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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### **Nevada Assistive Technology Council (AT Council)**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2023, 10:00 AM**

**Location of Meeting: Zoom ([Zoom.us](https://zoom.us))**

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1. **Roll Call:**

- Members: Ashley Price, Chris Jarvis, David Winik, John Rosenlund, Lance Ledet, Minerva Rivera
- Staff & Guest: Deanna Smith, Nikki Haag, Marjory Olaes, Scott Youngs
- Captioner: Becky

2. **Public Comment:** No public comment.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the July 27, 2023, meeting:

- Section 7, bullet point 5 should say NATRC and not NATCR.
- David motioned to approve minutes.
- Ashley seconded motion.
- Minutes approved.

4. **For Possible Action:** Elect new Vice Chair.

- David Winik would like to consider being Vice Chair in the future.
- John Rosenlund will continue to stand in as the current Vice Chair until another member is appointed.

5. **For Possible Action:** Review of Council Membership, Pending Applicants and Recruitment of Council Membership.

- One member's application was denied.
- One new member, Tamina Severtsen
- 4 potential members sent information on how to apply.

6. **For Possible Action:** Review of the two additional required membership positions created through the reauthorization of the assistive technology act that would include the council to review and have an opinion of which body is appropriate to fill the open position, and who from the council shall engage the entity for their recommendation for a member.

- List of potential members, see the document posted "CATADA Brief 5 Advisory Council".

- a. Two additional new positions which can be filled by a variety of agencies and positions to choose from.
  - A representative from the alternative financing program operated by a nonprofit entity.
    - o The Care Chest Loan Fund program will fill one of this position.
  - A representative from one of the following:
    - o Medicaid State Agency.
    - o State agency administering developmental disabilities act.
    - o State agency administering or organization funded under the Older Americans Act.
    - o Organization representing Veterans.
    - o University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.
    - o State protection and advocacy system.
    - o State Council on developmental disabilities.
  - Council will still require 51% of Members to be assistive technology users.
  - A member can fill more than one mandatory position at a time.
- See documents posted AT Council List Serv Solicitation.
- John to reach out to CARE Chest and Consumer Protection.
- Ashley to reach out to the Developmental Disabilities (DD Council).

7. **For Information and Discussion:** Discussion of the Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative (NATC), that includes things Required or Supported under the Act, including the 2022 Reauthorization of the Assistive Technology Act, the Current Status of NATC Services, Updates on NATC Community Partners, NATC funding, and Address Questions on the NATC State Plan.
- Changes to what's supposed to be reported and information collected.
  - No change in funding partners of the Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative (NATC).
  - CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada will continue to provide statewide reutilization services.
    - Refurbish donated durable medical equipment.
    - Raise funding to purchase assistive technology.
  - The Assistive Technology Resource Centers will remain as:
    - The University of Nevada, Reno.
    - The Center for Excellence in Disabilities.
  - Funding is disbursed to:
    - \$80,000 is allocated for reutilization projects over the next year.
    - \$265,000 for the AT Resource Centers for services.
    - \$65,000 goes to the Assistive Technology for Independent Living Program.

8. **For Information and Discussion:** Update Regarding the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Olmstead Plan:
- In the final stages.
  - Draft of the finalized plan available late October.

9. **For Information and Discussion:** Review and discuss draft of Deputy Attorney General (DAG) approved Bylaws and the reason for the changes.
  - The DAG cross-referenced the current Bylaws to the different public laws that passed in 2004 and 2022. (Public Law 108-364 originally passed by Congress in October of 2004.)
  - The DAG drafted new Bylaws in compliance with the Public Law
  - Corporation replaced with public body.
  - Drafted Bylaws would refer to the Nevada Assistive Technology Council as the AT Council, rather than The Council, as stated in the current Bylaws.
  - Section 2 addresses the authority of the AT Council as Public Law rather than as the AT Council.
  - Section 3 is now its own section addressing the purpose and the function of the AT Council.
  - New positions added through the reauthorization of the Assistive Technology Act we added into the proposed Bylaws.
  - The AT Council to provide membership recommendations to the Director's Office for consideration, recommendations must meet open meeting guidelines.
  - Changes quorum to be compliant with the recent changes made in the last legislative session, to understand that quorum shall consist of attendance by the majority of the appointed members.
  - All recommendations of changes to the Bylaws are to be reviewed and approved by the by the DAG, date stamped by the Chair.
10. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss and Approve drafted versions of the Assistive Technology (AT) Position Statement.
  - John motioned to approve John's drafted position statement.
  - Ashley seconded the motion to approve John's drafted position statement.
  - Position Statement approved unanimously.
11. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss and Vote on Steven Cohen's proposed letter of support on accessibility audit request.
  - David motioned to not approve the letter of support.
  - Minerva seconded the motion.
  - Members Unanimously voted to not approve the letter of support.
12. **For Possible Action:** Review, discuss and vote on 2024 meeting days and dates. January 25, 2024, March 28, 2024, July 25, 2024, September 26, 2024
  - John Rosenlund proposed a special meeting in December to review the 2023 Program Services Data for the Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative's annual progress report.
    - December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - John Rosenlund motioned to approve 2024 meeting dates.
    - Ashley seconded motion to approve 2024 meeting dates.
    - 2024 meeting dates approved unanimously.

13. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and approve Tentative Agenda Topics for January meeting.
  - Come up with verbiage for standing agenda item for members providing updates on legislative updates, grants, and AT services statewide around assistive technology.
  - Agenda items 5, 6, 7 standing agenda items.
  - NATRC follow up on the discussion about the LCB NELIS access.
14. **Public Comment:**
  - Scott mentioned the Disability Awareness Day happening at the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2.
15. **Adjournment:**
  - Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm

**NOTE:**

**AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 3208 Goni Road, Building I, Suite 181, Carson City, NV. 89706. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at [www.ahsd.nv.gov](http://www.ahsd.nv.gov) and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>