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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022

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

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## AGENDA

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

Esther Brown called the meeting to order.

**Members Present:** Esther Rodriguez-Brown, Leslie Bittleston (proxy for Dr. Cindy Pitlock), Brigid Duffy, Nicole Reilly, Sarah Stephan, Jessica Halling, Cara Paoli, Kelly-Jo Shebeck, Lieutenant Roberts, Pauline Salla-Smith, Laurie Jackson, Andre Wade, Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Ashley Martinez, Fran Maldonado, Eboni Washington, Abigail Frierson, Brennan Paterson, Jessica Freeman, Brenda Sandquist, Shannon McCoy, Abigail Frierson, Annie Lobert,

**Members Absent:** Ali Banister, DeShun Jackson, Andrea Davis, Makaya Swain, Chelsea Huntsman, Michael Barton

**Guests:** Donna Laffey, Dylan Nall, Elynne Greene, Kelli Mosley, Gina Hinds, Maria Janos, Jennifer White, Kristina Meyers, Linda Anderson,

Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

**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*)- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

There was no public comment.

**3. For Possible Action:** Approval of June 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes- Leslie Bittleston

**Action:** A motion was made by Laurie Jackson to approve the June 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes, Cara Paoli seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

**4. For Information Only:** Citizens Review Panel Presentation- Dylan Nall

Dylan Nall indicated the intent of today's discussion is to explain what the CRP is, why it is important, and how this pertains to the CSEC Coalition. Dylan Nall explained that according to [childwelfare.org](http://childwelfare.org), CRP panels, review policies, procedures, and state agencies must respond to panel recommendations for system and practice improvement. Dylan Nall indicated that CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) requires each state to recreate CRPs that meet quarterly and then report annually on what efforts are being made to ensure the state is following federal guidelines. Dylan Nall further indicated that these CRPs can vary by design and can be a foster care review team, a child death review team, the Children's Justice Acts Committee, or a new committee to ensure the state is meeting CAPTA requirements and request change from local and state child welfare agencies. Dylan Nall explained that the members of the CRPs are volunteers with expertise in child welfare or victims, both child and adult, of past child abuse and neglect. Dylan Nall further explained that the mission of CRPs is to improve Child Protective Services at the state and local levels. CRPs assist the Division of Child and Family Services and local county agencies to continuously assess services provided to Nevada's children and families. Dylan Nall informed the Coalition that panels are required to review the state's process and progress in achieving these CAPTA plan goals and have the opportunity to review various aspects of child protective services in their own community. Dylan Nall further indicated that these panels have flexibility in determining how to proceed with identifying projects and/or activities that interest and best support each panel's area of expertise. Dylan Nall informed the Coalition that CAPTA encourages the states to give special attention to the qualifications of the panelists, and to the review of complex child treatment, including a balance among children's attorneys, advocates, and cost of volunteers who are familiar with the difficulties of Child Protection Programs. Dylan Nall further indicated that CRPs must meet at minimum quarterly, examine the policies, procedures, and practices of state and local child welfare agencies or child protection agencies, and then they must review specific cases when appropriate. Dylan Nall added that CRPs are to review various aspects of child protection system at the state and local levels and make recommendations for improvements and that panels include members of expertise in prevention and treatment of child abuse and

neglect, and have diverse membership. Therefore, Dylan Nall explained, some of the people who are representatives could be from community advocacy or non-profit organizations, public child serving agencies, law enforcement, parent and youth leaders, court systems, which include attorney and judge, mental health education, and public health.

Dylan Nall next discussed the Children's Justice Act, one of Nevada's CRPs, which was established in 1994 under CAPTA and indicated that Nevada receives funding annually to improve CPS at its local and statewide child welfare agencies. She added that there are currently 14 members on this Committee and their purpose is to develop, establish, and operate programs that are designed to improve CPS investigations and assessments. These cases are suspected of child abuse and neglect, with a special emphasis on sexual abuse, exploitation, child fatalities in cases involving children with disabilities or serious health problems who are victims of child abuse and neglect. Dylan Nall explained that this task force funds MDTs, policy development, and our pilot programs.

Dylan Nall next discussed the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) in Clark County, indicating that this serves as the liaison between the community of Clark County and the Department of Family Services in Clark County with the purpose of identifying social issues and service requirements and then communicating these issues back to the Department of Family Services. Dylan Nall explained that this committee examines areas on which DFS needs to focus and then initiates requirements and forwards them to the DFS administrator.

Dylan Nall next discussed the Children's Death Review Committee (CDR), indicating that in 2003, Nevada passed a law placing a tax on death certificates, which is used for the prevention campaign around four causes of death regarding children ages 0 to 17. Dylan Nall explained that in this past year, the committee was awarded money to help target preventing suicide in children, one of the leading causes of death in children. As such, Nevada's Child Fatality Review Process includes local multidisciplinary routine and reviews most of the child fatalities between the ages of 0 and 17. Dylan Nall indicated that this committee meets quarterly, adopts statewide protocol for the review of death, and distributes an annual report that includes statistics and recommendation to help prevent children's death as well as regulatory and policy changes.

Dylan Nall next discussed the dual role of CRP, explaining that they must prepare and submit an annual report containing a summary of all activities of the panel and recommendations to improve Child Protection Services. Dylan Nall noted that DCFS provides each panel with an annual report format and requesting a brief summary of the panel's activities and recommendations and within six months of the receipt of this report, DCFS must respond to each panel's annual report and describe whether or not the state will incorporate the recommendations of the panel.

Dylan Nall explained that many CRPs around the US have subcommittees that meet at least monthly to ensure the work is being completed. Dylan Nall further explained that panel members can choose their subcommittee, which allows them to be more passionate about the work being completed. Dylan Nall further indicated that the subcommittees are beneficial as they give panel members time and space to solely address work on items about which they are passionate. Dylan Nall next explained that every quarter, the National Citizens Review Panel through the Capacity for Building Center does a quarterly call regarding CRPs during which CRP infrastructure is discussed and explained by sharing real world examples.

Dylan Nall informed the Coalition that each year, the national CRP Review Panel holds a two-day conference somewhere in the US, with 2020 and 2021 held virtually, and beginning in 2022, the

conferences returning to in-person. Dylan Nall indicated that any members of the Coalition interested in joining or attending the National CRP Conference should contact Dylan Nall directly for information.

Dylan Nall concluded the presentation by noting that once upon a time, the CSEC Coalition was considered a CRP, and since Coalition meetings now take place at least quarterly, because there are subcommittees, and because there is legislation practices, CSEC is again considered a CRP and will be asked to take part and engage in recommendations.

No further discussion on this item.

**5. For Information Only:** Provide updates on outstanding tasks from 2021 CSEC Subcommittees- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

- Nevada 211

Kristina Meyers presented images, which are currently placeholders, build using the feedback from members of CSEC. Ms. Meyers indicated that an explanation of human trafficking has been provided along with a background, as well as an action section informing people of what they should do should they find themselves in this situation. Ms. Meyers further indicated the inclusion of different programs and resources, and noted that all of this is up for revision and modification as needed.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that this will be on the Nevada 211 website following approval.

Brennan Paterson noted that it would be good to include a link to CSEC's resources.

Jennifer White, Nevada 211, noted that she would like to list CSEC on the website, as well, in order to reach as many people as possible.

Pauline Salla-Smith noted her hope that once released on the Nevada 211 website, CSEC could work closely with law enforcement to get the message out.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that once released, this information will be sent out to various law enforcement personnel to ensure awareness.

Dr. Alexis Kennedy suggested a running banner with the helpline information at the top and other places for prominence.

Kristina Meyers concurred.

Cara Paoli suggested making the font for the small print one size larger to make it easier to read for those with impaired vision.

Teresa Marie, UNLV, noted that when clicking on the safety exit option, it does remove the user to Google and eliminates that back option, but does not remove this from search history and asked if this is something that could be coded out.

Kristina Meyers noted that because history is private, websites are not given access to the history of the computer users and therefore, the only way to erase it from history is for the user to erase it themselves. Ms. Meyers did note that the staying safe online section could include the tip to clear history.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown suggested putting this on the initial page.

Kristina Meyers suggested adding a link to DuckDuckGo, a browser that does not record any data.

Jessica Halling asked if the "exit now" technology on other websites regarding human trafficking and domestic violence clears web history.

Elynn Greene noted that it does not clear the history, but does quickly exit the user from the page.

Jessica Halling suggested adding pictures of some older people on the website as trafficking can happen to anyone of any age.

Alexis Kennedy adding some gender-diverse images.

Kristina Meyers noted that she will make a collage of different images and share them for the approval of the members.

- Statewide CSEC Database

Dr. Kennedy informed the members that the first data-use agreement is in place with DCFS, the data has been received, and in a week's time, there will be a dedicated, secure computer to hold this data.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated anyone wishing to meet with Jessica, Ms. Rodriguez-Brown, or Dr. Kennedy to discuss the details of the MOU should let Ms. Rodriguez-Brown know so this can be facilitated.

No further discussion on this item.

**6. For Discussion and Possible Action:** 2022 CSEC Subcommittees- Brigid Duffy, Sara Stephan, Makaya Swain, Shannon McCoy

- Legislative Subcommittee Co-Chair Introductions and Update

Brigid Duffy updated the Coalition on the successes the subcommittee has had, including that the HHS interim committee took four of the subcommittee's recommended BDRs, one of which requires training among juvenile justice staff, DCFS staff, and staff within the school districts. Ms. Duffy discussed other things accepted, including the executive committee, MDT, and some safe-harbor statute laws. Ms. Duffy explained that the Judiciary Interim Committee approved the subcommittee's BDR regarding the requirement of a screening tool for both the Juvenile Justice and the Child Welfare Systems, and indicated that although most of those agencies across the state use screening tools, this BDR implements it via statute. Ms. Duffy next indicated that two bills were not passed by committee: increasing buyer penalties for buyers of juvenile victims; and testimony by alternative means extensions to children below the age of 18. Ms. Duffy did indicate, however, that several groups are working with stakeholders in communities and lobbying groups to see if any independent legislators may want to take these forward during session. Ms. Duffy concluded her presentation by noting that the subcommittee is on hold until the start of the legislative session.

- Strategic Planning Subcommittee Co-Chair Introductions and Update

Shannon McCoy indicated that the Strategic Planning Subcommittee has been working on reviewing the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force document that outlined best-practice standards for service in several categories, including: media best practices; therapy providers' best practices for this population; case management best practices. Ms. McCoy informed the Coalition that the subcommittee is very close to having a final product to bring

forward to the Coalition for review and recommendation. Ms. McCoy next indicated that the subcommittee has been engaged in discussion regarding the best format by which to introduce this information, whether it be online or otherwise. Ms. McCoy further indicated that a review of a standardized assessment tool, CSE-IT, in place of or in addition to the NRIT is also being done by the subcommittee.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown added that the subcommittee is also looking to put together a website, similar to the work taking place with Nevada 211, that be hosted on the DCFS website and will include a more interactive preventative guide. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown further informed the Coalition that the best practices put together were based on and adapted from those of the Sierra Nevada Task Force, and that this document will be put together and following final approval from the subcommittee, will be brought forward to the full Coalition in December.

**Action:** A motion was made by Brennan Paterson to approve the recommendations presented by the Legislative Subcommittee and Strategic Planning Subcommittee, Pauline Salla-Smith seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

**7. For Discussion and Possible Action:** Creation of Child Labor Trafficking Subcommittee- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that Brittany Hopballe had reached out to her regarding beginning work around child labor trafficking. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated that the Coalition does focus a lot on the sexual exploitation of children, but not enough on child labor trafficking and suggested the creation of a new subcommittee while the Legislative Subcommittee is on hiatus following the close of the legislative session. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown suggested Brennan Paterson would be a great asset for this subcommittee because of his role within the state.

Brennan Paterson concurred, stating that this is a good idea and noted that the state would benefit from having a concentration on this particular issue.

Brigid Duffy noted that while she had no objections to this subcommittee, she urged caution for the Coalition not to take on too much and as a result, lose focus of the original intent of the Coalition. Ms. Duffy also noted the importance of ensuring that the Coalition has the authority to create another subcommittee. Brigid Duffy further indicated that it would be helpful to the members to receive a presentation of the issues the state is facing regarding this issue at a future meeting.

**Action:** A motion was made by Brigid Duffy to table this topic for a future meeting with a presentation to be provided, followed by looking at steps to move forward, Laurie Jackson seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

Lieutenant Noel Roberts asked who would be providing the presentation of this issue.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that this has not yet been decided.

Lieutenant Noel Roberts indicated his willingness to talk to the lieutenant in the special investigation section that oversees labor trafficking to perhaps garner further resources.

Elynn Greene noted the strong propensity for co-occurring sex and labor, especially among juveniles and suggested looking to see if Polaris has any information on this subject that could provide the Coalition with a foundation.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that she will contact Polaris Project to see if some groundwork can be done prior to the next meeting.

No further discussion on this item.

**8. For Discussion and Possible Action: Future Agenda Items- Leslie Bittleston**

Leslie Bittleston noted that the presentation on child labor trafficking problems has been added as a future agenda item and asked members for additional suggestions.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown suggested adding an update on the receiving centers.

Leslie Bittleston suggested another update on Nevada 211.

**Action:** A motion was made by Brenan Paterson to add the three suggested topics to a future meeting agenda in addition to the standing agenda items, Cara Paoli seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

**9. For Information Only: Next Meeting: December 20, 2022. 10am-12pm (or until adjourned)- Leslie Bittleston**

Leslie Bittleston informed the Coalition that the next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or until adjourned.

**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*)- Leslie Bittleston

There was no public comment.

**11. Adjournment-** Leslie Bittleston

Leslie Bittleston adjourned the meeting of the Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children at 11:18 a.m.