



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION  
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### Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD) MEETING MINUTES

**Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2023, 9:00 AM**

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

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1. **Roll Call:**

Members: Char Frost, Cindi Swanson, Diane Thorkildson, Ilia Sandez, Lori Lutu, Max Lowe, Mechelle Merrill, Pam Berek, Regina Daniel, Shannon Litz,  
Staff & Guest: Deanna Smith, Toni Clay, Gujuan Caver, Samantha Jayme, Jessica Adams.

Captioner: Becky

2. **Public Comment:**

- New member introduction.
  - Max Lowe
  - Shannon Litz
  - Lori Lutu

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the May 10, 2023, meeting:

- Max motioned to approve the minutes.
- Pam Berek seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
- Minutes approved unanimously.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:** Desert Regional Center (DRC) to provide an overview of DRC services, including information related to person-centered planning and DRC's relationship with various community-based services and agencies.

- Presentation tabled to next meeting due to technical difficulties.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Every Smile Matters Nevada; Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) presenting information and requesting feedback from Commission members and members of the public about experiences related to accessing oral healthcare services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are also Medicaid recipients. (<https://everysmilemattersnevada.org/>)

- A new initiative in the State of Nevada that includes augmentation of dental services for adults with disabilities and are Medicaid recipients, to include more than just extractions and emergency care, called 'Every Smile Matters Nevada
- Seeking feedback from adults with disabilities who are Medicaid recipients about their experience related to accessing oral healthcare services.

- Looking for input throughout the State of Nevada, especially in Southern Nevada.
6. **For Information and Discussion**: Review of the 2023 Legislative Session, highlighting the various legislative activities which impacted ADSD, disability-related services, and the disability community.
    - FOCIS/MFP Transition from DHCFP to ADSD
    - AB422 – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder program
    - AB78 – Related to Jobs and Day Training providers.
    - AB259 – Ends the subminimum wage program for persons with disabilities.
    - SB298 – related to the rights of residents in residential facilities for groups.
    - SB315 – Bill of Rights for persons who are aged or disabled.
    - AJR1 – resolution to amend the Nevada Constitution
      - Tabled for next meeting.
  7. **For Information and Discussion**: Discussion and Update regarding Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) and CLEO report.
    - Monthly caseload for September –
      - 113 new applicants.
      - 1021 active children with an average age of 8 ½ years old.
      - 7 inactive children on the waiting list.
      - 6 are ATAP only meaning their insurance does not cover applied behavior analysis or they have Medicaid.
      - The current average wait time is 39 days.
    - See presentation [here](#).
  8. **For Information and Discussion**: Discussion and Update regarding Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) Olmstead Planning Survey.
    - The link to the proposed Olmstead Plan is [here](#).
  9. **For Information and Discussion**: Discussion and Updates regarding ADSD approach to addressing the mental and behavioral health needs of ADSD consumers.
    - Developmental services received about \$14.5 million dollars in ARPA funds to work on intensive behavioral support.
    - Originally asked to focus on ‘intensive behavioral support home’.
      - A team would be put together to include: board certified behavioral analysts, possibly occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing and any other specialist that someone may need.
    - This program models a program in California which resulted in keeping people out of institutional care and in some cases also stabilize the individual to the point they can step down into a more typical 24-hour intensive supportive living setting.
    - A lot of these programs focus on individuals that are duly diagnosed with intellectual disabilities and mental health.
    - Program would be for children and adults.
    - Up to 6 homes.
    - Half of a million dollars in ARPA funds is to hire a contractor to help look at the full picture and figure out best practices across the country in different states.

- Contractor to assist in writing a request for proposal to bring providers into our state, that focus on this group of people and getting services to them.
  - Eventually will rewrite waivers so the program can be longstanding as opposed to just being funded one time with ARPA funds.
    - The vendor assisting with this is Health Management Associates (HMA).
  - Currently in the research stage, talking to other states, talking to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), talking with various types of providers.
  - Looking at lower-level interventions that can be put in place for people with dual diagnosis, especially children, to keep them in their family homes.
    - Healthcare Management Administrators (HMA) is helping figure out what intervention services are needed the most.
  - Last legislative session gave \$100 million dollars to go towards pay rates for personnel.
    - Intermittent services going out to homes will see a pay increase from \$26 an hour to \$40 an hour in April.
10. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss and Approval Tentative Agenda Items for February 8, 2023, meeting.
- Olmstead Update
  - DRC presentation on tabled agenda item# 4
  - Legislative updated on tabled agenda item# 6
  - Cleo Report information.
  - Presentation by Medicaid
  - Additional conversation about planning and supporting services for adults over the age of 20.
  - More information about the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) vocational training program and any collaboration with Vocational Rehabilitation.
  - Discussion with Medicaid and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) about the time it takes providers to get paid for the dental services.
  - Housing
11. **Public Comment:**
- No comments.
12. **Adjournment:**
- 10:34 am

**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 [ADSD \(nv.gov\)](https://adsd.nv.gov) and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>