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

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2022

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Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members Present: Shannon McCoy, Makaya Swain, Laurie Jackson, Greg Flores, Cynthia Burboa, Leslie Bittleston, Samantha Bailey, Andrea Davis, Alexa Rodriguez, Ryan Gustafson, Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Det. Robert Wright,

Members Absent: Brennan Paterson, Brenda Sandquist, Cara Paoli, Chris Davin, Jason Guinasso, Jennifer Malnar, Pauline Salla, DaShun Jackson, Annie Lobert, Sharon Anderson, Mandy Hall

DCFS Support: Esther Rodriguez-Brown, Jessica Freeman, Lorena Bojorquez

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)*

None.

3. For Information Only: Member Introductions

Shannon McCoy stated she is the Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee, Coordinator for Permanency Services at Washoe County Human Services Agency (WCHSA). Shannon added that she has been involved in the CSEC Coalition for several years including the creation of the CSEC Protocol and is excited to revise original strategies in accordance with current trends.

Makaya Swain stated she is the Program Manager for The Embracing Project adding that she has worked with exploited children and youth for about 10 years and is excited to move forward with providing more services via this subcommittee's work.

Alexa Rodriguez stated she is the Healthcare Services Manager at DJJS (Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services). She has been in her current role for about 2 years, coming from several years at Clark County DFS. She is also a licensed clinical social worker and is excited to be part of this subcommittee.

Andrea Davis stated she is the Youth Program Manager at Awaken and oversees case managers and education and has worked with exploited children for about 14 years.

Brittany Hopballe is the RISE (Resources and Integration for Survivor Empowerment) program director in Las Vegas which serves all of Clark County human trafficking survivors. She also oversees the victim services committee under the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Committee.

Cynthia Burboa is the Rape Prevention and Education Program Coordinator for Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Services are provided to youth and young adults to prevent sexual violence and other types of violence.

Det. Robert Wright is with the Child Exploitation Taskforce at LVMPD (Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department) and has been investigating child exploitation for about 15 years.

Sgt. Greg Flores has been with LVMPD for 24 years with over half of that time being spent on VICE. In his current role for the last 2 years, he oversees the adult trafficking team and child exploitation.

Laurie Jackson is one of the Social Services Managers for the State's rural region. She has been with child welfare for about 16 years and in her current role, she works on the implementation of child welfare services in rural counties.

Ryan Gustafson is the Division Director at WCHSA over the assessment units, clinical units, training and quality assurance and family visitation center. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist and previously worked for the State in children's mental health for about 14 years.

Samantha Bailey is one of the CSEC only workers at WCHSA.

Leslie Bittleston stated she is with the DCFS Juvenile Justice Program Office. She has been with JJ for 7 years and served on the data subcommittee under the previous CSEC Coalition.

Shannon McCoy thanked everyone for introducing themselves and reminded the members to invite others they might feel would be beneficial to the work being done.

Makaya Swain agreed and reminded the group of the importance of the diversity and reaffirming the importance of everyone's participation and creating a collaborative environment where everyone feels comfortable enough to speak their minds.

No further discussion on this item.

4. For Information Only: CSEC Coalition Bylaws and Subcommittee expectations

Shannon reminded the group of the adherence to the CSEC Coalition's bylaws. She included the importance of attendance and participation so that quorum is not affected. She asked the members to pay special attention to section 4.2-Member Agreements being presented on the screen.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown clarified to the group that it has been confirmed after discussing with Deputy Attorney General, Jennifer Spencer, that this group will not need to adhere to quorum as the final decisions will be brought to the Coalition for approval. Esther added membership is still integral and if more than two meetings are missed, participants will be receiving notification of potential removal from the subcommittee.

Dr, Tiffany Tyler-Garner stated she is serving as a proxy for DaShun Jackson and asked for clarification on whether she should be serving on this subcommittee.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown clarified that her proxy status under DaShun Jackson is for the CSEC Coalition however she is a member of both this and the legislative subcommittee per her own request.

No further discussion on this item.

5. For Discussion: Review the current strategic plan

ER Brown provided an overview of the previous strategic plan, highlighting strategies that have already been completed as well as those that stand to still be addressed or are pending completion. Esther opened the floor for discussion and questions on the presented information. Esther suggested creating a revised strategic plan with clearly identified achievable goals that include deadlines and participants required for goal completion. She added the importance of including the needs of the CSEC population and the steps needed to complete the identified goals.

Dr. Tiffany Tyler asked if there are any broad or overarching goals for CSEC, or a determined percentage by which the group seeks to decrease CSEC.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown informed Dr. Tyler that a more detailed conversation follows in agenda item 6 and if it does not answer her questions, it can be readdressed.

No further discussion on his item.

6. For Possible Action: Identify and brainstorm guidelines and possible goals to be included in the revised strategic plan, including but not limited to:

- **Prevention Strategies**
- **Identification of validated screening and assessments tools for community organizations**
- **Statewide service standards for providers**
- **Other suggested topics**

Shannon McCoy reminded the group that this agenda item is the inception of conversations surrounding strategies that could potentially be included in the new strategic plan with a timeline of about one year. She opened the floor to discussion on the listed suggestions from the agenda and asked the group for their thoughts or suggestions for different strategies that may not be listed, like statewide training availability which stood out to her. She suggested potentially building a training bank that would be available to community service providers as well.

Laurie Jackson asked if *Identification of Validated Screening and Assessment Tools for Community Organizations* is referring to something other than the NRIT?

Shannon McCoy informed the group that the NRIT's use has been expanded throughout the state which

now is connected to a data collection pool however should this group feel another tool could or should be added, this could be the place to have those conversations.

Leslie Bittleston requested clarification on *Statewide Service Standards for Providers* because Juvenile Justice does not have any service providers per se. The detention facilities aren't providing services for children labeled as runaways; there is currently no placement for them therefore, Leslie stated she would like to look at options for runaways other than detention.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that the Legislative Subcommittee is working on mandating CSEC training through legislation. The SB293 groups previously worked on three tier CSEC trainings through DCFS that would be accessible to community service providers as well as agency workers. As for the NRIT, she added that it is normally used by child welfare agencies as most non-profits have their own tools however it is important to keep in mind that screening and assessment tools serve different purposes. The NRIT is a quick tool to use for screening risk or identification while The Vera Institute offers a great tool for assessment. In reference to Leslie Bittleston's question, Esther stated that currently there aren't any established standards for organizations servicing CSEC and the receiving center would serve as an alternative to detention for placement. Esther added that the challenge with the receiving centers would be the rural regions given that the preliminary locations for the centers could be Clark County and Washoe County.

Shannon McCoy stated that Washoe County was trying to recreate specialized foster care homes for CSEC youth that would not turn away any youth and include wraparound services, similar to what they have in Florida. One of the challenges would be funding for providers to be available on 24 hours, seven days a week basis.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that the SB293 group also established standards for specialized foster care homes that would serve CSEC. She added that this initial meeting is to discuss and solidify the strategies we should be focusing on as a state and stressed the importance of starting with about 3-4 strategies to ensure achievability.

Laurie Jackson commented that establishing the statewide service standards are definitely needed adding that the rural region has very limited service providers. They have been in talks with Rite of Passage which has a CSEC curriculum for Sierra Sage, which could be researched for setting standards.

Makaya Swain stated that the statewide service standards strategy could be two-fold with one part being individual services providers and the other part being the community response. Aftercare and the gaps identified in the rural region, as a community, what are standards of care as a child travels through the continuum of care. There are some best practices established through the Human Trafficking task force that could be reviewed by this group to get the conversations further.

Samantha Bailey stated she would like to highlight that prevention strategies and some of the identified statewide strategies go hand in hand. A lot of CSEC victims do not have an understanding of what trafficking is, therefore, education and training to the youth, school district and juvenile justice would aid in identifying victims and their needs sooner.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown reminded the group of the LIGHTS curriculum presentation done by Tonya Turner during one of the previous CSEC Coalition meetings. Currently, Esther is in communication with the school districts to implement this curriculum in their health classes. She added that she would share the curriculum information with the group, so they get a better understanding of what it is.

Makaya Swain added that Brittany Hopballe will send out the Human Trafficking Task Force standards discussed earlier.

Shannon McCoy reminded the group of the strategies that have been discussed thus far; standards for providers, with providers being both care givers and non-profit providers.

Makaya Swain clarified that her suggestion was for individualized standards for treatment providers and secondly, a second set of standards for community response to CSEC, adding that it would include education and prevention standards so that the complete continuum of care has established standards.

Brittany Hopballe stated that she emailed the Human Trafficking Task Force's best practices standards to Makaya Swain and Esther Rodriguez-Brown to be shared with the entire subcommittee.

Shannon McCoy reiterated that the document sent over by Brittany Hopballe would be shared with the entire group and could be added for discussion to the next meeting's agenda.

Greg Flores stressed the importance of establishing standards of care for any provider that would come in contact CSEC. He added that recently, there was a non-profit organization that caused a vehicle collision and whisked away a CSEC victim to the point where she thought she was being kidnapped. He added that he agrees with the preventative strategies being included in schools so that students can start to familiarize themselves with the signs.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown reminded the members that she would be sharing the following documents for review in anticipation of the next meeting:

- LIGHTS Curriculum
- Human Trafficking Task Force's best practices document
- The Vera Institute Assessment Tool

Esther added that the Standards of Care, Prevention Strategies and Assessment Tool were the recurring strategies discussed today and stated that it may be beneficial for the co-chairs to discuss further and assign tasks based on the list. Esther asked Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner if the discussion answered her question.

Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner stated that she believes so as she just needs to process the information further.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown added that the continuum of care was the fourth strategy she heard, reiterating the importance of clearly listed strategies given that they will have to be voted on.

Shannon McCoy asked if the vote would take place at the next meeting or during today's.

Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that she believes the group can move forward with voting today on the listed strategies because later, if needed changes can be made. She added that at the next meeting, if based on review of the documents she will be sending out, the group feels some of the strategies need revision, that can be done as well. She asked Jessica Freeman for clarification on the voting process.

Jessica Freeman stated because this subcommittee does not require quorum, therefore the votes aren't formal however, they're seen as a majority agreement of what will be presented to the Coalition. The Coalition will vote on the acceptance of the subcommittee's proposed Strategic Plan. If the group comes to an agreement today on the strategies, the next meeting can include a more robust conversation on them and can continue to agree of the work moving forward. Given that the subcommittee will be meeting more often than the Coalition, it is important to ensure the work is moving forward. She reiterated that it is not a formal vote, it is a majority agreement therefore those opposed only need to be identified.

Shannon McCoy asked if anyone in the group was opposed to the four identified strategies.

No members stated opposition.

ACTION: None opposed to the identified strategies. motioned to establish the identified 4 strategies which can be revised after review of

No further discussion on this item.

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)*

Esther Rodriguez-Brown reminded the members that the next meeting would be on April 28th, 2022 at 10am.

8. Adjournment

Shannon McCoy adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.