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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN: PARENT EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2023

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

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### **AGENDA**

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

Members Present: Socorro Saldana, Michelle Entz, Sarah Slavenas, Molly Blanchette, Danica Quiroz, Elizabeth Morgan on behalf of Stephanie Walker, Kayleigh Schwartz, Brigid Duffy, Jhenna Halili, Megan Daters, Jeremy Stocking, Meambi Newbern-Johnson

Members Absent: Kimberly Yeager, Jennifer Malnar, Charletta Zamora-Cruz, Tami Goulden-Bosco and

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, per NRS 241.020)- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

There was no public comment.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of the meeting minutes from April 13, 2023- Socorro Saldaña

Socorro Saldaña opened the agenda item for discussion. No discussion was made.

Action: A motion was made by Molly Blanchette to approve the meeting minutes from April 13,

2023, and Danica Quiroz seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

- 4. Discuss and determine next steps of the established sub-committee goals- Ester Rodriguez-Brown, and Socorro Saldaña
  - Goal #1: Gather questions from subcommittee participants to create a survey to distribute to parents and CSEC clients for them to identify three or more major gaps/disconnections between them. Compile the answers as a baseline to develop goal number two.
    - Determine the timeline for the surveys, to include development and dissemination.
    - Determine the best way to disseminate the surveys and collect the data for analysis.
    - Discuss the information gathered from the Google documents and determine the appropriate next steps, including the drafting of two surveys.
      - Survey for clients;
      - Survey for parents.

# • Public Comment will be allowed during discussion of this action item before a vote is taken

Esther Rodriguez-Brown began the discussion by stating that she was going to clean up the questions that were discussed at last meeting, however, she feels that there are too many questions and too many topics. Ms. Brown suggested that the questions are reduced to about 10, and really define what topics that are needed. For example, Ms. Brown asked the committee if questions regarding a youth's viewpoint on sexual relationships is relevant to the purpose of the survey. Ms. Brown suggested that the group determine two to three groups of questions to ask, and then the committee can determine which questions to keep and which ones to remove.

Molly Blanchette asked Ms. Brown to reiterate the purpose of the survey. Ms. Brown stated that the survey's purpose is, "What is it that you need from your parents/caregivers that would help you on your journey to recovery, or to have the support you need to heal". The group decided to have a section about self-awareness, a section about the youth's relationship with their parent, a section about what the youth wished their parent would have known, and then a section about what they need from

their parents now. From here, the group discussed all of the questions that were developed at the April 13 meeting. The committee determined to keep the following questions:

- 1. Do you have an adult in your life that you feel comfortable and safe who you can speak to and why do you feel that way?
  - a. If not, what would you need to be able to have a person you can speak to?
- 2. Are there rules that you have to follow at home? (Follow up question like or examples of structure and if this could have/would have prevented exploitation. Consider curfew, bedtime, etc)
- 3. How would you describe your relationship with your parent(s)/caregivers?
  - a. What are the biggest challenges and the best parts?
- 4. Do you have free access to social media (or are you limited in time, apps, etc-fix wording)
- 5. Do you feel that your parents had enough quality time in your life? (follow through like if they had spent more time, then would you have been or do you think that this would have prevented you from getting involved in exploitation)
- 6. Do you see yourself as a victim of sex-trafficking? Why or why not? (if they say no, then skip to next section?) If answer no, then ask the question as to why they're in services.
- 7. Do you feel supported by your parents/caregiver as you are receiving services for sexual exploitation? (yes/no. Then a line of how do you feel you are supported).
- Where you able to talk to your parent/caregiver about being exploited?
  a. If not, why?
- 9. Did your feel that your parents knew that you were being sexually exploited? Yes/No. If yes, then do you wish that your parents would have intervened?
- 10. Do you wish your parents/caregiver would have known about services or were informed about services to help you?
- 11. If you were a parent/caregiver, what support would you offer to your child who is/was exploited/trafficked.
- 12. What do you need from your parents/caregivers to help you with in your journey of recovery?
- 13. What do you think is missing from your relationship with your parent(s) to help you in your recovery?
- 14. What advice would you give a parent who is having a hard time understanding what their child has been through?

The sub-committee then discussed what type of format will be used for the survey, how it will be distributed, and who will be the one administering it. The committee will also need to look further at the questions and restructure some of them, so they are more "yes/no" questions and less narratives to facilitate in the analyzing of the results. It was agreed that Ms. Brown will send out the re-worked questions, all on one clean document for the subcommittee to review prior to the next meeting. At the next meeting, the subcommittee will look to see if any additional questions can be omitted, and which ones can be reworded into yes/no questions.

Molly Blanchette and Jessica Freeman brought up the topic of consent. Specifically, Ms. Freeman asked if consent would be needed. Ms. Brown stated that if the service providers were going to be issuing this survey, and in their signed consent forms with the family, as long as surveys were included in that release, then no further release will be needed. Brigid Duffy agreed. However, Ms.

Blanchette stated that the subcommittee needs to consider the ethical component to this survey, and if there would be any potential for secondary trauma, based on the questions. If so, consent should be obtained. Danica Quiroz agreed and stated that some of the questions could potentially be triggering, and that aspect needs to be considered in future meetings.

The subcommittee agreed to continue working on the survey development at the next meetings.

### No Action taken, as the work will continue at the next meeting.

### 5. For Discussion and Possible Action: Future Agenda Items- Socorro Saldaña

There was no public comment.

No action was taken.

6. 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, per NRS 241.020)- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

There was no public comment.

### 7. Adjournment- Next meeting will be June 8, 2023, at 10 am.

Ms. Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am. The next meeting will be June 8, 2023.

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