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### Minutes

Name of Organization: Nevada Assistive Technology Council Subcommittee on Statewide Website Accessibility Taskforce (SWAT)

Date and Time of Meeting: February 4th, 2015  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Nevada Division of Aging and Disability Services  
3416 Goni Road, D-132  
Conference Room I  
Carson City, NV 89706  
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Video Location: Nevada Division of Aging and Disability Services  
Conference Room  
1860 E. Sahara Ave  
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I. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions  
Thomas Kearns, Chairperson

Members: Thomas Kearns (Chairperson), Frida Aizenman, Scott Youngs, George McKinlay

Guests: Eli Schwartz, Shanna Rahming, Eric Burrgraff, Mark Tadder, Dora Uchel

Staff: Tanya Keith, Desiree Bennett, John Rosenlund, Rique Robb

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.)

III.

Mark Tadder: Stated for the record, he just wanted to comment on the moving of the meeting to Carson City, which is inaccessible to him. He stated he don't know of any way for him to get there because he does not drive. He prefers the meeting location of the Disability Law Center is easier for him to use. He also feels his participation by phone in much less impactful than it would be if he could attend in person. He feels just a little frustrated by a meeting location he finds inaccessible since this is a subcommittee that focuses on aiding people with Disaibilities.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the January 11, 2016 Meeting (For Possible Action)  
Thomas Kearns, Chairperson

Minutes were approved with clerical errors noted: misspellings of member's names. Scott Youngs motioned for approval, George McKinlay Seconded. Carries Unanimously.

IV. Discussion and create first draft of the Letter about Statewide Accessibility to be sent to Governor Sandoval that will be Considered Or Deliberated at the Next AT Council Meeting (For Possible Action)  
Thomas Kearns, Chairperson

Scott Youngs suggested a general discussion and moved on to discuss the details of framing the letter. George mentioned that this piece is not yet completed as he is trying to be a little broader in terms of explaining the issue for accessibility. Thomas Kearns reminded George that a small paragraph should be sufficient. The discussion moved on to wordsmithing various pieces of the letter, and analyzing verbiage line by line.

a. Parts of letter assigned and to be considered:

- Thomas: Introduction / AT Council Description
- George: Purpose including a description of the inaccessibility of the websites and services
- Frida: Anecdotal Evidence / Story Keeper
- Scott: Legal Framework
- All: Recommendations for resolution

Thomas Kearns exercised the discretion of the chair to ask guest, Shannon Rahming if she would be willing to speak at the next meeting as an agenda item in regards to how to make sure the letter requests for accessibility is better for all people to access State Web Sites. The suggestion was made that an official invitation be sent out via email. Rique Robb commented on the roles of administrative staff, and that they can only provide notes and cannot write the letter for the workgroup. The workgroup went on to edit the recommendations section of the letter.

There was a bit of confusion about the status of Mark Tadder being a member of the workgroup. It was recommended he write a letter for public comment, to be reviewed at the next AT meeting.

b. Discussion, Consideration and decision on the CAC Technology Report, and how to incorporate it into the letter. (For Possible Action)  
Thomas Kearns, Chairperson

This discussion was tabled for the next agenda. Scott Youngs motioned. George McKinley seconded it. The motion Carried unanimously.

VI. **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)

John Rosalund: Stated he would like to commend the group for moving this forward. And input from all the various groups, being accessible to everybody who has reached out. As far as he could see, he is just glad the workgroup is moving this forward and taking all the input that they have received. He pointed out it's a challenging task, and putting something together that's articulating the issue and in a productive way is going to be very beneficial to people who use assistive technology, people with disabilities everywhere, so thank you.

Dora Uchel : Called to explain a situation she had just experienced. She was calling from the city bus with her children. She stated she hopes this (letter) goes through because she just finished talking to the Welfare Office in Las Vegas. Her son injured his pinkie, and they (the Welfare Office) did not have anybody available who knew how to help her with the process of getting assistance for her son's emergency hospital bill paid. She feels the staff at the Welfare Office doesn't know what she was talking about, in regards to accessibility and how to assist someone to independently fill out application. The staff said she would have to print it out, and have somebody else take it in. She feels vulnerable when she has to get help from someone, on the bus and tell them her Social Security Number and everything in order to get some kind of emergency help with her son.

Shannon Rahming is the Chief Information Officer for the State of Nevada. She had a few things she wanted to note:

- 1.) She has had meetings, as was mentioned earlier, regarding some of the issues that the State of Nevada does have. And her office with the State of Nevada had requested help from public councils. Her office has requested the SWAT Subcommittee to let them know which websites they feel are most important for the State to have fixed. She understands that there is a need to have all of them done. However, in reality, many resources the State of Nevada has are limited, as certainly many councils have a limited amount of resources as well.
- 2.) 2.) Secondly, she is also aware of a letter was sent in response to Mr. Kearns' concerns about someone to call, and to talk to about issues that have been found. She said the State of Nevada has asked to please be contacted, and to please work with us. She feels that looking at this letter sort of is like the SWAT Subcommittee way of saying the actions of the State of Nevada so far have been inadequate. Which is fine, however, what she would prefer is if it actually had a plan of action for solutions. And she thinks that's going to be a better approach for everyone to take. Within that plan of action, she feels it needs to be a partnership, and collaboration. And that's where she is hoping that as a SWAT Subcommittee and the State of Nevada can go.
- 3.) She also wanted to remind the SWAT Subcommittee that once you say the litigation word, it goes out of every agency's hand and goes directly to the Attorney General's Office. So at that point in time, there's nothing any State Agency can do to help SWAT Subcommittee out. So as the subcommittee is wording their letter, she recommends that if they don't want it to go directly to that pathway of the Attorney General's Office, it would be a better situation if we all could work together.
- 4.) She thanks the Council for allowing her to speak, and she would definitely want to continue on with this collaboration. She does hope that together, a collaborative future can be built where SWAT Subcommittee and State of Nevada can actually start working on this. She suggests, perhaps in the next SWAT meeting, looking at the letter, and maybe making comments. But she hopes the SWAT Subcommittee will take what she said, and wordsmith around it a little bit.

VII. **Adjournment (For Possible Action)**  
Thomas Kearns, Chairperson

Scott Youngs moved to adjourn. George McKinlay seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Current Assistive Technology Council Members**

Scott Youngs, Frida Aizenman, Thomas Kearns (Chairperson)

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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
14. Rebuilding All Goals Efficiently, 2901 El Camino Ave., Suite 201, Las Vegas, NV 89102

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