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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, May 4, 2023

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

**VIDEO CONFERENCE:** [Click here to join meeting](#)

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**This will be a virtual only meeting as authorized pursuant to AB253 (2021) and NRS 241.023**

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- *“For Possible Action” items may be voted on or approved by members of the commission.*

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

**Members Present:** Eboni Washington, Shannon McCoy, Lisa Martinez, Briana McIntosh, Jenny Williamson, Fran Maldonado, Karla Delgado, Thaddeus Rucker, Angelica Cronin, Joseph Saiz, Jeremy Stocking, Janice Wolf, Makaya Swain, Ryan Gustafson, Brenda Sandquist

**Members Absent:** Joanna Ramos, Leslie Bittleston, Michael Cason, Laurie Jackson, Pauline Salla-Smith, Ryan Sexton, Ryan Williamson, Annika Huff

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, per NRS 241.020*)- Esther Rodriguez-Brown

There was no public comment.

3. **For Possible Action: Approval of the meeting minutes from March 2, 2023**- Eboni Washington

**Action:** a motion was made by Jenny Williamson to approve the March 2, 2023 meeting minutes, Carla Delgado seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

4. **For Discussion and Possible Action: Discuss and determine next steps of the established sub-committee goals**- Esther 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.**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that the Google document contained only one comment and advised any members without access to the Google folder, to email her directly. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted that the comment from Jessica Freeman indicated that residential treatment services exist at Sierra Sage. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown suggested that members make suggestions of other services that are specific to CSEC or servicing CSEC during this agenda item.

Suggestions included: Awaken in Washoe County; Xquisite in Carson City; the Embracing Project in Clark County; China Springs in Douglas County; Signs of Hope in Clark County; Purchase Not for Sale in Clark County; Reno Behavioral Health in Washoe County, which includes an inpatient program called Flourish, which is not specific to CSEC but is utilized as placement for some CSEC youth; Willow Springs, also not specified but will accept; Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, not specialized but does serve CSEC; Nevada First Met; St. Jude's in Clark County; Eddie's House in Reno; DJJS new housing program; Pivot Point; Right of Passage Embracing Project; Nevada Youth Empowerment Project (NYEP) in Washoe County; Koinonia (phonetic) in Washoe County; Advocates to End Domestic Violence (AEDV) in Carson; the Children's Cabinet Safe Place Program; FACT in Clark County; Tiffany Herrick in Washoe County; Community Counseling Center in Carson.

Eboni Washington invited all members who think of other programs following the meeting to add them to the existing Google document.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown invited the members of the subcommittee to list the needs and barriers to bring as potential recommendations to the CSEC Coalition regarding the July 1, 2023 mandate.

All members concurred that the largest need in all counties is housing, followed by counseling.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that she will specify specialized housing in the recommendations to ensure that the housing is for this population and that the providers and people in the housing are trained on the dynamics of CSEC.

Brenda Sandquist highlighted the importance of knowing where to place children depending on how they come in.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that the receiving center could potentially breach this because it could be self-referral or referral by parents or by anybody from any agency. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown further noted the importance of funding.

Jenny Williamson discussed the importance of an established license path and specialized CSEC licensing, noting the difference between these kids and those placed in the foster system.

Eboni Washington questioned how this would work with NRS 432(c).

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that the licensing piece has been a work in progress for quite some time and is one of the biggest barriers with which CSEC has been dealing, along with Medicaid coding for billing for this population.

Jessica Freeman indicated that the bill put the licensing for the regulations under 424, and that is part of the issue given that the receiving center is restricted to 424, which is foster care.

Shannon McCoy suggested the creation of a mini workgroup to discuss the license regulation piece.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown concurred. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown next suggested the importance of mandated training and discussed a bill regarding this and meeting much resistance in the legislature due to the MDT and the mandated training.

Jessica Freeman confirmed that the bill had died.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted this as an opportunity to educate legislators on this issue.

Eboni Washington concurred, indicating the importance of doing some work around educating and providing more information to legislators ahead of the 2025 session.

- **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.**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown informed the subcommittee that after July 1, 2023, any child who has been identified as a CSEC or at high risk to become CSEC will no longer be able to be placed in any juvenile detention if they have no other charges outside of their victimization.

Briana McIntosh discussed the beginning of this process in Clark County, noting that one CSEC home has been opened, which houses six youth girls. Ms. McIntosh indicated that Clark County is hoping to get some additional housing through Eagle Quest, but the current plan includes placing children at Child Haven if there are no beds available in the CSEC home.

Joe Saiz asked how the home is funded.

Briana McIntosh indicated her belief that DFS is paying \$700 a day for the beds to house these children.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown asked about sustainability of team and staff if the beds are empty and whether or not the funds are received regardless of if the bed is in use or available.

Briana McIntosh indicated her belief that the contract was based on actual cost rather than a daily rate, but explained that she would need to check on this and report back.

Shannon McCoy explained that there is not currently any similar plan in place for Washoe beyond the existing foster care beds that already exist in the system.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown mentioned a bill in for this session that requires detention facilities to assess youth for CSEC, and questioned if the bill has been moved forward or has also died.

Eboni Washington indicated that she would find out and report back.

Shannon McCoy indicated that in Washoe County, CSEC victims are usually not there for any crimes and generally have parents that they can return to, so there has not been a historically high number of young people meeting the criteria that need to be released from detention.

Eboni Washington noted that Clark County tends to see more out of jurisdiction youth, which will likely present challenges.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown informed the subcommittee that the next CSEC Coalition Meeting will take place on the 20th of June, and the subcommittee should plan to come up with some bullet points to discuss in the Coalitions regarding concerns about the July 1 deadline.

Eboni Washington concurred, noting especially the concerns about taking protective custody of youth so that they can be placed.

Shannon McCoy concurred.

Briana McIntosh noted questions around the potential impact on the ICOJ runaway procedures.

Shannon McCoy questioned if the legislation distinguishes between confirmed CSEC victim and high risk.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted her belief that there is no differentiation between these two things, indicating that any child can be a high risk.

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

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

Eboni Washington asked for suggestions regarding future agenda items. There were no suggestions from members.

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#### **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)- Eboni Washington**

Eboni Washington opened the final period of public comment.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown requested that voting members who are not able to arrive on time for quorum in a meeting please send a proxy so as not to affect the ability of the subcommittee to vote. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated any members wishing to change their status from voting member to non-voting member contact her.

Joe Saiz indicated that AB 183 is the bill that is proposing that juvenile detention centers do a CSEC screening at the time of admission and that the bill is still making its way through legislation.

#### **7. Adjournment- Next meeting will be June 1, 2023, at 10 am.**

Eboni Washington noted that the next meeting will be June 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Eboni Washington adjourned the May 4, 2023 subcommittee for the placement and continuum of care meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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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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- 4. Division of Child and Family Services, 1010 Ruby Vista Dr. Suite 101, Elko, NV 89801**
- 5. Division of Child and Family Services, 2533 North Carson St. Carson City, NV 89706**
- 6. Washoe County Human Services Agency, 350 S. Center St. Reno 89501**