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

DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

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

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum- Dr. Pitlock

Meeting called to order by Dr. Cindy Pitlock at 10:01am

Members Present: Dr. Cindy Pitlock, Ali Banister, Jessica Halling, Kimberly Mull, Brennan Paterson, Laurie Jackson, Nicole Reilly, Eboni Washington, Pauline Salla, Greg Flores, Makaya Swain, Brigid Duffy, Chelsea Hutton, Mike Barton, Fran Maldonado, Cara Paoli, Abigail Frierson, Kelly Jo Shebeck, DaShun Jackson, Ashley Martinez, Andrea Davis, Janice Wolf, Kimberly Yeager, Janice Wolf, Andrea Davis, Ashley Martinez

Members Absent: Andre Wade

Guests: Elynn Greene, Sara Stephan, Mike Allerdyce, Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Det. Robert Wright, Electra, Jennifer Malnar, Brittany Hopballe, Noel Roberts, Lea Case, Shannon McCoy, Brenda Sandquist, Daniel Monroe-Moreno, Dr. Megan Freeman

DCFS Support: Esther Rodriguez-Brown, Jessica Freeman, Lorena Bojorquez

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*)- **Dr. Pitlock**

None.

3. For Information Only: 2022 CSEC Coalition Member Introductions

Cindy Pitlock welcomed all the new members and stated she is very excited to have new members to roll into the next legislative session. She added that the new group is comprised of a lot of moving parts and appreciates everyone's time and commitment as there is a lot of work ahead.

No further discussion on this item.

4. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of January 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes- Dr. Pitlock

Dr. Pitlock opened the floor to questions or comments on the minutes.

ACTION: Cara Paoli motioned for approval of the January 31, 2022 meeting minutes. Brigid Duffy seconded motion. Non opposed, motion approved.

No further discussion on this item.

5. For Possible Action: Adoption of Bylaws

- **Addition of defining and allowing proxies under article 4**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown informed the members that an article will be added to the current bylaws to allow for proxies especially given that during the application process there was interest from more than one representative for several agencies. She added LVMPD as an example; given that Sgt. Flores is the Coalition's voting member however either Elynne Green or Lt. Roberts can serve as his proxy should he not be able to attend in the future.

Kimberly Mull stated that it is difficult for survivors to establish proxies because their individual experiences and expertise are specific to them therefore making it difficult to find someone that can fill their spot in a trauma informed manner. She understands the need for the rule however it is difficult for survivors to follow.

Dr. Pitlock thanked Kimberly Mull for the information provided and stated that the intent of the Coalition is to establish quorum at each meeting so that progress can be made.

Esther Brown-Rodriguez Brown asked if there is an alternative for the proxy rule that could aid in solving the issue? What is the alternative?

Kimberly Mull stated the importance of encouraging survivors to participate in this type of work and suggested including carving out a caveat for survivors because triggers can occur during meetings or life in general. She added that adding the caveat for the survivors would be a trauma informed response to the proxy rule.

Nicole Reilly suggested adding language to the bylaws that would require the survivor's communication with the facilitator in advance about not finding a proxy.

Kimberly Mull agreed and stated it was a great alternative.

Dr. Pitlock stated that it is important to keep in mind that these meetings are public therefore any communication outside of these meetings needs to adhere to OML (Open Meeting Law)

Chelsea Hutton stated that she too is a trauma survivor and agrees with Kimberly Mull's perspective however, she, in being part of similar groups and meetings, has grown accustomed to them not having

trauma informed foundations, so she tries to gauge her commitment level before participating. She added that maintaining communication and carving out a caveat for survivors is something that she would like to happen for this Coalition.

Dr. Pitlock asked Esther Rodriguez-Brown if new language should be proposed for an approval vote at the next meeting or should members be asked to submit their suggested language revisions today.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated she will provide some trauma informed language that will align with everyone's needs as there are identified and non-identified survivors of trauma on the Coalition. She will bring the proposed language to the next meeting for approval.

Dr. Pitlock stated that no vote will be taken at this time for this agenda item given that the newly proposed trauma informed language will be presented at the next meeting. She added that she welcomes anyone with additional input to contact Esther Rodriguez-Brown.

No further discussion on this item.

6. For Information Only: Provide updates on outstanding tasks from 2021 CSEC Subcommittees:

- **Nevada 211**
- **Statewide CSEC Database**

Dr. Pitlock stated that Esther Rodriguez-Brown will be providing updates on Nevada 211 and the statewide CSEC Database.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that the Nevada 211 project began with the External Engagement Subcommittee and although the subcommittee no longer exists, work is being done on implementation. She added that some of the members in attendance may have received an email from her requesting agency service updates for CSEC which will be added to the Nevada 211 site as part of the Human Trafficking tab that will be created. As for the statewide CSEC Database, Esther stated that meetings are being held with DCFS, Clark County and non-profit agencies to discuss confidentiality and implementation of the project with the SAC (Statistical Analysis Center) at UNLV. Esther opened the floor to questions.

No further discussion on this item.

Statewide CSEC database- working on starting the project, currently DCFS has a contract with UNLV. Still having meetings to make progress.

No further discussion on this item.

7. For Information Only: 2022 CSEC Subcommittees

- **Legislative Subcommittee Co-Chair Introductions and Update**
- **Strategic Planning Subcommittee Co-Chair Introductions and Update**

Dr. Pitlock stated that Esther Rodriguez-Brown would provide information on this item.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown informed the members that the first meeting for the Legislative Subcommittee was held the week prior and allowed for one of the co-chairs, Brigid Duffy to provide an update.

Brigid Duffy stated that during the first meeting, ideas were discussed for potential legislative recommendations and trying to find sponsors for BDR's. She stated that four areas they have agreed on are: Legislating assessment and training for child welfare and Juvenile Justice agencies, addressing the buyer statute to increase penalties and establish longer record sealing time, mandating MDT's (Multidisciplinary Teams) and lastly, ensuring due process rights for any child that is in need of being in a locked facility for treatment. Brigid informed everyone that the subcommittee agreed on starting

with mandating MDT's and training.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown thanked Brigid Duffy for her detailed update and informed the group that the first meeting for The Strategic Planning Subcommittee, which Shannon McCoy and Makaya Swain are co-chairs of will be held on March 17th.

Dr. Pitlock opened the floor to questions of comments on any of the updates.

Kimberly Mull asked how she could access more information on what the Legislative Subcommittee is doing.

Brigid Duffy stated that the extensive updates will be given at each Coalition meeting and the updates she just provided are everything that has been done so far. She added that a lot of the work also aligns with recommendations that came from Shared Hope International. Brigid added that there is room to join the subcommittee if she is interested.

Kimberly Mull stated that she has spent the last 3.5 years as a survivor leader and contractor for Shared Hope International. She helped develop their new grading system and did the legislative training on it around the country.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that she will be added to the Legislative Subcommittee invite.

Dr. Pitlock asked Kimberly Mull to stay in close contact with the legislative subcommittee as the items move forward and become BDR request, survivors will be asked to provide recommendations to legislation.

Kimberly Mull reiterated that she would like more information because from hearing the general update, she is opposed to at least one of the recommendations.

Brigid Duffy asked for clarification on Kimberly Mull's opposition.

Kimberly Mull stated that she opposes any juvenile survivor being in a locked facility and added that there are numerous survivor leaders opposing this on a national level.

Dr. Pitlock thanked Kimberly Mull for her perspective and stated it is important to keep this in mind as the new bill regarding the receiving centers refers to the facilities as 'locked'. She asked Brigid Duffy if she felt that amendments should be considered.

Brigid Duffy stated that this was considered during the last legislative session. It was decided that there was a need for a safe facility to treat sex trafficking victims with acute mental health crisis akin to that of an acute mental health hospital stay given that the trauma is extremely complex. The intent is trauma informed treatment, not punishment. Brigid stated that this is in statute and she is aware of the differing opinions however moving forward the next step is to establish due process rights.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown encouraged the survivors on the Coalition to also participate in the subcommittees given that they're where all the groundwork is being done that is brought for approval to the Coalition every quarter. She stressed the importance of ensuring that service provider recommendations align with the alternatives or solutions the survivors bring forward.

Dr. Pitlock agreed and stated that the original intent of the bill is to keep the victims safe and away from perpetrators and added that there is room to have these conversations in the Legislative Subcommittee.

Chelsea Hutton stated she is new to the Coalition and would like to be part of both current subcommittees. She added that she previously spent time in a locked facility and felt like she was being punished however now she is able to see the benefit and the safety. She stressed that the experience was very traumatic and is not aware of a way to not make it feel that way however she is open to having those conversations to find solutions.

Dr. Pitlock thanked Chelsea Hutton for sharing her experience and asked Brigid Duffy if she has any recommendations on these issues.

Brigid Duffy echoed Chelsea Hutton's statement regarding not seeing the solution yet but hopefully getting there soon adding the importance of having these conversations in the subcommittees to move toward consensus.

Esther Rodriguez Brown referring to Kimberly Mull's comment in the chat of "arrest the buyers", informed the group that this too is being addressed in the Legislative Subcommittee and reiterated the importance of survivor participation in said subcommittees. She added that they are creating laws to protect children.

No further discussion on this item.

8. For Discussion and Possible Action: Future Agenda Items

Dr. Pitlock opened the floor to recommendations on items for the next meeting agenda.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that reviewing the bylaws with the proxy language addition as well as subcommittee updates should be added.

Cindy Pitlock asked Kimberly Mull which group she is working with on a national level.

Kimberly Mull stated she is a consultant and works with several groups however the one discussed specifically here by Brigid Duffy is Shared Hope International. She added that she is a survivor consultant for them and has over the last three years been part of updating their report cards and updating their grading system. Over the last 10 years, there has been one set of report cards with a B average and Nevada having an A. Their grading system under the updated version can be thought of as a grade school level and once the states bring their grades up, the grading system will again undergo an update. Previously, there was a focus on safety however Shared Hope International is now focusing on education within the state systems and ensuring policies are focused on appropriate survivor services according to their needs.

Dr. Pitlock asked the Coalition if they would be interested receiving updates regarding work being done on a national level.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that she works closely alongside Brigid Duffy with Shared Hope International and is in consistent communication with other states on promising practices around the country on CSEC and could prepare an update for the next meeting. She added that there are currently only two receiving centers nationally; Georgia's is open, and Washington's bill is passed however they are not open yet.

Dr. Pitlock opened the floor for members' thoughts on Esther's proposal.

Janice Wolf stated she feels there is a disconnect between work being done and what the CSEC survivors are stating, therefore she is very interested in hearing Esther's updates as it would help ensure Nevada aligns their work with national trends.

Kimberly Mull stated that Shared Hope International is specific to CSEC. They are the premier policy organization for CSEC issues in the US. There is an established group of survivor leaders that work on policy issues for adults and minors and within that group she is part a subgroup of minor sex trafficking survivors in the US. She added that she agrees in that there is a disconnect between Nevada and best practices or promising in the US. The hope with the report cards is to bring individual attention to the states so that there can eventually be a national minimum standard. She added that the report cards are specifically tailored by state to show specific issues within the states. The report cards are done by the legal staff at shared hope international. She added that there are some discrepancies however overall,

they do a good job. She added that there is also a survivor leader initiative that works with other organizations to use policy as a way to help bring states to a standard that survivor leaders hope can be a minimal level of care and trauma informed practices for CSEC survivors.

Dr. Pitlock stated that she would like to learn about other states' successes and challenges in this field.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown asked Kimberly Mull to send her best practices and promising practices to help with her presentation at the next meeting.

Kimberly Mull stated she would send the requested information to Esther Rodriguez-Brown.

Brigid Duffy asked that if anyone has information on other states having positive outcome measures since moving away from locked facilities around 2015-2016 to please send it her way.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that there aren't any best practices as of right now, there are only promising practices. She encouraged members with any information on best practices to send it her way.

Dr. Pitlock suggested adding an update on successes and barriers to implementation at a national level and Esther Rodriguez-Brown to send everyone the Shared Hope International report card discussed today. She encouraged everyone to review the report card and added that it will not be discussed at length much in the next meeting as there should be a focus on learning from other states so that Nevada efforts aren't duplicated.

Kimberly Mull stated that Minnesota and Florida have specialized intake/foster care homes vs. group homes or locked facilities for CSEC and she can reach out to fellow survivor leaders to get more information on other states.

Brigid Duffy stated that she has researched Minnesota and has not been able to find data on successful work in this area so she appreciates the information that Kimberly Mull is going to share.

Kimberly Mull asked for clarification on outcomes, mental health or re-exploitation.

Brigid Duffy clarified that both building strong survivors and improving their mental health through services and ensuring work is being done to protect them from being exploited again are important.

Dr. Pitlock asked Esther Rodriguez-Brown if a formal vote was needed at this time.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that a vote is not required, the discussed items will be included. She reminded Kimberly Mull to send over the information discussed earlier.

No further discussion on this item.

9. For Information Only: Next Meeting: June 21, 2022. 10am-12pm (or until adjourned)

Dr. Pitlock reminded the members of the next meeting date.

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)*

11. Adjournment

Dr. Pitlock adjourned meeting at 11:04am.