



Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2024
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: TEAMS meeting

Minutes

1. **Roll Call, Opening Statement:**

- Members: Molly Walt, Allie Blum, Cherrise Brown, Dr. Deborah Howell, Cory Lutz, Deidre Hillyard-Manley, Kathleen Doyle, Rommel Timbal, Sharifa Wahab, Zaconia Turner
- Staff & Guest: Cheyenne Pasquale, Carole Hanley, Dawn Lyons, Autumn Blattman, Ashlee Rowerdink, Megan Thompson, Molly Rose Lewis, Mika Alvarez, Cheryl Dinnell, Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Belz & Case Government Affairs, Jessica Padron, Maria Moore, Justin Chaves, Barbara Lewison, Riley Franco,

2. **Public Comment:**

- Cheryl Dinnell invited the Coalition to have a representative attend the Arch Learning Collaborative.
- Request made by Chair Molly Walt to have NLRCC members respond to emails to ensure Quorum can be met prior to the meetings.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of NLRCC September 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

- Cory Lutz motioned to approve the draft minutes.
- Cherrise Brown second the motion,
- All approved

4. **Presentation and Discussion:** A Bill to Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow expenses to be counted as medical expenses [S.3254](#).

- Representative from Senator Rosen's Office Megan Thompson, Molly Rose Lewis, & Mika Alvarez
- This bill would allow a person to claim a one-time expense on their personal flexible spending account, for a family member that is not on their account.
- The bipartisan bill has passed and will now go to the Senate Finance Committee. No date is known for the bill to go into effect.

- You can [follow bills](#)
- Member of the Coalition and the public can support can [send email](#) requesting to be added to the supporters list or send a letter to the Senator.

5. **Review and Discussion:** ADSD Report regarding Lifespan Respite Grants and AB100 Implementation.

- The announcement for the Executive Director position for the Coalition is being reissued.
- Ashlee Rowerdink is being oriented on the three different lifespan respite grants. The first goal of focus is on Assembly Bill (AB) 100 implementation and establishing a system of respite for children with dual diagnosis.
- Potentially partnering with Magellan to help with respite for children with dual diagnosis.
- University of Reno (UNR) will be assisting with training for provider development.
- Discussion to start a workgroup to support AB100 will be taking place and members of the Coalition will be invited to be part of the workgroup.

6. **For Possible Action:** Presentation, Discussion and Recommendations for Collaboration with the Developmental Disability (DD) Council and Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) on joint caregiver support priorities:

- Medicaid presented at a SILC meeting and explained that they determined if providers and caregivers needed a rate increase by sending out a survey that had very few responses. The responses are what was used to determine rates. No other method was used.
- Dawn Lyons requested that the Coalition and SILC ask Medicaid to update them on changes to the rate review process once they have it in place.
- Discussion on collaboration on a letter that could be sent to Medicaid for provider rates and rate studies.
- Workforce issues are prominent as respite caregivers get paid much less than personal care providers.
- Rommel Timbal motion to collaborate with the SILC & DD Council,
- Cory Lutz second the motion
- All approved

7. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss and Approve NLRCC Recommendation Updates/Priorities in the Outreach section of the State Plan:

- The NLRCC recommendations for outreach have 5 bullet points.
 - Use language that is more inclusive and acceptable to all family caregivers so that messages of respite and caregiver support can reach them and will be recognized by them.
 - Embed processes to identify family caregivers through state agencies and public-private partnerships, rather than waiting on family caregivers to self-identify.
 - Establish a system of caregiver assessments to address the health and well-being of family caregivers, especially at logical points such as hospital discharge planning, where long-term care responsibilities are placed on caregivers.
 - Develop caregiver accessible materials in other languages for outreach to minority caregivers and disseminate through partners with trusted relationships in minority communities.

- Raise the awareness and understanding of caregivers and their valuable community role by broadly sharing results of data collected from caregiver assessments.
- Recommendation to add how the recommendations can be obtained.
- Recommendation to use the NLRCC website as the landing page to post a survey to help gather needed data.
- Recommendation made to have hospital and different providers present to the Coalition on discharge practices.
- Recommendations input for this portion on the NLRCC State plan can be emailed to Molly Walt at: mwalt@nrvsvp.com

8. **For Possible Action:** Discuss, Review and Approval of NLRCC 2024 Meeting Dates

- Meetings will be held on the third Monday of every odd month starting at 10:00am, unless a holiday falls on that date which will move the meeting to the fourth Monday of the month.
- Cory Lutz motioned to approve.
- Rommel Timbal second the motion,
- All approved

9. **Presentation and Discussion:** Member Spotlight Allie Blum and Dr. Deborah Howell:

- Spotlight can be found in meeting materials on the ADSD website.

10. **For Possible Action:** Tentative Agenda Topics: March 18, 2024, meeting:

- Collaboration letter
- Presentation from Senator Rosen's office

11. **Public Comment:**

- No public comments made.

12. **Adjournment:** 11:46am

NOTE:

- Supporting public materials provided to Coalition members for this meeting may be requested from Carole Hanley, at clhanley@adsd.nv.gov and is/will be available at the meeting locations on the ADSD website <https://adsd.nv.gov>. Or [Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition \(nv.gov\)](#).

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 <https://adsd.nv.gov> and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>.