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NEVADA COALITION TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN: STRATEGIC PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2022

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

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Shannon McCoy called the September 22, 2022 CSEC Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting to order. Esther Rodriguez-Brown conducted roll call.

Members Present: Shannon McCoy, Andrea Davis, Brenda Sandquist, Brennan Paterson, Detective Rob Wright, Chris Lavine, Pauline Salla, Samantha Elkins, Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Leslie Bittleston, Sergeant Greg Flores

Members Absent: Makaya Swain, Alexa Rodriguez, Cara Paoli, Cynthia Burboa, Jason Guinasso, Jennifer Malnar, Laurie Jackson, Mandy Hall, Pauline Salla, Ryan Gustafson, DeShun Jackson, Annie Lobert, Sharon Anderson, Leslie Bittleston.

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 agendaitem until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting*)

There was no public comment.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of August 25, 2022 meeting minutes.

Action: A motion was made by Samantha Elkins to approve the August 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes, Leslie Bittleston seconded the motion. No objections. Pauline Salla abstained because she was not present for the August 25 meeting. Motion carries.

4. For Discussion and Possible Action: Review and approve Best Practices Recommendations for submission to Coalition

Esther Rodriguez-Brown explained that the idea is to give the guidelines for any agencies or organizations to encourage them to put these best practices as part of their policies and procedures. As such, everything was compiled and nicely formatted with all the changes that were made. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted that she has created a partition for sections in a way that if more sections need to be added, they can be. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown indicated that these include lots of resources for people to be able to read and perform a self assessment to determine whether or not they meet the standards. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown further indicated that in the diversity section, she added a lot of resources which she then broke down by group.

Shannon McCoy asked if the group is feeling confident enough with the revised version of the best practice recommendations to take a vote.

Leslie Bittleston opined that it shows all of the hard work that has taken place over the last few meetings and indicated her comfort with moving forward with the vote.

Pauline Salla concurred.

Action: A motion was made by Pauline Salla to approve the Best Practice Document, Leslie Bittleston seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

- **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Discuss online accessibility of best practices information/resources

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that the discussion for this was for the CSE-IT Prevention Guide, which will be addressed in a later agenda item in this meeting. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown further indicated that a meeting will be taking place the day after this meeting to discuss how to put the prevention guide into place with all the notes that were taken as well as potentially making the best practices available online.

5. For Discussion and Possible Action: Review of WestCoast Children's Clinic CSE-IT (Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool)

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated that this is a great tool and what the Subcommittee needs to come to terms with is the purpose for the utilization of this tool and who should be using it. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown explained that case workers and parole/probation now have enough paperwork to provide them with an extra tool, especially because NRIT has been embedded and already on UNITY. As such, Ms. Rodriguez-Brown explained that the main point for this Committee is to determine what it is they want to do with this tool. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted the importance of training providers as there are questions that can trigger trauma. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown noted that if the plan is to encourage providers in the community to take this training, then CSEC will need to find resources to support these trainings.

Shannon McCoy noted that this is one of the few validated tools, which is why this tool came up for discussion about being made available to other agencies. Ms. McCoy noted that from the Child Welfare perspective, it would be difficult to switch tools at this point since NRIT is installed across the state and is in UNITY. Ms. McCoy explained that the attachments in this tool do a good job running through the uses of the tool. Ms. McCoy acknowledged that she does not have a clear answer about what the purpose of the tool would be other than the option of it being potentially available online.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown suggested presenting this tool to the CSEC Coalition as one that the Subcommittee believes has been validated by the other states that are using it. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown reiterated the importance of recommending the proper training along with the recommendation to use the tool.

Leslie Bittleston noted that this is an extensive tool whereas the NRIT was created to be more of a rapid screening tool. Ms. Bittleston indicated that because this tool is in UNITY and was just embedded into Tyler's Enterprise supervision on the juvenile justice side within the last few weeks, this is a tool that could be put out for the public to possibly adopt a provider but not to move beyond the NRIT tool.

Samantha Elkins noted that she sees this as being a useful tool following identification a youth as high-risk via NRIT.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that if the tool is part of the recommendation, anyone with the proper training and background can certainly use it.

Shannon McCoy asked if there was a cost for the appropriate training and if a community would need to contact the WestCoast Children's Clinic to bring them out for the training and pay them.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown explained that anyone can contact them and receive the training and explained that it might behoove CSEC to be more specific when referring to appropriate training in the wording such that the specifics should include following the trainings on CSEC, understanding CSEC dynamics, trauma form and also reaching out to WestCoast Clinical for more in-depth training if needed. Ms. Rodriguez-Brown reiterated the importance of providing resources for anything recommended by CSEC with the caveat of the potential of re-victimization and re-traumatization of children without the proper training.

Jessica Freeman concurred with Samantha Elkins' earlier conclusions regarding using this tool to supplement the NRIT. As such, Ms. Freeman opined that this could be helpful as another organizational mechanism to help organize the proper services that need to be directed to the youth and thus could be beneficial. Ms. Freeman further supported Ms. Rodriguez-Brown's assertion that the recommendation should include the appropriate training.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown recommended mentioning the tool but not adding it to the toolkit so as to keep people from downloading and using it without having the proper training. Esther Rodriguez-Brown further indicated that this is a validated and recognized tool and if the subcommittee believes that this is a good tool to be used to screen CSEC at the community level and/or the system level, thus necessitating a vote to recommend the tool to the CSEC Coalition as a validated tool to be used with the appropriate training and in conjunction with NRIT, not as a replacement.

Brenda Sandquist suggested using a different word than recommended.

Leslie Bittleston indicated her belief that Shannon McCoy was correct in recommending that this tool could be included in the toolkit and asked the Subcommittee their thoughts on discussing a validation process like the NRIT.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown noted that she does not have an issue with using the word "recommend" in terms of this tool along with recommending the training.

An unidentified speaker noted their worry regarding confusion of this being recommended as a replacement screening tool rather than as a secondary screening tool.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown suggested recommending this as a complimentary tool to the NRIT.

Action: A motion was made by Shannon McCoy to recommend the CSE-IT tool as an additional validated option to consider for use by case workers and community partners with the appropriate training, an unidentified speaker seconded the motion. No objections. Motion carries.

6. For Discussion and Possible Action: Future Agenda Items

Esther Rodriguez-Brown indicated her intent to complete the preventative guides with the goal of having a finished product to recommend to the CSEC Coalition by December.

Leslie Bittleston recommended that the subcommittee follow up on the subject of the validation process of the NRIT to ensure that it is being followed.

Jessica Freeman volunteered to look into this, noting her understanding that it is an extremely detailed and costly project to get something validated and that the process could take years.

Leslie Bittleston suggested the idea of looking for a grant specific to this validation process.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown concurred with both Ms. Bittleston and Ms. Freeman and indicated that her suggestion would be to recommend on December 20 for the Coalition to oversee the validation just to put it on the radar.

Leslie Bittleston noted that because it is not on today's agenda, it cannot be voted on today. As such, Ms. Bittleston suggested adding this to the next agenda for a vote to send it to the full Coalition.

7. Next Meeting: October 27, 2022. 10am-11:30am.

Shannon McCoy reminded the members that the next meeting is on October 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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*)

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Shannon McCoy adjourned the September 22, 2022 meeting of the CSEC Strategic Subcommittee.

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