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#### **MINUTES**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: June 26, 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, Julie Ostrovsky, Korri Ward

A quorum was declared.

#### **Public Comment**

Ms. Partos advised that she has decided not to re-apply for the Commission on ASD but hopes she can join a sub-committee. Ms. Partos stated that being a member of the Commission has been an honor and thanks the other Commission members for their dedication and wisdom. She thanks her Funding and Insurance sub-committee members for keeping this committee moving forward. Ms. Partos continued and thanked Steven, Ken, ATAP, Medicaid, Rique, Tiffany and everyone else who has helped and worked in this Community.

#### Approval of the Minutes from the June 12, 2019 Meeting (For Possible Action)

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

## **Approval of the Biannual Report**

Dr. Gaspar de Alba appreciates all the feedback he received on this report and mentions that the only things missing is the total number of children with Autism being served in Early Intervention and the number from the Department of Education. Dr. Gaspar de Alba is still working on gathering this information, but unless there's something else, he thinks there can be a motion to approve it with the addition of the missing information.

Ms. Ostrovsky commented that the report was great and thank Dr. Gaspar de Alba for putting it together.

Ms. Partos agreed.

Ms. Ward made a motion to approve the Biannual Report pending the addition of the total Autism numbers when available. Ms. Ostrovsky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Subcommittee Report**

# **Funding and Insurance**

Ms. Tache was no on the call.

Ms. Partos advised that this subcommittee haven't met since their last meeting.

#### Adult Services

Ms. Ostrovsky stated that this sub-committee met, and it was a good meeting and found out where they would like to go and focus on. She advised that this committee cam up with a list of people they would like to hear from and will reach out to them. Their goal is to bring this Commission a report on possible legislative actions that are needed to take in order to prove access, especially in the Rural areas.

Ms. Ostrovsky mention how Ms. Ward suggested reaching out to Medicaid and suggest removing that age gap.

Ms. Ward commented that she is excited about the group.

#### **Public Comment**

Dr. Gaspar de Alba reached out to the Governors office to find out the process to transition and from his understanding, this will be the last meeting until the transition and the new Commission board is in place.

Ms. Ostrovsky suggested to the people on the call, to please consider applying to become a member on this board if they qualify.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba stated that it has been a privilege sitting on this Commission.

# Confirm Dates for Future Commission Meetings (for possible Action)

**TBD** 

#### **Adjournment**

Dr. Gaspar de Alba adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.