



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**DATE:** Thursday, April 13, 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, Stephanie Walker, Kayleigh Schwartz, Gwynneth Smith on behalf of Brigid Duffy, Jhenna Halili, Megan Daters, Charletta Zamora-Cruz, Tami Goulden-Bosco

**Members Absent:** Kimberly Yeager, Meambi Newbern-Johnson, Jennifer Malnar, and Jeremy Stocking

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 March 9, 2023-** Socorro Saldaña

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

**Action:** A motion was made by Sarah Slavenas to approve the meeting minutes from March 9, 2023, and Danica Quiroz seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

4. **For Discussion and Possible Action: Appointment of Subcommittee Co-Chair-** Esther Rodriguez-Brown

- **Co-Chair recommendation made by a committee member for discussion and approval by the subcommittee.**
  - *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 since the last meeting, Kayleigh Schwartz was identified as a possible co-chair. Ms. Brown asked Ms. Schwartz if she accepted the nomination of co-chair, to which Ms. Schwartz agreed. Ms. Brown then asked Ms. Schwartz to briefly introduce herself. Ms. Schwartz stated that she currently the SEY Program Manager at the Embracing Project and has worked there for a little over two years. Ms. Schwartz stated that she is interested in being a co-chair because she sees a need for parent education for this population, and would like to increase the resources for parents of CSEC.

Ms. Brown opened the agenda item to the rest of the members. There were no additional questions for Ms. Schwartz and no further discussion.

There was no public comment.

**Action:** A motion was made by Tami Goulden-Bosco to approve the appointment of Kayleigh Schwartz to co-chair, and Sarah Slavenas seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

5. **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 reminding the committee of the goals and thanked those members who wrote some ideas on the Google Forms since the last meeting. The committee agreed the creating the survey for the CSEC youth would be the best place to begin. Ms. Slavenas asked for clarification about the target population for the survey. Ms. Brown confirmed that the target population would be youth who have already experienced sexual exploitation, and reiterated the purpose of this survey, and subcommittee, was to create tools for parents and caregivers of CSEC youth to help them understand the dynamics of sexual exploitation, as well as to identify any gaps in services or educational resources that may exist. Ms. Brown stated that the purpose of the survey for CSEC youth would be to help identify things that they may have needed from their parents/caregivers to support them throughout their journey of healing or restoration as they were getting out of trafficking, and what support they may have needed. Once the survey for the youth is complete, this group will then begin working on creating a survey for parents. Once data from both surveys are collected, this group will then see what tools or resources can be created for parents, either through flyers, training, or introduction when coming to seek services.

Ms. Brown stated that once the questions for the survey have been finalized, the committee can then decide how to administer the survey. It would be best to have both a paper form and online link, so that it can reach the most people. Ms. Slavenas asked if the surveys could say parents and/or caregivers, as some youth may be in foster care, etc, and this would be more inclusive. The committee agreed.

The committee began by discussing the following question: How comfortable do you feel talking to your parents/caregiver about such topics such as sex, relationships, self-esteem or emotions? This led into a robust discussion where it was stated that perhaps the question around whether youth have spoken to someone about this, or if they felt safe to discuss sex with a trusted adult. Molly Blanchette asked the group if the terminology of the word sex was too broad, if the purpose was to gather information about their sex trafficking experience, and if the committee needed to differentiate between those. Ms. Brown stated that she thought it would need to be broad, because in her experience, working with youth who have been trafficked, the lack of information and healthy boundaries on sex many times led to the exploitation. Finding out how many youth that may not have had a safe person to speak with about sex or sexual relationships, may be helpful in creating the educational tools and resources for parents.

Ms. Zamora-Cruz asked if the survey should begin by introducing the topic of sex, and then get to the questions about relationships. Ms. Brown suggested that the group determine what questions to ask, and then can determine the order, so that the group doesn't get slowed down. Tami Goulden-Bosco

agreed to that and stated that she would find out from her legal team what word would be best used for “sex”, as it may depend on the age of the child and agency administering the survey, especially if schools were to administer the survey. The discussion then turned to the topic that perhaps youth turned to the internet to gather information, and the group discussed whether this question was important to add. Ms. Brown suggested that we come up with questions now, and when that is complete, determine which ones are to be included. It was then discussed if examples should be used, if questions should be a yes or no question only, or if some would be answered in narrative form. The group decided to not provide examples, so as to not be leading, that a majority of the questions would be yes or no questions, and perhaps one or two would have a narrative for an answer. Ms. Brown stated that she would take the questions developed today and add the different suggestions, such as using multiple choice, scales, etc., as well as add an introduction that includes instructions and why the survey is being done and will bring them back for the committee to discuss next month. The committee agreed to be as direct as possible, and use the youth’s language, on the survey questions, so that the data will be more conclusive to what we want.

The questions that the group developed were as follows:

1. Do you feel comfortable and safe speaking with your parent/caregiver about sexual relationships? (yes/No answer)
  - a. If not, why? (narrative)
2. Have you ever felt comfortable and safe speaking with a person about sexual relationships? (Yes/No answer)
3. Who was the person/people that you were comfortable speaking with about sexual relationships? (Narrative box)
4. Did you seek information about sexual relationships online? (Yes/No)
  - a. If yes, why? (Narrative)
5. How do you define sexual relationships? (Narrative) (Really determine if this question needed)
6. Do you have an adult in your life that you feel comfortable and safe with discussing about your personal feelings? (Yes/no) (maybe include other topics such as drugs, money, etc., Perhaps list ideas with a yes/no answer and then perhaps do a follow up like do you feel this was a vulnerability that led to exploitation.)
7. How comfortable are you asking your parent/caregiver about help around: (list topics)
8. Have you ever felt uncomfortable in going to your parent/caregiver about (list topics)
9. How old were you when you talked to your parents/caregiver about sex? (maybe add this question to one of the beginning questions as a sub question)
10. How much time do you spend with your parents doing fun things such as:
  - Hobby
  - Outing
  - Project
  - Other
11. What rules do your parents/caregivers have for you? (maybe turn this into a curfew type question, or around sleepovers)
12. What is the biggest conflict with your mother/father/caregiver?
13. Do you feel supported by your parents/caregiver as you are recovering from sexual exploitation? (yes/no. Then a line of how do you feel supported).
14. If you were a parent/caregiver, what support would you offer to your child who is/was in the life?
15. Were you able to talk to your parent/caregiver about being exploited?
 

If not, why?
16. Was there ever a time when you wish your parent/caregiver had intervened or you believed they should have known and done something but not? Please explain.
17. What do you wish your parents/caregiver had known about exploitation to help you?

18. How would you describe your relationship with your parent(s)?
19. What do you think is missing from your relationship with your parent(s)?
20. Do you feel like you can have open communication with your parent(s)? Explain your answer as to why or why not.
21. What advice would you give a parent who is having a hard time understanding what their child has been through?

The following was said about the above questions:

- Questions 6-8 maybe combined to go into the same scaling question;
- Question 11 may be more appropriate for the parent survey;
- Questions 12-13 may or may not be kept;
- Questions 18-21 will need to be determined if these are repetitive, if they will be combined into one or two questions, or if they will be omitted from the survey.

**Action:** A motion was made by Molly Blanchette to table the discussion and continue working on it at the May meeting. Gwynneth Smit seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

**6. For Discussion and Possible Action: Future Agenda Items-** Socorro Saldaña

There was no public comment.

No action was taken.

**7. 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.

**8. Adjournment- Next meeting will be May 11, 2023, at 10 am.**

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

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