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NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN: EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, September 9, 2021

TIME: 10:00 am – 11:30 am (or until adjournment)

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum- Jessica Halling

Jessica Halling called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. Esther Rodriguez- Brown took roll call; a quorum was established.

Members Present: Esther Brown, Brigid Duffy, Jessica Halling, Eileen Hough, Brenda Sandquist, Lauren Boitel, Nicole Reilly, Brennan Paterson, Wes Leedy, Stacey Scott, Danica Anderson, Makaya Swain, Brigid Duffy,

Members Absent: Holly Gibbs, Ryan Gustafson, Brittany Hopballe, Pauline Salla, Melissa Holland, Michael Bartel

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*)

There was no public comment

3. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes-Jessica Halling
Jessica Halling opened the floor to discussion or corrections of the minutes.

Action: A motion was made by Eileen Hough to approve the August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes, Brennan Paterson seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

Esther Rodriguez- Brown introduced new member, Makaya Swain, Director of the Embracing Project.

No further discussion on this item.

4. For Possible Action: External Engagement Subcommittee Charter Objective 2c Workgroup - Members to bring forth ideas, information, and have a discussion regarding resources for Human Trafficking Tab on Nevada 211 Website-Eileen Hough, Lauren Boitel

Esther Brown informed the subcommittee that the planned meeting that had been discussed the previous month did not happen as the result of conflicting schedules of members.

Lauren Boitel explained that she and Eileen Hough created a Google document in which categories for every service outlined in the protocol were created. Ms. Boitel then researched existing information regarding Nevada 211 and added resource links to the document. Ms. Boitel indicated that although the goal is to work with Nevada 211 on this objective, it is important to note that most of the standards are general and do not adhere to the standards for providers that are outlined in the response protocol and as such, Ms. Boitel indicated the need for the subcommittee to decide whether to continue to link to these resources and list them as vetted resources. Ms. Boitel explained that the objective was specific to the request to create a specific human trafficking tab. Ms. Boitel further explained that there is something that already exists on the page for human trafficking that has a few resources and a section that points to other related resources. As such, Ms. Boitel indicated that there are two options: the subcommittee can note which service providers adhere to the standards or create a separate, downloadable PDF similar to what Eileen Hough previously sent containing resources for survivors of sexual assault. Ms. Boitel further indicated that neither she nor Eileen Hough know all of the resources that exist and welcomed input from the members Ms. Boitel explained that if the subcommittee wants everything listed on Nevada 211, there is a process which needs to be followed to make this happen.

Eileen Hough questioned if people linking to another document for resources creates a barrier in their ability to easily access what they're looking for. As such, Ms. Hough questioned the need for all the resources to fit into the agencies that meet the standards and wondered if instead something like an asterisk could be added beside agencies to indicate they meet CSEC standards.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown explained her opinion of the necessity of the tab to direct users more easily to locations for help, indicating that any organization that provides any information for CSEC or human trafficking should be under the human trafficking tab whether or not they can be accessed under other tabs as well.

Eileen Hough indicated the value of users looking for resources to be able to access all available resources and questioned if it was critical for Nevada 211 resources to distinguish that an agency meets the standards and the protocol for CSEC.

Jessica Halling explained that trying to vet organizations for the Coalition, although a goal for CSEC, is likely a long-term goal as there are many things that need to be identified during the vetting process. Ms. Halling further indicated that the priority is to get resources to users, whether those resources meet the standards or not. Ms. Halling explained that most of the resources are receiving federal, state, or county funding so therefore, they do meet some level of quality. Ms. Halling opined that for these reasons, it is important for the subcommittee to get the Nevada 211 resources going with what the subcommittee knows and has with a long-term goal of the group eventually vetting organizations.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that one of the recommendations when SB293 was being discussed was to certify organizations within the guidelines. Ms. Brown further explained that DCFS currently working on a process for specialized foster homes and suggested utilizing those same guidelines for CSEC so that efforts aren't duplicated down the line. Ms. Brown welcomed volunteers to reach out to the organizations listed on the Nevada 211 site and request updates regarding what services they provide.

Eileen Hough explained that Nevada 211 has requested that the subcommittee reach out directly to any agency not listed already through Nevada 211 because the members are the ones who have relationships with the agencies and as such, may receive a better response when informed that the subcommittee is creating a tab for human trafficking and would like to include them as a resource. Ms. Hough further explained that Nevada 211 has an introduction form for agencies to fill out, after which David Poyner from Nevada 211 will reach out to the agencies personally to ensure that the agency fits Nevada 211's criteria.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that if members in the subcommittee are aware of an agency or organization that provides services and is not listed on Nevada 211, they can send the information directly to Ms. Brown, who will reach out as the CSEC Coordinator and then contact Nevada 211 for next steps.

Jessica Halling asked Ms. Boitel and Ms. Hough if there were any organizations they had noticed when going through that were not listed and asked Ms. Hough if the organization needs to be a non-profit in order to be listed.

David Poyner, Nevada 211, explained that organizations do not necessarily need to be non-profits but that non-profits and government agencies automatically qualify whereas the services commercial agencies provide must meet certain criteria.

Jennifer White, Nevada 211 Coordinator, informed the subcommittee that private agencies and providers can be listed if they provide a unique service or something that cannot be found in a non-profit/government type of field.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown informed the subcommittee that she would email the Nevada 211 inclusion/exclusion policy Ms. White provided via meeting chat.

In response to Ms. Halling's questions regarding organizations that were not listed, Eileen Hough informed the subcommittee that she personally does not have the knowledge to know which agencies are appropriate for listing and thus indicated that she needs some additional resources in order to determine if agencies that should be listed are missing.

Jessica Halling volunteered to go through the tabs and see if she can recognize any missing organizations and suggested leaving the list as is and move the vetting piece to the CSEC Coalition.

Eileen Hough asked for clarity regarding on what the CSEC Coalition would be voting.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that there will not be vetting at this time as there are not yet guidelines in place. Ms. Brown further explained that many counties and government agencies follow their own vetting process and as such, vetting is not part of the Coalition's objective at this time. Ms. Brown indicated that when the Coalition is provided with guidelines and requirements for organizations to be part of Nevada 211, at that point the vetting will go through the full CSEC Coalition and not through the subcommittee.

Eileen Hough clarified that her question had to do with voting at the CSEC Coalition rather than vetting.

Jessica Halling asked if the vote would be to move the documentation forward as-is.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that first the subcommittee needs to vote that this is the documentation that they want to put forth to the Coalition, and then the Coalition will present the subcommittee-approved document and the need for a human-trafficking tab on the Nevada 211 site. The Coalition's next meeting is on September 21st.

Eileen Hough asked if there were other volunteers in addition to Ms. Halling to look through the document prior to the CSEC Coalition meeting to see what organizations might be missing.

Esther Brown reiterated that she also would go through the document to look for missing pieces and welcomed all Subcommittee members to go through the document and notify her if they found something missing.

Action: Eileen Hough made a motion to approve the document to be presented at the CSEC Coalition on September 21, 2021, Brigid Duffy seconded the motion. No objections, motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

5. For Possible Action: Identify any Upcoming Tasks and Possible Next Steps from External Engagement Subcommittee Charter-Jessica Halling

Esther Brown indicated that she sent a compiled document to the subcommittee of the screening tools, which are promising practices and best practices. Ms. Brown further indicated that there is not currently a screening tool that exists at the community level, and that there definitely is a need for a unified tool that can be used at the community level that is similar to the NRIT (Nevada Rapid Indicator Tool) which is used at the system level. Ms. Brown requested two volunteers who do direct services to meet with her and help compile a screening tool that can be presented to the Coalition for approval at the meeting on September 21st.

Jessica Halling volunteered herself and Stacey Scott indicating that it is important to include someone who is in actual contact with identified victims in this work as their perspective of what they're seeing in the field is helpful.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown concurred with Ms. Halling's suggestion.

Stacey Scott indicated her willingness to work on this screening tool.

Makaya Swain indicated her willingness to work on this screening tool.

Esther Brown indicated that this task of working on this community screening tool will be the next priority following the Coalition's votes on aforementioned proposals, including the NRIT tool and the Nevada 211 documentation, as well as a healthcare tool presented by Holly Gibbs at a previous External Engagement meeting.

Action: Brigid Duffy made a motion to approve that Jessica Halling, Stacey Scott, and Makaya Swain work with Esther Rodriguez-Brown on the creation of the community screening tool, Brennan Paterson seconded the motion. No objection. Motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

6. **For Possible Action: Future Agenda Ideas Provided by Members-Jessica Halling**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated the subcommittees will no longer be meeting monthly and will instead meet every other month, always in the month preceding the CSEC Coalition meetings, in the interest of accomplishing all the work needing to be done as well as providing updated information. As such, the next External Engagement Subcommittee meeting will be in November rather than October therefore the community screening tool needs to be added as an agenda item for that meeting as well as updates regarding Nevada 211 and the NRIT tool. Ms. Brown further indicated that agenda items do not need to be added right now and that members can email her in the future should they have a suggestion for the next meeting's agenda.

Eileen Hough indicated that she is on another committee regarding public awareness with a December deadline, which ties into this subcommittee's Nevada 211 work. Therefore, Ms. Hough asked about the criticality of not following the timelines currently laid out.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown reminded the members that this group is no longer tied to the timelines provided in the original External Engagement Charter given that a vote was taken at a previous meeting to remove them along with the member list in order to create a more fluid, easily editable document.

Jessica Halling discussed adding 5c, the law against perpetrators and consumers, and asked Lauren Boitel if this could be aligned with the policy council.

Lauren Boitel indicated that she has started a Google document about the policy council that she will update with the results from session. Ms. Boitel informed the subcommittee that each of the objectives had a deadline and asked that if the deadlines need to be updated, to please inform her so that she can gather the group or provide updates as needed.

Jessica Halling indicated that the timelines can be removed to ensure that the subcommittee has completed one action item at a time.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown confirmed Ms. Halling's indication regarding removing timelines. Ms. Brown further indicated the importance of the subcommittee, in the future, creating recommendations for organizations doing PSA's and the things that should and should not be included in those PSA's. Ms. Brown informed the members that she has shared some of these best practices from other states.

Lauren Boitel asked if it would be good to start that conversation in November as many organizations will be preparing for January at that time.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that it would be good to have an agenda item called 'best-practices for awareness campaigns', or something to that effect, for the November meeting.

Eileen Hough concurred with the importance of adding this as an agenda item and thanked Ms. Brown for sharing the information regarding how other states are handling their campaigns.

Jessica Halling explained that there is a PSA that rolled out in the northern part of the state that is sensationalized and indicated that this should be a topic of discussion. Ms. Halling further explained that there are many organizations willing to give feedback prior to publishing PSAs and encouraged the members to give hers and Esther Brown's contact information to any of these organizations with whom members may be familiar so that the subcommittee can provide feedback before the PSAs are actually published.

Action: Brigid Duffy made a motion to approve that best practices for PSAs be added as an item on the next agenda in November, Eileen Hough seconded the motion. No objection. Motion carries.

Jessica Halling informed the members that she received an email from Melissa Holland regarding lobbyist Russel Greer, Executive Director of A Safer Nevada, pushing for full decriminalization and is asking for donations. Ms. Halling explained that this lobbyist is trying to raise \$2 million and cautioned that the man is openly a sex buyer who purchases sex and then says the women inform him of the terrible conditions. Ms. Halling stated she would share the email with the members as well as the article for review.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that once she's received the email, she will inform the CSEC Coalition of this and added that it might be a good time to start working toward future legislation on criminalizing the demand.

Brigid Duffy indicated that this is already a crime, but it is not enforced.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown suggested discussing this subject as an agenda item in November.

Jessica Halling informed the subcommittee that full decriminalization is a topic of discussion in every state.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown informed the subcommittee that she posted the article in the meeting chat for everyone.

7. For Information: Next Meeting: November 9, 2021. 10:00 am-11:30 am (or until adjournment)

Jessica Halling informed the subcommittee that the next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2021 from 10am to 11:30 am or until adjournment.

Stacy Scott pointed out that Thursday, November 11 is Veteran's Day.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown suggested moving the meeting to Tuesday, November 9th at 10am.

The members indicated that Tuesday, November 9 would work for them.

Action: Stacey Scott motioned to move the next meeting of the External Engagement Subcommittee from Thursday, November 11 to Tuesday, November 9 due to the holiday, Brigid Duffy seconded the motion. No objection. Motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

8. Final Public Comment and Discussion

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None.

9. Adjournment

Jessica Halling adjourned the September 9, 2021 meeting of the External Engagement Subcommittee at 11 a.m.