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### NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

**Date and Time of Meeting:** August 18, 2023, 3:00 PM  
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## AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order on August 18, 2023 at 3:03pm by Ms. Chalupnik

### 2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Korri Ward (Chair)  
Corey Nguyen (Vice Chair)  
Amy Walch  
Nicole Muhoberac  
Amy Coyne  
Linda Tran

3. **Public Comment:** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial [1(775) 321-6111]. When prompted to provide the Meeting ID, enter [832794904]. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)

*[No public comment(s)]*

4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held July 28, 2023

A motion to approve corrections on previous minutes was made by Vice Chair Corey Nguyen and seconded by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac

5. **For Possible Action:** Review and Make Recommendations for Goal One of the Current 5-Year Strategic Plan: Ways to Maximize Public and Private Funding Sources to Support the Full Scope of Services Needed for All Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac motioned to rephrase Goal One to “Maximize Public and Private Funding Sources to Support the Full Scope of Services Needed Across the Lifespan for all Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families.”

- a. Objective 1.1 is to Secure State and Federal Funding, Grants, and Other Resources to Ensure Adequate Service Delivery.
  - Parents giving up their parental rights so that their child(ren) can get access to services/support.
    - i. Lack of parent training available
  - Families moving out of state due to lack of residential treatments.

- b. Objective 1.2 is to Expand Access to Health Insurance Benefits for ASD Services.
  - Rephrase to “*Expand Access to Health Insurance Benefits for ASD Services and Support Services*”
  - To include:
    - i. Comprehensive Care/Services
    - ii. Supportive Services
- c. Objective 1.3 is to Expand Medicaid Coverage for ASD Services Throughout the Lifespan.
  - Rephrase to “*Expand Medicaid Coverage for ASD Services and Support Services Throughout the Lifespan*”
- d. Objective 1.4 is to Establish a Self-Directed Care Option for Individuals in Nevada.
  - Chair Ward will amend and add to next meeting.

[A motion to approve changes on objective 1.2 and 1.3 was made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Vice Chair Corey Nguyen]

[A motion for Chair Korri Ward to amend objective 1.4 was made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Commissioner Amy Walch]

**6. For Possible Action:** Review and Approve the 16 Item Survey from the 5-Year Strategic Plan for Circulation to the Public.

Commissioner Linda Tran proposed to get feedback on consumer and provider survey. Will be discussed at next meeting if any changes should/will be made.

**7. For Discussion Only:** Workforce Development Subcommittee Meeting Updates and Funding and Insurance Subcommittee Updates

[Standing Item]

**8. For Possible Action:** Review and Approve Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities as it Relates to the Current Community Strategic Plan, Including Approval of Public Entities and/or Members to be Contacted to Participate in Each Subcommittee, in Preparation for the Upcoming Strategic Report

Commissioner Linda Tran made motion to develop and create the Resource Development Subcommittee and to have Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac as chair.

**9. For Possible Action:** Discuss and Approve Any Proposed Additions or Changes to the Commission Bylaws.

Changes to bylaws will be made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac

**10. For Discussion Only:** Discuss Potential Recommendations for the Commission to Review with the Olmstead Planning Committee in October

[Tabled Item]

**11. For Possible Action:** Discuss and Approve Agenda Items and Discuss Future Commission Meeting Dates

Objective 1.4, Provider Survey, Consumer Survey, and Goal 2

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Public comment was left by Ms. Chalupnik:

*"I really appreciate this board for being so productive and using your stories in a way that can impact the rest of the society in which you guys serve. I really think that each one of your stories are unique and deserve that voice with respect to those that really need the support in the Nevada. So, thank you for that."*

**13. Adjourn (For Possible Action)**

Next meeting will be held on September 22 at 2:00pm

#### **Autism Commission Members**

**Korri Ward (Chair)**, parent of a child with autism who resides in a county with a population of less than 100,000.

**Corey Nguyen (Vice Chair)**, member who is a behavior analyst.

**Anna Marie-Binder**, representative of the public at large.

**Amy Walch**, parent of a person with an autism spectrum disorder who is over 12 years of age.

**Amy Coyne**, representative of school districts in this State (Clark County).

**Nicole Muhoberac**, parent of a child with autism who is under 5 years of age.

**Linda Tran**, representative of school districts in this State (Washoe County).

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