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### NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN: LOCAL TASK FORCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 3, 2021 10:00am

**LOCATION:** Division of Child and Family Services; 4126 Technology Way, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Carson City, NV 89706

**TELECONFERENCE ACCESS:** Join the meeting: <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> Call in number: <u>+1 775-321-6111</u>Phone Conference ID: 501 791 603#

### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:09am by Nicole Reilly

**Members Present:** Brenda Sanquist, Nicole Reilly, Ali Banister, Kylee Spring, Jen Robinson, Shannon McCoy, Kim Taitano, Laurie Jackson, Brigid Duffy, Abigail Frierson, Kim Yeager, Holly Gibbs

Members Absent: Janice Wolf, Elynne Greene, Chris Davin, Det. Wes Leedy, Sgt. Curtis Bleak

DCFS Staff Members Present: Hayley Jarolimek, Esther Rodriguez-Brown

Guests: Dylan Nall, Beverly Brown

A quorum was present.

## 2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

No further discussion.

3. For Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of May 6, 2021 minutes.

Nicole Reilly opened the floor to discussion on or corrections to the May 6, 2021 meeting minutes.

**Motion**: Brigid Duffy motioned to approve the May 6<sup>th</sup> minutes, Abigail Frierson seconded motion. No objections, no abstentions, motion carried unanimously.

No further discussion on this item.

4. For Discussion and Possible Action: MOU Presentation and possible approval as the template to be included in the final Resource Guide

Elynne Greene was unable to attend the meeting, Nicole asked for confirmation of there being an MDR template in the Model Protocol Response & Toolkit.

Esther stated that the Strategic Plan has a whole chapter on MDT's, it is on page 49.

Hayley Jarolimek stated that the Model Protocol Response & Toolkit incudes information on the differences between MDT's and Task Forces.

Nicole Reilly stated that all this work has been done however implementation progress is not occurring. This subcommittee is re-reviewing what has already been published. She added that implementation is to include identification of where MDT's are needed and contacting those jurisdictions, providing them with the Strategic Plan and assigning a member of the task force to take responsibility for that jurisdiction. Members would reach out and start conversations on what implementation looks like.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force MOU could be used as a template to implement another MDT in Northern Nevada.

Nicole Reilly suggested drafting an MDT MOU and including it as part of the information packet that would be sent to jurisdictions that may be interested.

Shannon McCoy stated that in child welfare, MDT's are done all the time, there is a policy for kids in child welfare that are CSEC victims which require MDT's. On the other hand, the task force has experienced challenges in bringing the community in and addressing CSEC issues from a higher level. Currently, there is not an MOU for their local task force just a confidentiality agreement.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown asked if this is similar to a CFT. Shannon confirmed that in Washoe, CFT and MDT's are interchangeable.

Brigid Duffy stated that in Clark County, the MDT process as just described by Shannon looks the same. She added that she agrees with the comments being made regarding the differences in how an MDT's and task forces operate.

Hayley Jarolimek stated that the same distinctions are included in the Model Response Protocol & Toolkit. She asked what the rural region is doing regarding the MDT's or task forces.

Kim Yeager stated that Truckers Against Trafficking has partnered with truck stops in Nevada and throughout the U.S. to educate their employees on identification of sex trafficking; she can share materials for those interested.

Laurie Jackson stated that the rural region does not have CSEC specific MDT's as described by Shannon McCoy. There have not been any CSEC youth identified in Elko or the areas surrounding the I-80 corridor. If and when there is a potential CSEC youth, community partners will be contacted to formalize a specialized group. Currently, to her knowledge, there is not an MOU for these groups, but she will double check.

Nicole Reilly stated that after working with Carson City and Douglas, it was found that several youths are either trafficked or at high risk of being trafficked, but they never come into contact with child welfare therefore Juvenile Probation should be included.

Shannon McCoy stated that the development of the task force in Washoe went a long way to educate partners in identification factors. She asked if there is a need for a mechanism to identify CSEC outside of child welfare. Should there be a standing body of community partners that could take the lead in meeting monthly to discuss their options?

Nicole Reilly stated that she agrees with that structure as it would capture all potential CSEC in the community.

Brigid Duffy stated that NRS 432C includes a mandated reporter requirement. In the rural region, Juvenile Probation is required to report to the DCFS whom in turn takes over the assessment and service referral.

Nicole Reilly suggested creating a brief document summarizing NRS 432C which would be sent to Nevada Chiefs and Sheriffs Association and other organizations for further dissemination among their staff.

Beverly Brown stated she is working on a statewide standardized mandated reporter training for CSEC however she can create a one-page document as Nicole has described.

Shannon McCoy suggested having the chosen MOU sanctioned by the AG's office so that using it is easier. Nicole Reilly stated that, if Shannon sends it to her, she can assist in having a DAG review it and present at the next meeting for the subcommittee to vote on.

Hayley Jarolimek suggested exploring ways to involve school districts and get them onboard with a local task force and develop an MDT. She added that high risk youth should be handled as a task force within the community which is separate from an MDT.

Brigid Duffy suggested reaching out to NAJA and the Nevada Chiefs and Sheriffs Association with NRS 432C documents, informing them the subcommittee is trying to implement local task forces in rural communities and offer training information if interested.

Ali Banister stated she is a member of both and can present the NRS 432C letter.

Hayley Jarolimek suggested having the one-page document in a letter format that can be brought to the June Coalition meeting for review and approval.

Brigid Duffy and Beverly Brown will collaborate on the letter and send to FPO by Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> for presentation at full coalition meeting.

No further discussion on this item.

5. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Resiliency and Multidisciplinary Team Trainings to be included in the final Resource Guide

Nicole Reilly stated that the Futures Without Violence and the Multidisciplinary Team Trainings with the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center were discussed during last month's meeting but not included on the appropriate spreadsheet.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated she would add both trainings to the spreadsheet.

Nicole Reilly suggested taking action on the training spreadsheets.

Shannon McCoy confirmed that both lists of trainings on the Google Doc. include updated information.

Motion: Shannon McCoy motions to remove trainings in red from Multidisciplinary Team Trainings Spreadsheet, Brigid Duffy seconded motion. No objections, no abstentions, motion carried unanimously.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that part of SB293 included creating mandatory standards for anyone serving CSEC, she asked if that would be discussed in this subcommittee.

Nicole Reilly clarified that the trainings listed are to provide guidance on establishing an MDT, informing recipients of an MDT's role and responsibilities. An MDT will not provide direct service so the standards would not apply to this group.

**Motion:** Shannon McCoy motioned to add the two mentioned trainings to complete the list that will be sent to the coalition to have the regions establish successful MDT's. Brigid Duffy seconded motion. No objections, no abstentions, motion carried unanimously.

Nicole Reilly stated that review and approval of the resiliency training list will be tabled until the next meeting.

Esther Rodriquez-Brown stated that Futures Without Violence is specific to domestic violence therefore it does not need to be included.

No further discussion on this item.

#### 6. For Discussion and Possible Action: Subcommittee Member Task Distribution

Nicole Reilly read the pending tasks:

- Identification of task forces/MDT's statewide
- Identification of regional members of existing task forces/MDT's or the appropriate members to include in the discussion
- Other tasks identified by members to be completed

Nicole Reilly suggested creating another Google Doc. to compile information on identification of statewide task forces or MDT's, specific to CSEC. What a CSEC task force or MDT looks like would have to be part of the information compiled.

Shannon McCoy suggested mirroring something like the monthly child fatality groups in each jurisdiction.

Hayley Jarolimek stated it's important to be clear in how either group would operate given the jurisdictional differences. Child fatality meetings in Clark County operate like a task force but in smaller communities, they operate more like an MDT.

Nicole Reilly stated that part of the subcommittee's work with this would include identifying contacts for each jurisdiction in the three main organization areas, law enforcement, juvenile justice and child welfare. Upon identification, communication would be initiated on establishing an MDT or task force in their area would be held. She asked the members if the conversation should be brought to the coalition, presenting the NRS 432C letter, trainings lists and the already established coordinated response to help identify what the next steps would be in getting the task forces and MDT's established.

Brigid Duffy suggested identifying contacts at the child welfare agencies and looping in law enforcement representation with the help of Ali Banister. She added that community advocates will be needed; Awaken and The Embracing Project may be able to provide information on advocates they're familiar with in the rural regions. The Nevada Department of Education could help with rural region representation.

Nicole Reilly agreed and stated that the District Attorney's Association could be added as well. For the time being, there are no tasks to assign for this item so it will be placed on hold.

No further discussion on this item.

#### 7. Future Agenda Items:

Nicole Reilly summarized the agenda items:

- Review and Approval of Resiliency Training List
- Discuss recommendations that will be brought to the coalition on agency and jurisdictional outreach
- Review and Approval of MOU
- Discussion on Strategy 3a.3which includes TOT CSEC Curriculum identified in Protocol.

No further discussion on this item.

8. For Information Only: Confirm Next Meeting Date: June 1, 2021. 10:00am-11:30am

# 9. For Discussion Only: Final Public Comment

There was no public comment.

# 10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:29am.