

**Child Welfare Network  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, Sept 18, 2014, 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
Las Vegas Country Club, Heritage Room**

**Our Vision**

**The Child Welfare Network seeks to create public accountability and better outcomes for the children and their families that it serves.**

**Our Mission**

**Support information-sharing** by providing a forum where individuals and organizations concerned about children in Nevada’s child welfare system can exchange resources, ideas, problems, and solutions through learning from one another and providing all members an opportunity to be heard:

**Promote collaboration** among service providers, county and state administrators, educators, parents, and foster parents, youth, private funders and concerned citizens with the collective focus on the best interests of children who are fundamentally our constituents; and

**Take action** that leads to real results by advocating with a united voice on child welfare issues to improve services that respond to the needs (and improve the lives of) children and families in Nevada.

The following individuals attended the Child Welfare Network (CWN) meeting:

Amanda Haboush	UNLV Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy
Amy Ayoub	Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities
Andre' Wade	Clark County Dept. Family Services
Angela Lok	Building Hope Nevada
Anne-Marie Abruscato	Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services
Barbara De Castro	Majestic
Carolyn Willis-Casey	Sojourn Foundation
Charlene Frost	Nevada PEP
Daniele Dreitzer	The Rape Crisis Center
Darlene K. Duncan	Nevada DCFS
Dawn Boyers	Women's Resource Medical Centers of Southern Nevada
Denise Parker	DFS
Denise Tanata Ashby	Children's Advocacy Alliance
Erica Hoffman	Teach for America
Gard Jameson	Children's Advocacy Alliance
Hilary Westrom MFT	Ritter Charitable Trust
Howard Olshansky	Boys Town Nevada
Ingrid Sanchez	BBS
John Wagner	UNLV

Karlene Ulibarri	Bountiful Family Services
Kim Amato	Baby's Bounty
Lynn Scombordi	Nevada Child Seekers
Marlyn Buckley	Professionals in Philanthropy
Roberto Sanchez	BBS
Sam (Debra) King	Project REAL
Shannon Cole	East Valley Family Services
Shawnette Roque	Family and Child Treatment
Sheila Parks	8th Judicial District Court-CASA Program
Sonia Lucero	Nevada Child Seekers
Stacey Wedding	Professionals in Philanthropy
Toby Hyman	NV DHHS/GMV
Valerie Hicks	SAFY

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Denise Tanata Ashby called the meeting to order and extended a thank you to all in attendance. She reviewed the activities for the day, and everyone introduced themselves.

## **Member Highlights**

Shannon Cole from East Side Family Services made a presentation outlining the services the agency provides to the community. She also provided a folder to each attendee that details the following services as well as a referral form:

- 1) Aging and Disability Resource Center
- 2) Differential Response
- 3) Family Links
- 4) Family Resource Center
- 5) Health Care Hope
- 6) Senior Commodities
- 7) Senior Respite
- 8) SNAP

If you would like additional information, please contact Jessica Barris, Assistant Manager for the Resource Center or Libia Perez, Senior Support Services at 702-920-6515.

## **Presentation**

Amy Ayoub gave a presentation on the activities of the Federal Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities (CECANF). This commission is nationally funded for 2years with a possible 1 year extension. They are conducting broad discussions and collecting data in an effort to identify solutions and report back to the President and Congress. The commission is

comprised of 12 national members. A discussion ensued regarding the funding and effectiveness of Title 4 as well as of local, state and federal programs that address Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, and the inconsistencies of data collection. Participants offered areas of concern that hold a possibility for developing programs and solutions to address the mission of this commission.

Below are the contents of a post-meeting email that was sent containing details of Amy's presentation.

### **CECANF public meeting in Colorado, September 22-23**

#### **Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities to Hold Public Meeting and Deliberations in Denver, Colorado**

The Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities (CECANF), a federal advisory committee established by the Protect Our Kids Act of 2012 (P. L. 112-275), will hold open meetings in Denver, Colorado, on September 22 and 23:

- **Testimony and stakeholder presentations:** Monday, September 22, 2014, from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. MDT (Public may attend in person or via webinar and teleconference.)
- **Commissioner deliberations:** Tuesday, September 23, 2014, from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. MDT. (Public may attend via teleconference, **no webinar available.**)

**Location:** One Denver Federal Center, Building 41—Remington Arms Room, Denver, CO 80225.

**Attendance:** Individuals interested in attending the meeting in person or via webinar and teleconference must register in advance (see link below). The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Members of the public will not have the opportunity to ask questions or otherwise participate in the meeting, either on the phone or in person.

**To attend in person or via webinar/teleconference, and receive a copy of the agenda and presentation slides by email, please register by Thursday, September**

**18:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2847427613386511874>

**Meeting agenda:** CECANF was established to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect. The purpose of this meeting is for Commission members to gather national and state-specific information to better understand the extent of, and risks associated with, child abuse and neglect fatalities. The Commission will hear from researchers and experts from such disciplines as child welfare, law enforcement, health, and public health regarding:

- The scope of the problem
- Strategies for improving national data collection
- Policy barriers and opportunities to reduce maltreatment fatalities
- Confidentiality issues

- Potential solutions

**Comments:** Members of the public may submit comments identified by “Notice-CECANF-2014-05,” by either of the following methods:

- [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit comments via the federal eRulemaking portal by searching for “Notice-CECANF-2014-05.” Select the link “Comment Now” that corresponds with “Notice-CECANF-2014-05.” Follow the instructions provided onscreen. Please include your name, organization name (if any), and “Notice-CECANF-2014-05” on your attached document.

- Mail: Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, c/o General Services Administration, Agency Liaison Division, 1800 F St., NW, Room 7003D, Washington DC 20006

Please submit comments only and cite “Notice-CECANF-2014-05” in all correspondence related to this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal or business confidential information provided.

**For further information visit the CECANF website:** <https://eliminatechildabusefatalities.sites.usa.gov/>

Or contact Patricia Brincefield, Communications Director, 1800 F St., NW, Room 7003D, Washington, DC 20006. Phone: [202-818-9596](tel:202-818-9596) Email: [Patricia.Brincefield@cecanf.usa.gov](mailto:Patricia.Brincefield@cecanf.usa.gov)

## **Preparing for the 2015 Legislative Session**

Denise gave the Legislative update for CAA and provided a document summary of bill and bill draft requests for the 2015 Legislative Session. She stated that the 432B Work Group was not continued. Three areas of focus will be addressed during this session;

Children’s Safety

School Readiness

Children’s Health

She also shared that a White Paper is being developed to explore and define “Prudent Parent Legislation” to allow normalcy for foster youth in Nevada. CAA is also looking into medical consent issues to identify more effective solutions to ensure that children in foster care receive timely and adequate medical treatment.

Please see the “2015 Legislative Agenda” and “2015 Bill Draft Request List” attached for more information on legislative priorities for 2015.

## **Funding/Grant Opportunities**

The discussion on Grant Opportunities resulted in a consensus that the sources for identifying Grant opportunities is limited and by the time opportunities are posted it is difficult to meet deadlines in a collaborative way.

Daniele Dreitzer mentioned that there is some funding available from the State Farm Youth Advisory Fund. She had determined that there is no one from Nevada that sits on the Board of this funding agency which is comprised of 16-24 year olds.

Gard Jameson announced that there are some efforts being made to develop a source that "Previews Non-Profit Organizations in Nevada". He also referenced a recent report from the Lincy Institute on the economic impact of non-profits in Nevada. This report can be accessed at: [click here](#)

### **News, Announcements & Updates**

Andre' Wade of DFS announced that there will be a Foster Parents Conference on Sept. 23-24 from 7:30-12:30 each day. The conference will be held at the Encore. The target is to engage non-welfare folks in the child welfare process using the Building Connections Model. Participates in this conference are being identified from participants in the CPI KaBOOM Project from a few months ago. Space is limited.

Andre' also announced that there will be a 3 day training for DFS employees in an effort to improve outcomes within the LGBT Community. **Please feel free to add to this if you have a better understanding of the details of this training.**

Nevada PEP will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run Walk and Roll Against Bullying at Finlay Chevrolet on 9/27/14. Register for 1.5 mile Walk or 5K Run at [www.nvpep.org](http://www.nvpep.org).

The Nevada Partnership 4 Training announced two upcoming opportunities:

- 1) On 9/30 and 10/1 Bob Farley (retired Police Officer with 32 yrs. experience in child welfare) will conduct presentations concerning critical conversations on child maltreatment. He will discuss interviewing the suspect, the caregiver and the victim. Details at <http://nvpartnership4training.com>
- 2) On 11/3 and 12/16 Lynnette Johnson will provide 2 trainings on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.

Sheila Parks of CASA announced that Family Court will be celebrating 20 years of service in the community the week on 11/17-12. Each day will have a separate focus.

Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Internal partners
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	External Partners (Contact Sheila Parks to participate at 702-455-4306)
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Adoption Day

Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Court Programs (at Child haven to highlight 20 yrs of accomplishments
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rope's Course

Daniele Dreitzer of the Rape Crisis Center announced they will be holding their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Rio Hotel on 10/29/14 at 6pm. Guest speaker: Elizabeth Smart. Tickets available at [click here](#)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM.

**NEXT MEETING will be TBD at Las Vegas Country Club from 7:30-9:30 AM.**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:30am to 9:30am – UNR Cooperative Extension,** 8050 Paradise Road,  
Suite 105  
Las Vegas, NV 89123

CWN Meeting will be followed by the release of the 2015 Children's Report Card and Legislative Briefing Book.