



**NEVADA COMMISSION ON
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING
DRAFT
MINUTES
December 19, 2013
9:00 AM**

MEETING LOCATIONS

Nevada State Legislature
401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway
McMullen Hall, Room 114
Elko, NV

Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 4401
Las Vegas, Nevada 8910

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1. Roll call of Commission Members

Ms. Crandy called the meeting to order at 9:07AM.

Commissioners present: Mary Liveratti, Jan Crandy, and Keri Altig

Commissioners absent: Ralph Toddre and Scott Reynolds

Others Present:

Sign-In Sheets for Carson City, and Las Vegas (See Attachment A)

There were no attendees at the Elko location.

The members discussed the resignation of Scott Reynolds and the interest of committee membership by April Carol from Washoe County School District. Ms. Crandy will confirm with Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Carol. In Ms. Ward's absence, Ms. Crandy will be asking questions about ATAP.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was offered

3. *Approval of April 8th 2013 minutes

The committee lacked a quorum at the April 8th meeting, therefore minutes were not necessary and none were presented to approve.

Approval of October 16th, 2012 minutes will be moved to January's agenda.

***Approval of December 5, 2012 minutes**

Ms. Liveratti noted grammatical and spelling errors, and recommended minutes to be corrected and revised.

A complete set of attachments will be provided to the Commissioners.

Motion for approval of December 5, 2012 minutes with corrections as noted.

Motion: Jan Crandy

Second: Mary Liveratti

Action: Motion passed

4. *Updates on NEIS from ADSD staff

-Jana Khoury from ADSD: ATAP Legislative Report Revised (See Attachment B)

Ms. Khoury explained how data was assessed, collected, and pulled from NEIS programs. She commented on the difficulties with the TRAC system and solutions they are implementing, and the collaboration with the providers on these issues. She addressed the concerns of the Commission regarding the five skill sets to be tracked as determined during the last legislative session.

Ms. Liveratti stated that Part C, now under the DHHS-Director's Office, is in charge of the data, so they should be present at future meetings. Ms. Liveratti discussed with the Commissioners the differences between the data they expect and the data that can be produced. She suggested further discussion was needed at a future meeting.

*** Update on ADSD Integration Plan**

Ms. Gerber-Winn stated ADSD has been working with Social Entrepreneurs on a high level integration plan for the agency. ADSD went through a process over the last five months to create the final implementation plan which will be available after the first of the year. The plan's intention was to determine who to address areas of concern regarding the integration of developmental services, aging, and disability related programs including early intervention. They found consistent outcome measures and reporting across programs. Also, a trained work force, proper guidance, data collection, and funding are remaining concerns for individuals over the last twelve years since they developed the strategic plan. The process of data collecting has not been consistent and this is one of the goals they are pursuing.

Ms. Liveratti and Ms. Crandy discussed the possibility of the plan including the Commission's concerns related to training staff, children's access to treatment and data that reflects the cost effectiveness of the programs in EIS.

Ms. Crandy asked Ms. Gerber-Winn for an update on the December 5, 2012 items as mentioned in the minutes relating to EIS and Part C data. Ms. Gerber-Winn stated she will provide a typical type of reporting requested by Ms. Crandy and also a variety of hours, assignments, and the number of children assessed. Ms. Gerber-Winn and Ms. Khoury will also follow up on what the exact process is after a child fails the screening.

Ms. Liveratti moved that Ms. Crandy appointment a committee to meet with all parties involved (including Part C, ADSD and the Commission) to look at data needs and expectations.

Motion: Mary Liveratti

Second: Kari Altig

Action: Passed

All three Commissioners present were appointed to serve on the committee.

5. *Update on ATAP by ADSD Staff

-Brook Adie- Program Manager for ATAP (See Attachment C)

The committee discussed Ms. Adie's Autism Treatment Assistance Program presentation. Ms. Adie explained that when a child's paperwork is not received before the sixty day deadline ATAP will close the case or put it in pre-referral status.

The members discussed deep concerns related to children aging out of ATAP who need lifelong assistance, and the lack of continuity of care for families. Ms. Gerber-Winn stated that ADSD has a plan to have a centralized intake so they can do their best to refer a child and their families to a program that best suit their needs when they enter into the agency.

Ms. Gerber-Winn explained how the August 2013 report (See Attachment D) was created using very raw data. She acknowledged funding was received for a data system, but not enough support to collect a sufficient amount of usable data. The money received could only be used to develop a case management system to track ATAP.

Ms. Gerber-Winn asked the Commission to provide her with advanced notice of when and what types of reports are necessary for the next meeting.

Ms. Addie will provide clarification regarding the data in the August 2013 report so that Ms. Crandy can include it in the Governor's Report.

Ms. Gerber-Winn stated the NRS prescribed the form and content of the reports and asked to revisit this so that Early Intervention and ATAP can be provided clear guidance. Ms. Crandy stated it can be addressed at the Part C meeting. Ms. Liveratti suggested meeting with DETR so they can explain their data.

Ms. Liveratti said they need to look at certain regulations soon so that potential changes to ATAP can be submitted to Ms. Gerber-Winn before the end of January 2014.

6. *Vote on Future Direction for the Committee

Ms. Crandy suggested the direction of the Commission be driven through a five year strategic plan.

Ms. Liveratti moved that the Commission move forward on developing a five year strategic plan.

Motion: Mary Liveratti

Second: Keri Altig

Action: Motion passed

Mr. Olson presented the Committee Living Subcommittee Report (see Attachment E)

Mr. Mark Olson expressed how important the five year strategic plan is to the future of the Commission for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Olson also expressed his dissatisfaction with the services provided to people with disabilities. He suggested Nevada could replicate

California's 468 Self Determination Bill. This voluntary program takes Section 1115 of the Medicaid code to the next level. This bill gives individuals receiving services in California the right to choose a provider whether that provider is approved by the state or not. Mr. Olson stated he met with the Executive Director of the Autism Society of Los Angeles, California and he would be willing to work with the State of Nevada to replicate something like it here. Mr. Olson stated that persons across disabled groups would like to have the choice to live in separate communities for the disabled which he suggests could be built in Nevada. These types of communities have been built in Florida. However, these types of communities are controversial as some say they violate Medicaid law, DOJ and ADA.

Ms. Crandy asked and Mr. Olson agreed to help develop the five year strategic plan. Mr. Olsen suggested more marketing was needed for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders so families know where they can go to receive help.

Toni Richard commented that she would like to be a part of the five year strategic plan. She also explained that we did not pass Assembly Bill 162 when the ten year plan had occurred so CABI licensing needs to be addressed. Ms. Richard also stated that the Washoe County School District computer system does not allow one to pick multiple disabilities so the other boxes must be hand marked, which hinders recording of accurate data.

7. *Governors Report

Ms. Liveratti stated a follow up telephone conference call, regarding the Governor's Report, will be set up for 3:00 pm on Friday, December 27th 2013. The agenda will be posted December 20th. Ms. Crandy will work on the report, which will be based on the information she was provided. The report will be emailed to the members for review by the morning of December 27th 2013.

The Commissioners set up a tentative schedule for future quarterly meetings.

- January 30, 2014 or February 11th 2014
- April 1st 2014
- July 1st 2014
- October 7th 2014

Ms. Crandy mentioned her desire to send out a Holiday Card. (See Attachment F)

8. Public Comment

No public comment

9. Adjournment

Ms. Crandy entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Mary Liveratti

Second: Keri Altig

Action: Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 12:43pm