



**NEVADA COMMISSION ON
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING
YOUTH & TRANSITION SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, August 11, 2014
12:00 pm**

MINUTES

MEETING LOCATIONS

Video and Teleconference Call From
Grant Sawyer Legislative Building
555 E. Washington Ave., Room 4412E
Las Vegas, NV

Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street, Room 3138
Carson City, CA

Agenda items may be taken out of the order listed on the agenda. The items maybe combined for consideration. Items may be delayed or removed at any time.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Announcements

Julie Ostrovsky, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm.

Voting members Maria Martin, Steven Michelman, and Scott Harrington were present.

Erik Lovaas was not present.

A quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

No comments.

3. Review the Roll of the Committee and Open Meeting Laws

This item was tabled.

4. Presentation

Andrew Devitt from Sports Social gave a presentation on what his organization does for people with ASD. Sports Social provides social skills training, sports, arts, music lessons and summer camp. They use ABA methods and Skills Streaming. They individualize for each child with ASD. There was a discussion about funding, collaborations, and grants for his organization. He discussed how important it is for these children to have therapy and the more the better the outcomes. He also discussed the challenges for families because therapy is expensive and many families cannot afford it.

Kerri Wilson, with the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation discussed what that organization provides. They provide job development and coaching for children starting at age 16. They have the child go through a work assessment or community based assessment. Based on the assessment they determine if the child is ready to work in the community or if they need additional social skills training. Andrew Devitt and Kerri Wilson are going to collaborate on how their organizations can assist each other in training children with ASD to be ready to transition into the workforce.

5. Presentation

Scott Harrington, PhD, BCBA-D discussed vocational training for children with significant disabilities and how they can be trained to work in the community. He had Dee Raymond with him who has a son with autism. He works with Vocational Rehabilitation, Regional Center and the Inset. He discussed the customized employment project. They were taught by the people from the Royal Institute in Montana. He discussed the importance of community based assessment (CBA) to find the right niche for children with significant disabilities to become productive members of the community. He read the Governor's Executive Order for the Taskforce on Integrated Employment. Scott also discussed the VOICE program that helps students find jobs in the community. Scott will send his presentation to the subcommittee. He will also provide the names of people that the Steering Committee can interview as key informants.

6. Read and discuss e-mails sent to the Chair during the last meeting

Steven Michelman discussed the e-mails he sent to Julie Ostrovsky during the last meeting. He presented topics that he felt should be addressed: sexuality, life experiences and peer programs in school. He also would like to see a concise website that supplies information on ASD and services. Julie Ostrovsky discussed the Steering Committee meeting and the timeline for the subcommittee to get their ideas together for the 5-Year Strategic Plan.

7. Brainstorm ideas for elementary school age children (6-10 years old)

8. Brainstorm ideas for middle school age children (11-15 years old)

9. Brainstorm ideas for high school age children (15-18 years old)

Jan Crandy stated that the subcommittee needs to look at more than just transition for the three age groups. She suggested the subcommittee look at the Ohio website. They also need to look at the 2008 5-Year Strategic plan and come up with five key items to go in the new 5-year strategic plan.

10. Public Comment

No public comment.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2014.

12. Adjournment

Scott Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting, Maria Martin seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.