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NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN: LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, June 9, 2022

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

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jessica Freeman called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Brigid Duffy, Sara Stephan, Cara Paoli, Elynne Greene, Greg Flores, Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Joseph Saiz, DaShun Jackson, Makaya Swain, Katie Ryan, Jennifer Spencer, Samantha Elkins

Members Absent: Abigail Frierson, Brittany Hopballe, Jessica Cisneros, Kimberly Yeager, Lauren Boitel, Nicole Reilly, Jason Guinasso, Annie Lobert, Sharon Anderson, Christina Vela

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 Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of May 12, 2022 minutes.

Brigid Duffy opened the floor to discussion or corrections of the minutes.

Action: A motion was made by Elynne Greene to approve the May 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes, DaShun Jackson Hough seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

4. For Information: Strategic Subcommittee Update: Screening Tools

Brigid Duffy indicated that this is a misworded agenda item and reminded the Subcommittee that the last meeting included discussion around adding into statute a validated risk assessment tool to identify victims as well as require training for individuals who have routine contact with juveniles in their work. Ms. Duffy reiterated that at the end of the discussion for that particular agenda item at the last meeting, Washoe County Probation Department had voiced the necessity of discussing and vetting this with other probation departments regarding added assessments. As such, Ms. Duffy informed the Subcommittee that she presented to NAJJA (Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators) the draft of the statute that would allow for the required training and allow for the validated risk assessment tool. Ms. Duffy explained that there was discussion regarding how training would be incorporated as well as who would provide it. Ms. Duffy further explained that the feedback was that there was still not a decision on who would be providing training despite it now being required by statute. Ms. Duffy indicated that there is a statewide database of law-enforcement training that people can access and it does have human trafficking training, but not specifically under CSEC. As such, Ms. Duffy explained that someone will need to see if this training is appropriate to fit this statutory section. Ms. Duffy next discussed the risk assessment tool, indicating that her recommendation to NAJJA was for her to return to the Subcommittee and discuss SB 108, the training around adverse childhood experiences, in order to mandate the assessment tool. Ms. Duffy next asked the Subcommittee for their opinions on the addition to the section that would state created regulations, indicating her desire to obtain a final vote. Ms. Duffy reminded the Subcommittee that the last meeting involved discussion of teacher and administrator development as a requirement for school districts and explained that the time for recommendations to the interim committee is rapidly approaching, thus the impetus for her desire to finalize the language today and move it forward as a recommendation to the Chairs of the HHS and Judiciary.

Katie Ryan asked if anyone had spoken with the schools regarding the training and the validated risk assessment tools to meet the recommendations of the shared hope report card.

Brigid Duffy indicated that she had not spoken with the schools.

Action: Katie Ryan made a motion to move forward the recommendation to the Chairs of the HHS and Judiciary, Greg Flores seconded the motion. Joseph Saiz abstained from the vote. No objections, motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

5. For Discussion and Possible Action: Continue development of the statutory language for legislative recommendation on the creation and function of multidisciplinary teams (MDT's) to support CSEC

Brigid Duffy reminded the Subcommittee of the plan to discuss the addition of the executive review committee. Ms. Duffy indicated that per the discussion at the last meeting, the word "record" had been changed to "information" in order to allow for conversation where family/child issues can be had openly versus those of actual records that cannot.

Cara Paoli reiterated the concern she raised at the previous meeting around releasing mental-health information on a child, indicating that even with the change of wording, this could still be a concern.

Jessica Freeman indicated that when she has seen this issue arise, when relevant to the situation, a subpoena can be obtained as part of the statute to get the records.

Elynn Greene indicated that she has been doing some research regarding MDTs and indicated that other states have very robust, human trafficking, specific to CSEC. As such, she suggested that the Subcommittee do a bit more research to explore how other states are doing.

Brigid Duffy concurred that this is something the Subcommittee could spend more time researching. Ms. Duffy further indicated her anticipation that this would likely become a battle area given the legislators trying to protect juveniles' information. However, Ms. Duffy explained that without the mental-health piece, deciding what services a child needs can become difficult.

Cara Paoli indicated that it is acceptable to know if they have services in place that are relevant but indicated that it may not be necessary to discuss beyond that level in a team meeting.

Elynn Greene indicated that in other state-run CSEC, mental health diagnoses are used to support the victim in terms of placement and other wraparound services that may need to be added.

Cara Paoli acknowledged that Elynn Greene is correct but indicated that the issue here is a multidisciplinary team meeting where specific, sensitive information does not necessarily merit discussion.

Brigid Duffy reminded the Subcommittee that the purpose of the MDT is to have a coordinated response for any prosecution or for court and questioned how the team would be able to decide what services need coordinating without that type of information.

Cara Paoli indicated that the information would be provided based on who is present for the meeting and whether they are a specifically named member of an MDT.

Brigid Duffy indicated that the person may not be a specifically named member of an MDT and may just be a representative deemed appropriate for the review or to assist in providing the coordinated service response. Ms. Duffy further indicated that a parent or guardian may not be involved because of their possible involvement in the case.

Cara Paoli indicated that in those instances, a release would likely be signed to share the information.

Brigid Duffy reiterated that the key to this issue is the subpoena authority, which would allow the group to subpoena the records and information from the providers and give the group legal authority to have the records. Ms. Duffy assured the Subcommittee that when this goes to full committee, she will be certain to highlight the Subcommittee's concerns around the mental-health information. Ms. Duffy next explained that the next part of the discussion would revolve around establishment of the executive committee, which Ms. Duffy reminded the Subcommittee had been discussed at the last meeting. Ms. Duffy reminded the Subcommittee that conversation had arisen at the last meeting regarding oversight in the language regarding the administrator of DCFS establishing an executive committee that would consist of representatives from the multidisciplinary team and the Office of the Attorney General to the extent that they are not already on the MDT. Ms. Duffy indicated that the purpose of the executive committee would be to ensure that everyone is operating with the statewide protocols for the review to adopt regulations to carry out the MDTs, to adopt bylaws, to govern the management and operations of

the executive committee, to oversee training and development of MDTs, and to review CSEC. Ms. Duffy reminded the Subcommittee that the discussion took place around ensuring that the people on MDTs have proper training, as well the compilation and distribution of a statewide annual report that includes data and recommendations for regulatory and policy changes.

Jessica Freeman questioned if regarding 1B, specific administrators would have voting rights in the executive committee, indicating that for the CDR executive committee, they do not have voting rights and are excluded from being able to vote.

Brigid Duffy indicated that she would be receptive to them having voting rights but indicated that this could be brought to the larger group to obtain some historical background on why they do not vote.

Action: Brigid Duffy made a motion to send the recommendations to the full committee to review with the suggested comments, Elynn Greene seconded. No objection. Motion carries.

No further discussion on this item.

6. For Discussion and Possible Action: Initiate Discussion on addressing demand through separate statutory section

Brigid Duffy indicated that she has not had to work in the buyer section of the DA's office for quite some time but explained that conversations have taken place in the past around two particular subjects: increasing the second offenses, and record sealing. Ms. Duffy explained that conversation revolved around the inability to catch someone for a second or third offense if a record is sealed after the first. Ms. Duffy reminded the Subcommittee of the difficulty in getting the current legislative body to increase penalties but nonetheless suggested that it is worth trying and reminded the Subcommittee that the legislature may look different in February.

Noel Roberts indicated his support for the increases and the mandatory arrest and concurred the difficulty with making these types of changes. Mr. Roberts further reminded the Subcommittee of discussion regarding this falling under its own NRS rather than under 201.354.

Elynn Greene concurred with Lieutenant Roberts and suggested that the Subcommittee try to get everything approved through legislation. Ms. Greene indicated her belief that mandatory arrest is especially important, particularly with out-of-jurisdiction suspects.

Brigid Duffy indicated that she would put together something for the July meeting and returned to the discussion of record sealing. Ms. Duffy indicated that under 179, there are exemptions and exceptions in the case of record sealing, but crimes against a child are not mentioned. As such, Ms. Duffy suggested amending 179D to add in the specific statutory section, if it passes, with the mandated arrest and increased penalties.

Noel Roberts clarified that when talking about buyers, this is very rarely an arrest of a child and indicated the importance of clarifying that in the language.

Greg Flores concurred and explained that buyers are soliciting adults and when an arrest can't be made, those are the records that are sealed right away. Sergeant Flores further explained that many times when going to court, the charge is being dropped or changed to something else and as such, there is nothing on the record that even shows solicitation of sex. Sergeant Flores reiterated that it is rare to catch buyers with a juvenile and much more common to catch solicitation of adults.

Brigid Duffy indicated that she would prepare some language regarding record sealing for the next meeting.

No further discussion on this item.

7. For Information Only: Next Meeting: July 14, 2022. 10:00am-11:30am (or until adjournment)

Brigid Duffy informed the Subcommittee that the next meeting will take place on July 14 from 10 to 11:30 or until adjournment. Ms. Duffy indicated that the meeting would be virtual since it is statewide.

8. 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)*

Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner informed the Subcommittee that there is an upcoming interim finance committee meeting scheduled for the 21st, and suggested that the Subcommittee write letters of support or call in during public comment in support of several proposed critical investments, including: crisis stabilization; wraparound in intensive care coordination; mobile care response.

Brigid Duffy asked Cindy Pitlock if the CSEC meeting would be moved as this interim finance committee meeting conflicts.

Dr. Cindy Pitlock indicated that IFC will encompass the entire day and as such, has requested rescheduling of the CSEC meeting originally scheduled on June 21.

Jessica Freeman indicated that the rescheduled invite for June 28 for the CSEC Coalition has been sent with an RSVP request to ensure quorum.

Cindy Pitlock requested that state employees not submit a letter of support as it does present a conflict unless they do so on their own individual behalf as a citizen of the state of Nevada. Dr. Pitlock did, however, wholly encourage the Subcommittee as a whole to support the IFC initiatives to fill in the children's mental health system.

Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner thanked Dr. Pitlock for the clarity and clarified her request for stakeholders to call in or write a letter of support and indicated that DaShun Jackson may have a support letter template that could be shared.

Cindy Pitlock indicated that this has been a collaborative effort across many stakeholder groups.

Brigid Duffy indicated that a link to the IFC can be included in the chat along with the template suggested by Dr. Tyler-Garner.

Jessica Freeman requested that the template be sent to Esther Rodriguez-Brown for quick distribution. Jessica Freeman further indicated that agenda item 4 included an update from the strategic subcommittee regarding the revised NRS, which would be discussed at the coalition meeting, as well.

No further discussion on this item.

9. Adjournment

Brigid Duffy adjourned the June 9, 2022 meeting of the CSEC Legislative Subcommittee.