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PUBLIC NOTICE

**NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN
SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE PLACEMENT AND CONTINUUM OF CARE MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, June 1, 2023

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

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AGENDA MINUTES

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

Members Present: Eboni Washington, Steven McBride (proxy for Shannon McCoy), Lisa Martinez, Stacy Scott (proxy for Briana McIntosh), Jenny Williamson, Karla Delgado, Pauline Salla-Smith, Thaddeus Rucker, Angelica Cronin, Ryan Sexton, Janice Wolf, Esmeralda Gil (proxy for Makaya Swain), Brenda Sandquist

Members Absent: Joanna Ramos, Leslie Bittleston, Michael Cason, Laurie Jackson, Fran Maldonado, Annika Huff, Ryan Williamson

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

No public comment was made.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of the meeting minutes from May 4, 2023- Shannon McCoy

Esther Rodriguez-Brown informed the group that the minutes were not sent back in enough time to comply with OML regulations, so May's minutes will need to be approved at the July 6th meeting.

A motion was made by Eboni Washington to approve the May 4th minutes at the July meeting, and Ryan Sexton seconded this motion. No objections. Motion carries.

4. For Discussion and Possible Action: Discuss and determine next steps of the established subcommittee goals- Ester Rodriguez-Brown, Eboni Washington, and Shannon McCoy

Goal #1: Explore placement and continuum of care needs and barriers

- **Discuss the information gathered from the Google document and determine the appropriate next steps, including if there are recommendations to be made to the CSEC Coalition.**

Commenting on the ICOJ item, Eboni Washington clarified that the memorandum and procedure that is currently in place references federal law, which trumps state law, and those youth would continue to be placed in Clark County juvenile detention facility until their case is worked through and they are able to be returned to their home state. Pauline Salla-Smith and Angelica Cronin also confirmed that Washoe/the rurals must comply with that same procedure. Additionally, Ms. Cronin noted that some of the youth who pass through their detention center may not have probation requirements, but if they do- there could be a warrant that also accompanies their placement.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown suggested using these two years until our next session to educate legislators on the importance of creating bills with funding to allocate towards the gaps in specialized housing for CSEC, by familiarizing them with our subcommittee topics and goals.

Ms. Washington circled back to the discussion about the licensing path, questioning whether the group should put it forward as a formal suggestion to the Coalition, to which Ms. Brown agreed and suggested the recommendation of hybrid licensing.

Ms. Washington referenced previous comments made by a member of the group regarding mandated training (including trauma-informed, dynamics of the population, turnover of staff, vicarious trauma) for those who work with the CSEC population, questioning whether these topics are in addition to the trainings that already exist. Ms. Brown advised that the bill addressing the MDT's and trainings is no longer moving forward, with law enforcement being the only agency that requires mandated training on this issue by statute. Janice Wolf expanded on the topic, explaining that most of the requirements were being placed on roles such as children's attorneys and public defenders. She states that the penalties which were written into the bill felt like an overstep and caused much of the opposition- adding that there may be ways to modify the bill in an acceptable manner for those who would be affected. Ms. Washington suggested referring this back to the larger Coalition group, not as a specific recommendation, but as a point of discussion.

Moving forward, Ms. Brown brought up the need for a service/nonprofit where parenting youths (ages 18-21) who cannot afford daycare can enroll their children free of charge. Additionally, she suggested training on job skills to assist the youths in not only finding a job but giving them the knowledge and skills needed to keep one. Stacy Scott suggested lowering the age for parenting youths to 16, also highlighting the need for drug detox/treatment facilities due to the difficulties of getting teens who are heavy drug users serviced statewide.

Lastly, Ms. Salla-Smith suggested compiling a resource that states whether each of the existing housing organizations in Nevada serves out-of-jurisdiction youth. As majority of these services exist in either Clark or Washoe, Ms. Salla-Smith advised that it would be helpful for the rural areas to know their options in accessing these services. Ms. Brown noted that she would go through the list of organizations and find out their jurisdictional limitations and bring that back in future meetings.

- **Goal #1 (a): Discuss, explore and determine potential recommendations to the CSEC Coalition regarding the July 1, 2023, mandate, to include:**
- **What options the child welfare and juvenile justice agencies may have for housing this population.**

#1.) Involve legislators in the subcommittee to educate them on the need for and importance of developing an agenda that comes with funding for specialized CSEC housing.

A motion was made by Pauline Salla-Smith to begin educating our legislators during the biennium to provide legislation with funding attached to implement the services needed for CSEC youth. This motion was seconded by Karla Delgado. No objections. Motion carries.

#2.) Make a recommendation to develop licensing regulations for CSEC homes for self-referral and non-adjudicated youths.

A motion was made by Pauline Salla-Smith to develop licensing regulations for CSEC homes for self-referral and non-adjudicated youths, which was seconded by Steven McBride. No objections. Motion carries.

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

No public comment was made.

5. For Discussion and Possible Action: Future Agenda Items- Eboni Washington

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

There were no suggestions or public comments made by the group.

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*)- Shannon McCoy

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment- Next meeting will be July 6, 2023, at 10 am.

Eboni Washington adjourned the June 1st, 2023 meeting of the Placement & Continuum of Care subcommittee.

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Public comment is welcomes by the Coalition but may be limited to five minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair.

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