

NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

December 6, 2017, 3:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call to Order at 3:02 p.m., Roll Call, Introductions.

Linda Anderson, who was invited by Chair Justice Saitta to run the meeting in her absence, welcomed and thanked Coalition members for their attendance. Roll was taken and a quorum was established. Linda Anderson continued to run the meeting per Co-Chair Kelley Wooldridge’s request. Linda announced that agenda items would be taken out of order as some members needed to leave the meeting by 4:00.

Members Present	Members Absent
Chair: Justice Nancy Saitta (Ret.), Nevada Supreme Court Co-Chair: Kelly Wooldridge , NV Div. of Child & Family Srvc. Linda Anderson , Office of Nevada Attorney General Sharon Benson , Office of Nevada Attorney General John Munoz , DCFS Juvenile Services Amy Ayoub , The Zen Speaker Paula Hammack , Clark County Dept. of Family Services Lawrence Howell , Rite of Passage – <i>via phone</i> Dr. Alexis Kennedy , UNLV Katherine Malzahn-Bass , Court Improvement – <i>via phone</i> Jack Martin , Clark County Juvenile Justice Services Reesha Powell , DCFS Nicole O’Banion , Domestic Violence Ombudsman, AG’s Office Paula Smith , Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Gianna Verness , Washoe County Public Defender Judge William Voy , Clark County District Court A Judge Egan Walker , Washoe County Court Department 2 Janice Wolf , Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Amber Howell , Washoe County Dept. of Social Services Jeff Martin , Washoe County Chief Deputy District Attorney Judge Nathan Tod Young , Douglas County, Department 1	Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson , NV Assembly Derek Jones , Reno Police Department, Street Enforcement Kim Yaeger , Nevada Trucking Association Frank Cervantes , Washoe County Juvenile Justice Services Brigid Duffy , Clark County District Attorney’s Office Senator Patricia Farley , Nevada Senate Kathleen Sandoval , Children’s Cabinet Jim Wright , Nevada Department of Public Safety Amber Reid , Nevada Department of Education Peter Craanen , FBI Elynn Greene , Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
<u>Public</u> <u>Staff</u> Theresa Anderson , Sierra Mountain Behavior Consulting Sonya Giroux , SMBC Dr. Joy Salmon , SMBC	<u>Guests</u> Dr. Megan Freeman , DCFS Abigail Frierson , Clark County DFS Melissa Holland , Awaken Hayley Jarolimek , DCFS Saana Khan , Clark County DFS – <i>via phone</i> Dr. Lisa Linning , Clark County DFS Shannon McCoy , Washoe County DSS Jen Robinson , Awaken

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.*)

No public comment.

3. **For possible action – Approve July 26, 2017 CSEC Coalition meeting minutes**

Linda Anderson presented the minutes and asked for any suggestions or changes.

MOTION: To approve the July 26, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion by Jeff Martin. Second by Lawrence Howell. All in favor, with no discussion or opposition. Motion carried.

4. For discussion – Receive report on the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA) Program Improvement Plan

In the interest of time, agenda item number five was considered next. Theresa Anderson gave a report, detailing the federal CAPTA grant that provides funds for prevention, assessment, investigation, prosecution, and treatment activities throughout the state. It sets a minimum definition of child abuse and neglect, and amendments to the law in 2015 changed the definition of sexual abuse to include victims of sex trafficking. Nevada is not in compliance with the statute and has missed the deadline, so a Program Improvement Plan was negotiated. Before Nevada can be considered in compliance, Nevada has to address provisions for training CPS workers about CSEC, and legislative changes are required to revise at least one statute (NRS 423B.130) to allow victims of non-familial perpetrators to be accepted by child welfare agencies. The deadline for compliance and the Governor's assurances was changed to August 31, 2019. The Nevada Model Coordinated Response Protocol supports these efforts.

Co-Chair Kelley Wooldridge asked Reesha Powell to discuss how child welfare is addressing these issues. She reported that DCFS is addressing the kids not in their system, looking at how to track victims of non-familial perpetrators in UNITY, and how to connect them to resources. Internal policies will also be revamped and risk assessments performed on returning runaways. Theresa noted that work done by the CSEC Coalition Subcommittees will assist in these revisions.

5. For possible action – Approve proposal to establish a Legal Subcommittee

Agenda item number six was moved up as well, and Theresa noted that the Co-Chair Coordination meeting on November 8, 2017 resulted in a recommendation to form a Legal Subcommittee to address the CAPTA issue and other legal issues (MOU templated, review of Safe Harbor Law, etc.) and this recommendation was taken to the Executive Committee and approved. Theresa noted recommended participants and asked for questions and discussion.

Linda suggested the Coalition entertain a motion to establish the Legal Subcommittee and task the Chairs with finding the volunteers to serve. Judge Voy joined the meeting at this point.

Amber Howell reported that child welfare leaders met last week and had great debate over the issue, and therefore supported a legal subcommittee to support efforts throughout the state.

Theresa noted that 20-23 states are not in compliance with CAPTA but that the federal intent is for child welfare to serve these youths. Jeff Martin indicated his approval of a legal subcommittee and recommended Brigid Duffy and himself as participants. Amy Ayoub noted that the Southern Nevada Task Force has a legislative task force and recommended that Elyne Greene serve on the CSEC Legal Subcommittee as a liaison.

Motion: To establish the Legal Subcommittee and task Co-Chairs with identifying participants. Motion by Amber Howell. Second by Paula Hammack. All in favor, no opposition or abstentions. Motion carried.

6. For possible action – Amend Subcommittee Charters

The meeting turned to original agenda item seven, and Theresa noted that the Co-Chair Coordination Committee made some revisions to their work plans during their day-long meeting, specifically to some items in their charter which had been initially approved by the Coalition. The Executive Committee approved the amendments, and moved this item forward to the Coalition.

Motion: To approve the changes to the Subcommittee Charters as presented. Motion by Judge Young. Second by Lawrence Howell. All in favor, no opposition or abstentions. Motion carried.

7. For discussion – Receive reports on 11/08 Subcommittee Co-Chairs Coordination meeting and 11/17 Executive Committee meeting

As Theresa indicated, the Co-Chairs and other stakeholders participated in a day-long meeting on November 8, 2017, establishing some deliverables with timelines presented on a document to the Coalition. Justice Saitta joined the call.

8. For discussion – Review 2018 Coalition meeting schedule

The Coalition reviewed a proposed schedule for 2018 in order to have a first draft by April 2018. Dates that are not good were identified and February 8th or 9th were indicated as potentially good days for the next meeting, with Fridays being noted as easier for the judges. Locations will be reviewed for availability and SMBC staff will report back.

9. For discussion – Receive report on the 2017 Annual Report

Theresa noted that the annual report was submitted on time and distributed to the Governor, Chief Justice and the Attorney General and posted publicly. Hard copies are available at the next meeting, electronic copies available at any time. A PowerPoint presentation was crafted and presented to DCFS Rural Managers and other presentations are available upon request. Justice Saitta acknowledged the hard work of those who crafted the report and thanked them for a timely job well done.

Judge Voy asked to be put on the list for notifications of the Care Coordination Subcommittee, noting that their plan for care needs to include a non-medical model with a staff secure therapeutic facility, noting that without that element Nevada will fail a huge percentage of this population. He would like to make a presentation on this issue to the subcommittee. This might also be an item for the Legal Subcommittee in reviewing changes to 432B. Judge Voy also volunteered to serve on the Legal Subcommittee.

10. Announcements

No announcements.

11. 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.

12. Adjourned at 4:02 p.m.