

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA COUNCIL FOR  
THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Chapter 228 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 228.xxx to 228.xxx, inclusive, of this regulation:

*Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence*

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*NAC 228.xxx "Council" defined. (NRS 228.480) The name of this organization shall be the: Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence pursuant to NRS 228.480.*

*NAC 228.xxx Use of Name. (NRS 228.480) Use of the name Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence shall be subject to approval by the Council or its chair.*

*NAC 228.xxx Geographic Coverage. (NRS 228.480) This Council shall cover the State of Nevada.*

**PURPOSE AND DUTIES**

*NAC 228.xxx Purpose. (NRS 228.490) The purpose of the Council is to work toward preventing and eliminating domestic violence in Nevada through:*

- 1. Awareness through education;*
- 2. Training;*
- 3. Legislation; and*
- 4. Funding.*

*NAC 228.xxx Duties. (NRS 228.490) The duties of the Council are as follows;*

- 1. To make recommendations for any necessary legislation relating to domestic violence to the Office of the Attorney General;*
- 2. To provide financial support to programs for the prevention of domestic violence in the State;*
- 3. To study and review all appropriate issues related to the administration of the criminal justice system in rural Nevada with respect to offenses involving domestic violence, including, without limitation, the availability of counseling services; and*
- 4. With the assistance of the Court Administrator, based upon the study and review conducted pursuant to paragraph (3), to prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau on or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature. In preparing the report, the Council shall solicit comments and recommendations from district judges, municipal judges and justices of the peace in rural Nevada and include in its report, as a separate section, all comments and recommendations that are received by the Council.*

## *FINANCES*

*NAC 228.xxx Funding. (NRS 228.490) This Council is funded through the Account for Programs Related to Domestic Violence pursuant to NRS 228.460, private donations, legislative appropriations and state and federal grants as available.*

*NAC 228.xxx Gifts or donations. (NRS 228.490) The chair or any Council member may solicit gifts, donations or in-kind services to be used by the Council for the purposes stated in these regulations in accordance with state law. The Council reserves the right to refuse any gift, donation or in-kind services.*

*NAC 228.xxx Fund-raising events. (NRS 228.490) Council sponsorship of its own or other fund-raising events must be approved in advance by the Council or the Council chair.*

*NAC 228.xxx Expenditures. (NRS 228.490) Expenditures of the Council shall be governed in accordance with NRS 228.460.*

## *MEMBERSHIP*

*NAC 228.xxx Term. (NRS 228.480) Members shall serve a three (3) year term and may be reappointed.*

*NAC 228.xxx Compensation. (NRS 228.480) Members shall serve without compensation but while engaged in the business of the Council, are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.*

*NAC 228.xxx Absences. (NRS 228.480) Members who have two absences per year may be subject to removal by the chair.*

*NAC 228.xxx Removal. (NRS 228.480) Members may be recommended for removal by a two-thirds vote of the quorum present, subject to the chair's approval.*

*NAC 228.xxx Vacancies. (NRS 228.480) All vacancies shall be recommended to the Council for replacement by a geographically balanced nominating committee, and subject to a two-thirds vote of the quorum present. The chair has the right to accept or reject the Council's recommendation in appointing new members.*

*NAC 228.xxx Member Composition. (NRS 228.480) There shall be no more than 30 members of the Council. It is the Council's goal that the Council be comprised of a group of individuals who are geographically balanced, culturally diverse, and representative of the various disciplines involved in domestic violence issues.*

*NAC 228.xxx Chair Appointment of Members. (NRS 228.480) The chair may appoint other members as deemed necessary and appropriate.*

*NAC 228.xxx Domestic Violence Ombudsman. (NRS 228.485) The Domestic Violence Ombudsman shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Council.*

## **OFFICERS**

*NAC 228.xxx Officers. (NRS 228.485) The officers of this Council will be comprised of a chair, a vice-chair, a secretary, and a treasurer.*

*NAC 228.xxx Chair. (NRS 228.485) The chair will be the Attorney General or his/her designee.*

*NAC 228.xxx Election of Officers. (NRS 228.485) The vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer will be elected by the Council annually, at the first meeting of the calendar year.*

*NAC 228.xxx Removal of Officers. (NRS 228.485) The Council may remove the vice chair, the secretary, the treasurer, or any chair elected by the Council by a two-thirds vote of the quorum present.*

*NAC 228.xxx Chair Duties. (NRS 228.485) The duties of the chair will be as follows:*

- 1. To serve as presiding officer during Council meetings;*
- 2. To plan the agenda and schedule meetings;*
- 3. To serve as spokesperson for the Council;*
- 4. To respond to correspondence on behalf of the Council; and*
- 5. To perform the duties as prescribed in these bylaws; and*
- 6. To perform other appropriate duties as they may arise.*

*NAC 228.xxx Vice Chair Duties. (NRS 228.485) Should the chair be absent or unable to fulfill duties as outlined in NAC xxx.xxx, the vice-chair shall act in their place.*

*NAC 228.xxx Chair Designee. (NRS 228.485) In the event that both the chair and the vice-chair are absent, the Attorney General's designee will act as presiding officer.*

*NAC 228.xxx Secretary Duties. (NRS 228.485) The secretary shall ensure that the minutes are accurate prior to being presented to Council.*

*NAC 228.xxx Treasurer Duties. (NRS 228.485) The treasurer shall deliver a budget report at each Council meeting.*

## **MEETINGS**

*NAC 228.xxx Meetings. (NRS 228.485) The Council shall meet at least three (3) times each calendar year and may meet at other times upon the call of the Chair.*

*NAC 228.xxx Rural Meeting Requirement. (NRS 228.485) At least one meeting in each calendar year shall be held at a location within the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Judicial Districts.*

*NAC 228.xxx Quorum. (NRS 228.485) A simple majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.*

*NAC 228.xxx Notice. (NRS 228.485) Notice of Council meetings shall be given in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241) and shall include the date, time, place, and location of the meeting.*

*NAC 228.xxx Minutes. (NRS 228.485) Minutes will be taken at each meeting and draft minutes will be furnished to Council members prior to the next meeting.*

### **VOTING**

*NAC 228.xxx Action Taken by Council. (NRS 228.485) Passage of any matter requires a simple majority vote of the quorum present unless specified otherwise in these regulations.*

*NAC 228.xxx Proxy. (NRS 228.485) No proxy voting will be allowed.*

### **COMMITTEES**

*NAC 228.xxx Service on Committees. (NRS 228.485) Every member of the Council, with the exception of the chair, shall serve on at least one committee.*

*NAC 228.xxx Committee Formations. (NRS 228.485) Committees may be formed at the discretion of the chair upon advice of the Council or pursuant to Council action. Each committee will exist until its work is completed. Committees may consist of Council and non-Council members.*

*NAC 228.xxx Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs. (NRS 228.485) Each committee shall designate a chair or co-chairs.*

*NAC 228.xxx Committee Reports. (NRS 228.485) The committee chair or chair's designee shall be prepared to report on the committee's progress and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting following the committee meeting.*

*NAC 228.xxx Notice and Meetings. (NRS 228.485) Notice of committee meetings shall be given in accordance with the Open Meeting Law (NRS Ch. 241).*

*NAC 228.xxx Minutes. (NRS 228.485) Minutes will be taken at each committee meeting.*

*NAC 228.xxx Quorum. (NRS 228.485) A simple majority of the committee's membership shall constitute a quorum.*

*NAC 228.xxx Replacement of Committee Chair. (NRS 228.485) Each committee chair shall hold regular meetings. If the committee has not met prior to two consecutive council meetings, the committee may vote to replace the existing chair.*

*NAC 228.xxx Removal of Committee Members. (NRS 228.485) Committee members may be removed by a simple majority vote of the quorum present at the committee's meeting.*