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## **MINUTES**

Name of Organization: Position Paper Subcommittee of the Nevada  
Assistive Technology (AT) Council

Date and Time of Meeting: August 12, 2014  
1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held and video conferenced at the following locations:

Reno: Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living  
999 Pyramid Way  
Sparks, NV 89431  
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## **Minutes**

- I. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions  
John Rosenlund, Chairperson

A quorum being present, Mr. Rosenlund called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Members Present: Brian Patchett, John Rosenlund, Scott Youngs

Excused Members: Jesse Leaman

Public Present: Reggie Bennett, RAGE; LaaRee Drawantz, Easter Seals Nevada

Aging and Disability Services Division Staff Present: Diane Scully

- II. **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.)

There were no comments from the public.

- III. **Discussion of Information, Draft and Possible Approval of the Position Paper on AT Issues (For Possible Action)**

John Rosenlund, Chairperson

Mr. Rosenlund suggested they review the topics listed in the Nevada Assistive Technology for Employment Summit 2011 report (see attached), saying the Position Paper should include these priorities and give direction on where to go next year. Mr. Patchett agreed saying they could always make changes if needed.

Mr. Youngs said that prior to the Summit, a group of stakeholders was brought together and asked what their most important issue with Assistive Technology was statewide. This is how the topics were determined, prior to the Summit.

Mr. Youngs briefly reviewed the topics, outcomes and goals listed on Page ii of the report.

They are:

1. Comprehensive Service Delivery
2. Continuity of Services – Transitions

Mr. Youngs expounded by saying this is for any transition (Early Intervention to school; K-12 to higher education or community living). Mr. Rosenlund added transition happens across the lifespan as we age and our needs change including AT needs.

3. AT Special Interest Group – Sustainability
4. Resource Sharing – Interagency Collaboration
5. Establish Minimum Data Set – Quality Assurance

Mr. Youngs said there is a general lack of data including gaps in service and what AT is needed. Mr. Patchett feels like they are still trying to get accurate data, but it has improved over the last few years. Mr. Rosenlund said ADSD has good data to include in their reports, but what's hard to get is information on children going through school – age group, type of disability, who goes on to vocational rehabilitation (VR). Also lacking is information on the number of children leaving school and if they go on to higher education, VR or community living. This is a group that needs to know where they can go for assistance.

6. Establish Minimum Standards – Quality Assurance

Mr. Patchett suggested getting the university (or other institution) to look at the data that's available and compare it to other states. Data needs to follow the person from AT evaluation to getting and using the device throughout their life. Mr. Youngs agreed that follow up is needed. Mr. Patchett continued, noting that if a problem arises with the device, a lot of people just stop using it. There needs to be a way to follow up 6 months, 1 year, 2 years, etc. following the client receiving the device. Mr. Rosenlund added that the client needs to be assured that if a problem arises they can come back to the program for help. He added that there is also client responsibility involved – they need to notify someone that there is a problem.

7. Funding Sustainability

Mr. Rosenlund said in doing some research he came across a position paper on AT from the Illinois Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) (see attached). He will have staff send it via email to the other members.

Mr. Patchett said there needs to be a general position statement that includes the items from the Summit, then some very specific things that the committee would like to see happen. He suggested each member of the subcommittee take a piece to work on.

Mr. Patchett will work on the position statement. Mr. Rosenlund will work on topics 1-3 of the Summit report, and Mr. Youngs will work on topics 4-7 of the report.

Another subcommittee meeting will need to be held to review the work and possibly come up with a more complete position paper before a regular meeting of the AT Council can be held.

- IV. **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)

There were no comments from the public.

- V. **Set Date of Next Subcommittee Meeting (For Possible Action)**  
John Rosenlund, Chairperson

The date of the next meeting will be determined at a later time, and dependent on what the members accomplish in the next few weeks. Ms. Scully noted that meeting facilities have been reserved for September 9, 2014 and October 14, 2014.

- VI. **Adjournment (For Possible Action)**  
John Rosenlund, Chairperson

Mr. Youngs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Patchett. Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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**Current Assistive Technology Subcommittee Members**

John Rosenlund (Chairperson), Jesse Leaman, Brian Patchett, Scott Youngs,

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  3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
  4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
  5. Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 2950 S. Rainbow Blvd., #220, N. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
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  9. Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21<sup>st</sup> St., Reno, NV 89431
  10. Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center, 1865 Plumas St., #2, Reno, NV 89509
  11. Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
  12. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
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