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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: April 2, 2019
4:00 p.m.

Las Vegas: DRC/ATAP
1391 S. Jones Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Call to Order/Roll Call

Dr. Mario Gaspar de Alba called the meeting for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders to order at 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Dr. Mario Gaspar de Alba, Gwynne Partos, Korri Ward, Ms. Ostrovsky

A quorum was declared.

Approval of the Minutes from the March 21, 2019 Meeting (For Possible Action)

Ms. Partos made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Ostrovsky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Medicaid Update on Applied Behavior Analysis coverage

Ms. Hutchison advised that Medicaid's new quarterly hours should be coming out in the next week or two and she will be able to speak on these number at the next meeting.

Ms. Hutchison advised that Medicaid is moving forward with a State plan amendment to open up school base services, which will allow the schools to be reimbursed for services, including ABA. The school will be billing Medicaid directly and hire their own BCBA's and RBT's.

Ms. Hutchison stated that there will be a Public Workshop teleconference about this on April 23rd, from 2pm-4pm at the Reno District Office, Elko District Office and Las Vegas District Office.

Update on Autism Treatment Assistance Program

Ms. Jayme shared the Autism Treatment Assistance Program's March caseload update:

Caseload: 660 Children

New children active: 22 children

Waitlist:

193 Straight ATAP children

170 Service Coordination children (Medicaid FFS)

19 Children that were referred to the Managed Care Organization

Ms. Jayme advised that ATAP's workforce is growing. ATAP received 250 more codes for the 40-hour RBT training and will monitor these. If they go fast, they're hoping to get more before the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Jayme shared ATAP's growth:

112 Behavior Interventionists

639 Registered Behavior Technicians

21 Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts

120 Board Certified Behavior Analysts

31 Consultants

Ms. Jayme mentioned speaking about Medicaid as secondary at the last meeting and wanted to provide some numbers:

42 Active children with second insurance (most Medicaid)

17 children are with a Provider that is not enrolled in Medicaid – ATAP is still providing service coordination and currently helping these families go through their options. ATAP will help cover services for the 3-month transition period.

Legislative Update

Ms. Ostrovsky advised that there are a lot of bills that impact this group directly:

SB174 – Medicaid increase – There's been several hearings and meetings and moving forward.

SB216 – Went through without any amendments.

SB202 – Has a hearing this week.

Ms. Ostrovsky advised that due to resignation, they extended the time for bills to be introduced; however, they did not change the hearing schedule.

For Autism day on the 9th, everyone registered will receive an email on where to meet in the morning. Ms. Ostrovsky mentioned to those who haven't already provided a Bio. to the Senator or the person you're sitting with, please give them a 3-4 line Bio. For those bringing children, Senator Ohrenschall is offering his office. Ms. Ostrovsky advised that there are currently 30 registered and it should be a fun day.

Subcommittee Report

Funding and Insurance

Ms. Tache was not on the call.

Adult Services

Ms. Ostrovsky advised that the Adult Services will be scheduling meetings every third Wednesday of the month at 4pm. The first agenda will be to review their five-year strategic plan and see how they want to move forward. This Sub-committee will be starting from the beginning in which they think will be best.

Public Comment

Ms. Kristine Thompson stated that she has a client that originally had ATAP and trying to get coverage with another insurance. They're currently in transition. She asked if the three-month window can be extended?

Ms. Jayme advised that this is case specific, and Ms. Thompson will have to email Ms. Jayme with more details.

Confirm Dates for Future Commission Meetings (for possible Action)

The Committee decided their next meeting would be on April 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Ward made a motion to accept the dates and times of the next meeting. Ms. Partos seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjournment

Dr. Gaspar de Alba adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.