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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: October 29, 2014
8:00 a.m.

Las Vegas: DCFS (Department of Child and Family Services)
6171 W. Charleston Blvd.
Bldg. 8, Room A
Las Vegas, NV 89146

- I. Ms. Crandy called the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders to order at 8:20 a.m.

Members Present: Jan Crandy, Korri Ward, Shannon Crozier, Keri Altig, Mary Liveratti

Guests: John Packham

Staff Present: Carol Reitz

A quorum was declared.

- 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)

Ms. Crandy said there is an opportunity for qualified behavior aides and qualified mental health associates training. It is a basic skills training. It is a 16-hour training and it costs \$120 or \$80 without the CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training component. It is a certification for a BST (Basic Skills Training). They bill \$36 an hour.

- III. Approval of the Minutes from the September 12, 2014 Meeting
Jan Crandy, Chair

Ms. Ward made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Ms. Altig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Presentation to Address Workforce Development and Screening by the
Director of Health Policy Research, Statewide Initiatives
John Packham, PhD, Office of Rural Health

Dr. Packham shared with the Committee some of the work that they have been producing over the past 14 years. The Nevada Rural and Frontier Health Data Book is information that has been pulled together for each county for health, healthcare, population health trends and health workforce trends across the state of Nevada in advance of the legislative session.

In 2013 there was a study on the health workforce supply and demand. Both reports are available on his website. Between now and the first of the year, they are focusing on updating both editions. They have not devoted much attention to the mental health workforce and professions including those dealing with autism.

Dr. Packham is hoping to complete the outline of the health workforce of the Nevada report before the legislative session. He would like to include information that supports what the Committee is doing. Ms. Crandy said Nevada needs quality and sufficient workforce development for autism. There is not a sufficient workforce to serve the population.

Ms. Crandy asked Dr. Packham how the Committee can grow the provider workforce for autism in Nevada. Dr. Packham said his efforts are getting a hold on supply and demand in all professions. The medical services and health sector counsel through the governor's counsel has linked health workforce development with economic issues. He added there has been a lot of attention by that group with the health professions pipeline and education and training needs that also link with K-12 education.

Dr. Packham said he would like to focus on the mental health workforce in Nevada and highlight the focuses on economic demands. He would like to find out what payers of health services are willing to reimburse providers. He would like to include the behavior workforce as well.

Dr. Packham said he'd like to present the information on current and projected needs of the population. The numbers need to be based not just on what private insurance and Medicaid is willing to pay but what is the actual need and what is the appropriate number needed.

Ms. Crandy said if you look at the research of the national level of treatment which is 25 hours that we need to be able to serve the numbers that we have. She added that the state is hitting provider capacity with the 400 kids that are

being served through ATAP. Ms. Crandy asked if there was training funds available that he can help acquire. Dr. Packham said he was unaware of any.

Ms. Ward asked what the name of the group was that he was involved with. Dr. Packham said it was connected with the Workforce Investment Board with the medical services and healthcare sectors counsel. Ms. Ward asked if the Committee can present to that Board. Dr. Packham said that the Committee can contact Marsha Turner who is part of the Nevada System of Higher Education and chairs that group.

Ms. Crozier said she knew Ms. Turner well and has asked her to get involved with that project. Ms. Crozier asked Dr. Packman if he was familiar with the Lincy Institute which is addressing the mental health workforce. Dr. Packham said he was familiar with them and with the report that they had released.

UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) and the University of Nevada School of Medicine held a symposium and there was a panel on provider shortage. Ms. Crozier offered copies of the presentation to Dr. Packham which she will send.

Ms. Crandy asked if there was something on the national level that spoke to BCBA shortages. Ms. Crozier said she was part of the panel and she was one of the presenters. Ms. Crozier said she wrote a white paper on autism which included a significant amount of information on workforce shortages. She will find out if it is releasable and will share it with Dr. Packham when it is available.

Mr. Crozier said there was an actuarial cost and demand that was done by the state for covering autism services in Nevada. Dr. Packham said he would like all the information the Committee has that can be included and he will send the reports to the Committee.

Ms. Ward informed the Committee that Dr. Packham's name was misspelled on the agenda. His books are titled "Nevada Rural and Frontier Health" and "Health Careers in Nevada."

I. 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. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide secretary with written comments.)

There was no public comment.

II. Adjournment

Ms. Crandy adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. |