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## NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

**Date and Time of Meeting:** March 1, 2024, 3:30 PM  
**Location of Meeting:** Hybrid (Virtual, Telephonic)  
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## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order on March 1, 2024 at 3:31pm pm by Diana Unaite

2. **Roll Call:**

Commissioners Present: Corey Nguyen (Vice Chair)  
Anna Marie-Binder  
Amy Walch  
Amy Coyne  
Nicole Muhoberac  
Linda Tran

3. **Public Comment:**

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[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.)

Public comment was made by Diana Unaiite on behalf of Lorrie Follet:

*“Good afternoon, my name is Sherry Bond and I am with Nevada Medicaid Behavioral Health Benefits Team. Medicaid would like to make this commission aware of a public hearing regarding our applied behavioral analysis policy and state plans scheduled for March 26, 2024 at 10:00am.*

*I would like to place a link to our public notices page in the chat. The state plan changes include expansion of ABA services to all eligible recipients.*

*The policy changes include the use of ABA services for all eligible Medicaid recipients, regardless of age. Also adding clarifying language to the policy for service limitations, testing, and diagnosis requirements.*

*If anyone has any questions, they can reach out to us at the email I've provided in the chat. Thank you.”*

4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held January 26, 2024

[A motion to approve minutes from January 26, 2024 was made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Commissioner Anna Marie Binder]

5. **For Information:** Presentation from Juvenile Justice as it Relates to Signed Senate Bill 411, Detention Alternative for Autistic Youth (DAAY) Court

*DAAY was created in 2018 to divert children or youth on the spectrum, or suspected to be on the spectrum, out of the criminal justice system*

- *Provide assessments/services to youths who are in the delinquency system*
- *Help families in the community and at home*
- *Work in conjunction with volunteers (Probation Officer, DA, Public Defender, BCBA, ATAP, DRC services)*
- *Recidivism rate is 7*
- *Funding through court assessments*
  - *Neuro Psych to work with those who are high risk*
  - *Inclusion Fusion for socialization*
  - *Parent Training, BSR, PST*
  - *Counseling Program (Hard Kocks)*
- *SB411*
  - *Allows each county to seek funding and create same type of diversionary program as DAAY*

6. **For Information:** Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) Updates

*Month-month data has not changed.*

- *Increase in caseload is minimal*

7. **For Information:** Presentation from Sierra Regional Center, Management Analyst for Statewide Updates on Service Provisions from the Regional Centers for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

- *Works with individuals with autism as a primary diagnosis and also works with individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, or related conditions.*

- *Currently have about 8,200 individuals with open cases across three regional centers*
    - *About 2,220 individuals with autism as primary diagnosis*
  - *Have 2 Supported Living Arrangement (SLA) types*
    - 1) *Intermittent Support*
      - *Individual living at home with family who is supported by a contracted provider periodically.*
      - *About 2,200 receiving SLA services*
    - 2) *Intensive Support*
      - *Individual living with housemates and cared for/supervised by paid staff 24/7*
      - *About 1,600 receiving ISLA services*
  - *Currently have 54 providers across the state that provide SLA services*
  - *Typical case load per case manager is 45-46*
8. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and Approve Options for Language Translation of the 16 Item Provider Survey and the Consumer Survey from the 5-Year Strategic Plan\* for Circulation to the Public
- Funds have been approved to have survey translated. Work order process will take time. Using professional translation service to translate survey.*
- [ A motion to approve translation service was made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Commissioner Linda Tran.]
9. **For Discussion Only:** Workforce Development, Funding and Insurance, and Resource Development Subcommittee Updates as it Relates to Topics for Consideration, Past Meetings, and Upcoming Meetings.
- *No more than 2 commissioner members can be in either of the three subcommittees*
    - *Who will facilitate and when*
10. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and Approve Agenda Items and Discuss Future Commission Meeting Dates
- [ A motion to have next full commission meeting on April 12, 2024 at 3:30pm was made by commissioner Nicole Muhoberac seconded by Vice Chair Corey Nguyen].
11. **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]
12. **Adjourn:**  
Meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm by Vice Chair Corey Nguyen and seconded by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac

## Autism Commission Members

**Korri Ward (Chair):** Parent of a child with autism who resides in a county with a population of <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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### **Agenda Posted at the Following Locations as Required by Law:**

3811 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 209, Las Vegas, NV 89108 and Aging and Disability Services Division at 3208 Goni Road, Building I, Suite 181, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at [www.adsd.nv.gov](http://www.adsd.nv.gov) and Nevada Public Notice website at [www.notice.nv.gov](http://www.notice.nv.gov)

\* **The 5-year Strategic Plan** can be located on the Commission for Autism Spectrum Disorders web page: [ADSD Commission strategic plan final deliverable 12-24-14 \(nv.gov\)](http://ADSD Commission strategic plan final deliverable 12-24-14 (nv.gov))

\*\* **The By-Laws** can be located on the Commission for Autism Spectrum Disorders web page: [Bylaws \(nv.gov\)](http://Bylaws (nv.gov))