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## MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: November 6, 2014  
11:00 a.m.

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 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Jesse Leaman, Brian Patchett, John Rosenlund, Scott Youngs

Aging and Disability Services Division Staff Present: Diane Scully, Laura Valentine

- 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. Approval of the Minutes from the October 14, 2014 Meeting (For Possible Action)  
John Rosenlund, Chairperson

Mr. Youngs made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Leaman; motion carried.

IV. Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of Draft of Position Paper on AT ISSUES (For Possible Action)  
John Rosenlund, Chairperson

Mr. Rosenlund and Mr. Youngs submitted copies of their information for the position paper (see attached). Mr. Rosenlund asked what the position paper should be – a long, detailed document or a two-page summary of the Council's position on certain issues. Mr. Patchett said he saw it as a two-page summary that could be submitted to the Governor and Legislature. Mr. Youngs agreed, it should be general, and include some background on the AT Council, its mission and vision. It would be a document used at meetings to guide the council's discussions on issues moving forward, issues such as best practices, assessments and service delivery. The position paper would be the Council's agreement that can be turned into an action plan. He added it could be a short-term strategic planning guide that anyone from the Council could take to the Legislature. Mr. Rosenlund said the position paper should be general information and from that the Council could set goals and priorities. Mr. Youngs added that there can be more than one document, and should include what the Council is about and the important AT issues in the State.

Mr. Patchett said he had intended to write an executive summary for the position paper but has not been able to. He said he could have one completed by November 14, 2014.

Mr. Rosenlund said he would go through documents from the Assistive Technology (ATAP) and see if there was language from them that could be used.

Mr. Leaman asked about the tobacco revenue spending, how it's distributed and if the AT Council could have a share in that. Mr. Rosenlund said that's not for the Subcommittee to decide and it could be brought up at a meeting of the full AT Council.

Mr. Youngs suggested going through each individual area of interest and asked if the members received Mr. Rosenlund's list of priorities. Everyone had it and Mr. Rosenlund explained that the topics came out of the 2011 AT Summit, he considered that a good place to start. Mr. Youngs said since a lot of the topics overlap, for the position paper, they be combined into more general statements to avoid a lot of duplication. Mr. Patchett said he would do some of that. Mr. Rosenlund said he will combine his information and that from Mr. Youngs into one document with bullet points.

- V. **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.

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 1 p.m. Using the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Centers (NDALC) in Las Vegas and Reno was discussed. Mr. Rosenlund will check with the director of the Reno office and see if that's available.

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

Mr. Rosenlund adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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**Current Assistive Technology Subcommittee Members**

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

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1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
  2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
  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
  6. Disability Resources, 50 E. Greg St Suite 102, Sparks, NV 89431
  7. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
  8. Desert Regional Center, 1391 So. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
  9. Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21<sup>st</sup> St., Reno, NV 89431
  10. Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center, 1875 Plumas St., #1, 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
  13. Bureau of Vocational Rehab, 1325 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
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**The Nevada AT Council is a group of stakeholders from across the state whose mission is to improve access to assistive technology by people with disabilities. People with disabilities will benefit by appropriate but innovative technology that improves functionality, and reduces dependency.**

**The AT Council has identified the following goals and objectives as priorities for FY 2015-16.**

- 1. Gather and analyze data from public and private agencies on existing needs. Use data to drive decision making.**
- 2. Increase collaborations with AT providers to improve and share resources. Create a formalized network of providers with necessary areas of expertise and a referral process that is usable by both people with disabilities and providers.**
- 3. Insure person centered service delivery which includes a team based approach of quality assessment, training, and follow up.**
- 4. Improve transition processes throughout the lifespan regarding the acquisition, use, and on going utilization of appropriate, innovative, and mainstream technologies.**
- 5. Develop AT and accessibility policies that can be adopted by State and Local Governments including education and other public entities.**

(S. Youngs) Resource Sharing – Interagency Collaboration

The Assistive Technology Council supports the increase of collaborations with service providers that focus on the development of a more streamlined referral process that is accessible and usable by consumers and the AT Network.

(S. Youngs) Establish Minimum Data Set – Quality Assurance

The Assistive Technology Council supports the gathering of baseline data on the types and severity of people with disabilities who would benefit by assistive technology. Implement short term (one year) planning approaches.

(S. Youngs) Establish Minimum Standards – Quality Assurance

The Assistive Technology Council supports the adoption and use of quality assurance models such as the Quality Indicators in Assistive Technology (QIAT) and/or other best practices as agreed upon by Council.

(S. Youngs) Funding – Sustainability

The Assistive Technology Council supports the exploration and implementation of innovative funding strategies that support and potentially grow programs and services throughout the state. Braided funding and fee for service options for example.

Draft submitted by John Rosenlund regarding the AT Council position papers on AT.

Comprehensive Service Delivery:

The Assistive Technology Council supports the creation of a collaborative workgroup among Assistive Technology stakeholders throughout the state of Nevada; in order to establish a “Best Practices for Assistive Technology Assessments”.

Continuity of Services – Transitions:

The Assistive Technology Council supports the creation of a web-based system for education and exposure to Assistive Technology training opportunities.

AT Special Interest Group – Sustainability:

The Assistive Technology Council supports Assistive Technology Training & Awareness in the community; funding of all types of Assistive Technology services; and creation of a resource list for Assistive Technology throughout the state.

Following sections to be addressed by Scott Youngs.

Resource Sharing – Interagency Collaboration

Establish Minimum Data Set – Quality Assurance

Establish Minimum Standards – Quality Assurance

Funding – Sustainability