



Minutes of Thursday, February 5, 2026 Meeting
Department of Human Services
Grants Management Advisory Committee

The Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC) held a public meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

Agenda and/or Materials: [GMAC Meetings 2026](#)

I. Call to Order: Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Stacy York, Chair. Christine Estrada, Grants Management Unit (GMU) Administrative Assistant (AA) III, to conduct roll call.

Members Present

Stacy York

Fernando Serrano

Shayla Holmes

Tiana Wright

Ann Polakowski

Ellen Richardson-Adams

Aliza Berlin

Tom McCoy

Meghan Brascia-Burns

Members Not Present

Melissa Mackedon

Shayla Holmes

A quorum was confirmed.

Department of Human Services (DHS), Grants Management Unit (GMU) staff present:

Danacamile Roscom, Social Services Chief III

Cathy Robinson, Management Analyst IV, Contractor

Shannon Jenkins, Management Analyst II

Nicole Martin, Social Services Program Specialist III

Tawny Chapman, Social Services Program Specialist III

Christine Estrada, Administrative Assistant III

Stacy York, Chair, opened the meeting to public comment.

II. Public Comment

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There was no public comment.

III. For possible action: Approval of October 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Stacy York, Chair, invited a member to make a motion to approve the October 21, 2025, meeting minutes. Tom McCoy made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Ellen Richardson-Adams seconded the motion. No member opposed.

Action – October 21, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

IV. For possible action: Amend the GMAC Bylaws

Stacy York Chair stated that the Bylaws were sent out.

She opened the floor to the committee to the changes were noted, to discuss or ask questions.

Tom McCoy requested clarification on the plan for revising statutes that still indicate Department of Health and Human Services rather than the redesignation Department of Human Services.

Nathan Orme, DHS Public Information Officer, explained that based on his knowledge it is going to be a cleaned up in a Bill next session. He will also be meeting with the Director next week and he will bring it to the table to be discussed.

Stacy York, Chair, thanked Nathan and inquired if there were any further discussion or questions regarding the proposed changes. If no further discussion, Ms. York invited members to motion to approve the amendments to the GMAC Bylaws. Ellen Richardson-Adams made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Megan Brascia-Burns seconded the motion. No member opposed.

Action – Amendments to the GMAC Bylaws were approved.

V. For possible action: Funding Recommendations for the Victims of Human Trafficking Notice of Funding Opportunities

Stacy York, Chair, opened the floor to Tawny Chapman to present.

Tawny Chapman, Social Services Program Specialist III, presented a summary of the GMU VHT Victims of Human Trafficking Notice of Funding Opportunity results which can be found on the GMAC website or by clicking [here](#). The Account for Victims of Human Trafficking was created under NRS 217.530 to support eligible entities in providing continuous services to victims of human trafficking, building capacity to expand services and programs, and supporting pilot diversion programs as alternatives to law enforcement response. Out of the fifteen applications received, six agencies are recommended to be funded to ensure diversity in services and proper distribution of funds throughout Nevada – St. Rose Dominican Hospitals - Dignity Health, Rite of Passage, Hope Christian Health Center, Awaken, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and Xquisite.

Ms. Chapman opened the floor for any questions from the Committee.

Tom McCoy inquired about the area of service, specifically Xquisite, that was indicated as rural.

Ms. Chapman explained she was at a conference but would be more than happy to update the Committee after the meeting.

Ms. York, Chair, stated that Xquisite was part of Carson, Storey, Douglas and Washoe.

Mr. McCoy stated he was just curious from a statewide standpoint if we didn't have any applicants that would provide statewide services.

Ms. Chapman replied to the applicants that were received were all in the service areas. It is unfortunate that we don't have any statewide.

Ms. York, Chair, replied that two companies that were statewide were affiliated with Domestic violence and Human Trafficking.

Mr. McCoy thanked Stacy York.

Ms. York, Chair, asked if there were any other questions about the funding recommendations presented.

Meghan Brascia-Burns responded that this was the first time she had been involved in this and was curious as to what they have access to as far as the grading, if it's public.

Ms. Chapman turned the table over to Dana Roscom, GMU Chief, for response.

Ms. Roscom replied that it can be requested by the applicant and on a specific need for that specific project, but we wouldn't post all the actual evaluations on our website.

Ms. Brascia-Burns asked if those who are not awarded, are told the reasons why they were not.

Ms. Roscom confirmed that reasons are given based off the evaluation notes.

Ms. Brascia-Burns continued to say one more assumption with the people who were partially funded, I assume that aligns to some amount in the budget that you felt you could cover.

Ms. Roscom clarified that considering our approach and wanting to ensure we diversify the types of services available to Nevadans that we just came up with a partial fund for that specific scope.

Tiana Wright requested clarification on the length of the award period.

Ms. York informed that it was for 18 months.

Ms. Write also inquired about the sustainability for some of the programs, and if they stated plans for when the award had concluded.

Ms. Chapman responded that all of them have a plan.

Ms. Roscom also responded that the majority already have established programming so that has provided a level of security for the sustainability piece.

Ms. York, Chair, asked if there were any more questions. There were no further questions, and the members were invited to make a motion.

Tom McCoy made the motion to approve the funding recommendations as presented. Meghan Brascia-Burns seconded the motion. No member opposed.

Action – Funding recommendations for the Victims of Human Trafficking Notice of Funding Opportunity were approved as presented by the Grants Management Unit.

Ms. York, Chair, opened the meeting to public comment.

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VII. Wrap up and Adjournment

Stacy York, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:27 PM.