



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION  
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## MEETING MINUTES

*Name of Organization:* Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition

*Date and Time of Meeting:* Monday, March 20, 2023  
10:00AM

*Place of Meeting:* **Microsoft Teams meeting**

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**NOTE:** Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the Commission administrative support with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.

1. Roll Call & Welcome:

- Members: Rachel Jelenic, Cory Lutz, Molly Walt, Kathleen Doyle, Amy Dewitt-Smith, Justen Lester Hansen, Dr. Deborah Howell, Deidre Hillyard-Manley, Allie Blum, Maria Lopez
- Staff and Guest: Cheryl Dinnell, Cheyenne Pasquale, Nikki Haag, Carole Hanley, Lori Lutu, Annemarie Culp, Megan Wickland, Tori Diego, Vicky Gunderson, Gini (guest)

2. Public Comment:

- No Public Comment

3. Review and Approve Draft Minutes from January 17, 2023, Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) meeting (For Possible Action):

- Cory Lutz motioned to approve the minutes.
- Rachel Jelenic second the motion.
- All approved.

4. Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition Directors Report:

- Board appointment renewals are coming up at the end of June 2023. Everyone is eligible to renew if they choose to.
- Google Analytics has been reestablished and the web numbers are growing a little.

- A draft of the next YouTube video is almost ready. This is the second of three videos and the third is still in production. The three videos cover the benefits of respite freedom, support, and connection. The first video was on connection with the other soon to follow.
- The Coalition needs to decide what is next for the YouTube channel.
- NLRCC's recommendation was turned into a Bill Draft Request (BDR) and given an Assembly Bill (AB) number AB100.
- The first hearing went well, and thoughtful questions were asked.
- Individuals can submit letters of support in [NELIS Home \(state.nv.us\)](https://www.state.nv.us/nelis).

#### 5. Presentation/Report on Developmental Services Respite Implementation

Megan Wickland, Health Program Manager III, Developmental Services Quality Assurance

- Three Reginal Centers cover the state:
  - Sierra National Centers (SRC) covers Washoe County,
  - Desert Reginal Centers (DRC) covers Clark County,
  - Rural Reginal Centers (RRC) covers the remaining counties.
- Respite:
  - Services are available to children and adults receiving Developmental Services (DS) who live with family.
  - Income must be under 300% of poverty level with SSI income not calculated into the total income.
  - Families must choose their own respite provider. Monthly allotments can be saved up or reallocated.
- Funding:
  - Money comes from the State general funds.
  - The monthly allotments are the same statewide. At \$125 monthly.
  - May have a waitlist.
  - Funding can be discontinued if state funds are not available.
- Numbers:
  - DRC 1,819 with 122 on the wait list.
  - RRC 134, no wait list,
  - SRC 317, no wait list.
- Program Utilization:
  - Can use the funds to access community services, therapies, or recreational programs.

#### 6. Presentation/Report on Olmstead Planning

Deidre Manley, Health Program Specialist, Division of Child Family Services

- Workshops were done in several locations throughout the state in February.
- Starting in March the Olmstead Committee will meet monthly until October.
- More interviews are being held with key partners.
- Olmstead Planning Status Reports for Jan-Feb 2023 can be found in the meeting materials posted online.

## 7. Presentation/Report on Lifespan Respite Grants

Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief - Planning, Aging & Disability Services Division (ADSD)

- Three active grants:
  - Capacity Building ends 8/31/2023. This was a 3-year grant that focused on coordinating intake data collection, REST online training and outreach/connections.
  - Enhancement ends 9/26/2026. This is a 5-year grant that is focused on a respite registry, promoting interns and volunteer programs, and recruitment opportunities.
  - Dual-Diagnosis ends 7/31/2027. This is a 5-year grant that partners with other agencies. Assess gaps, build outreach and training and direct family support.
- Goal 1 Coordinated System of Caregiver Support:
  - Single intake/assessment, streamlined referrals, single satisfaction survey and annual caregiving in Nevada report.
  - Challenges with coordinated data collection, proving to be difficult as everyone collects different information.
  - The intake process needs to be re-designed.
  - Cross-agency agreements will need to be established.
  - The University of Reno (UNR) will assist in facilitating this project.
  - Satisfaction surveys have been obtained from all the ADSD subrecipients.
- Goal 2 Consensus Based Respite Worker Training
  - Online platform for respite workers, expanding training, professional skill development and informal work development are all activities that are being considered.
  - Challenges identified are completing projects, recognizing that respite takes many forms and determining when someone has had enough training.
- Goal 3 Increasing Respite Workforce and Addressing Gaps
  - Respite registry, recruitments, outreach, and gap analysis are activities that have been identified.
  - Internal and external challenges exist.
- A vendor has been contacted to determine if they can provide services for the registry.
- A training curriculum has not been established for respite care workers.
- Outreach funds have been changed and are being evaluated.
- Other incentives and ideas are being explored.
- Other ideas that are being considered include NLRCC website support, respite caregiver support summit, employer engagement and more.
- A no cost extension may be requested on grant #1.
- <https://www.nevadacareconnection.org/care-options/request-help/>
- <https://nvcaregivingrelief.org/>

## 8. Discuss/ Approve 2023 Legislative topics potentially affecting Caregivers (For Possible Action):

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director

- AB78 - Family Caregivers may be relieved of their role in dispensing medication if Job and Day Trainers (JDT) programs can administer medication without having a staff nurse.
- AB100 – Family caregiver needs/capability to give care will be assessed so that resources can be offered to them as they provide care at home.
  - Because of fiscal impact, it is being offered as a pilot program to be implemented under the frail elderly and physical disabilities programs.
  - Data can then be collected, and the needs of family caregivers will be based on something to measure from.
  - Opinions can be made on any Bills on the NELIS site. <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023>.
- AB116 – Families are given information on Down Syndrome when a pre-term or newborn diagnosis is made, so they are connected to resources and support as soon as possible.
- AB202 – Allows family caregivers to be in communication with/monitor care of a care recipient, by electronic means, without being there in person.
  - Allows a resident to install and use electronic communication devices in a skilled nursing facility.
- AB208 – Family caregivers of certain care recipients would be able to become paid caregivers.
  - Proposes to offer structured family caregiving to some Medicaid recipients who have dementia.
- SB156 – Open Meeting Law public meetings, through remote technology, still need to protect full participation of people with disabilities.
- Allie Blum motioned to support all 6 of the Legislative topics. Justen Hansen second the motion. All approved

9. Discuss of May 15, 2023, Agenda topics:

10. Member Spotlight:

- Spotlights were included in the meeting materials but were tabled until the 5/15/23 meeting.

11. Public Comment:

- No public comment

12. Adjournment: 12:03pm

**Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:**

**Note:**

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