction of Presenters.** Justice Saitta introduced the presenters:
  - **Justice Bobbe J. Bridge (Ret.)** – Justice Bridge is the founding President/CEO of the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ), a nonprofit organization she created in 2006 to reform Washington State’s child welfare and juvenile justice systems. She served on the Washington State Supreme Court from 2000 to 2008 and on the King County Superior Court from 1990 to 2000, where she was Chief Juvenile Court Judge for three years. She continues to chair the Washington State Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care. Before joining the bench, Justice Bridge was the first female partner at the Seattle law firm of Garvey Schubert Barer. She has been honored with numerous awards for her civic involvement, philanthropy and service to children and youth. Justice Bridge also has been inducted into the Washington Generals for special service to the citizens of the State and into the Warren E. Burger Society of the National Center for State Courts. In 2017, she was appointed to the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States.
  - **Nicholas Oakley, JD Project Manager** – Nicholas Oakley manages reform efforts on behalf of commercially sexually exploited youth as well as LGBTQ system-involved youth at the Center for Children & Youth Justice. Prior to joining the Center, he practiced juvenile, criminal, and education law as an associate at Carey & Lillevik, PLLC in Seattle. He was also a part-time lecturer at the University of Washington School of Law’s Child & Youth Advocacy Clinic, of which he is also an alumnus. Nicholas is a former teacher and Peace Corps volunteer in the Republic of Georgia. He currently serves on the Board of the Organization for Prostitution Survivors and as a volunteer mentor through the If Project.
- **Presentation (see attached PowerPoint).** Justice Bridge shared that the CCYJ was formed in 2006, while she was still on the Washington Supreme Court. She became the Founding Board President and then, when retired from the Supreme Court, transitioned to CCYJ. They use a unique model in Washington and while there are a few other similar programs, it is not very common as they did not start as a provider of legal aid or representation. Litigation is not one of the services they offer, which is intentional and continues to this date. They believe the assistance to and reform of the child welfare and juvenile system is best served through collaboration, cooperation and learning together. People talking honestly, candidly, with the intention of creating a safe space, coming together around a singular goal and working together for better outcomes, instead of being adversarial. Change they seek is change that is based in research and that is data-driven, guided by multiple disciplines, public-private partnerships and that has youth and family voice, along with the partners that do the work (i.e., child welfare, law enforcement, juvenile services and many more). A goal all partners have is to improve the outcomes for youth involved in these systems. CCYJ does not engage in direct services but can facilitate

services based on having direct service providers as partners, and their success is based on the hard work of those partners. Areas of focus include:

- Empowering foster and homeless youth
- Keeping kids in school
- Reducing gang involvement
- Stabilizing families
- Supporting LGBTQ youth
- Combating child sexual exploitation

Following Justice Bridge's presentation, Nicholas Oakley, who is the Project Manager who overs Project Respect and the CSEC Model Protocol for Washington, presented PowerPoint slides #11-65 (*see attached*), specifically discussing the following topics:

- *Development of a Model Protocol* – Overview of the development of a Model Protocol in Washington State.
- *Model Protocol Overview* – Overview of the protocol to include the foundation of the mission, core principles and best practices.
- *Pilot Implementation* – Overview of the pilot implementation strategies.
- *Current work* – Overview of four current focus areas: Taskforce Development and Support, Statewide Coordinating Committee Staffing, Training of Trainers and Data Collection.
- **Questions/Discussion.** Discussion followed the presentation.
  - **Q:** How many youth that are being served are involved in both child welfare and juvenile services and does that involvement complicate the model?
  - **D:** Yes, there are many that are system-involved. According to national data and local info, a relatively large number of CSEC are currently or were previously involved with child welfare. The data is not as good for juvenile justice as it is harder to track: Many come into the juvenile justice system with charges and/or arrests for things other than child sexual exploitation. But as the system gets better at asking questions, it will get better at tracking that data. A connection exists between these systems but does not necessarily complicate issues as the courts are involved. The Courts do need to take into account the multidisciplinary team process and use as much as possible of that information in court proceedings.

Justice Saitta thanked the presenters and expressed appreciation for their willingness to share Washington State's info which can provide a roadmap for Nevada's efforts.

**7. Final Public Comment.** (*Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.*)

No public comment received.

**8. Adjournment.**

Ross Armstrong motioned to adjourn, Lawrence Howell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.