



MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: December 8, 2020 3:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Commission members will be attending telephonically and via Microsoft TEAMS. Members of the public will also participate via teleconference

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Lozano called the meeting for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders to order at 3:33 pm.

Members Present: Trisha Lozano, Antonina Capurro, Lenise Kryk, Julie Ostrovsky, Ritzie Gratrix, James Howells, Kori Ward

A quorum was declared.

Public Comment

Ms. Kryk commented on ways to get information on the people that make public comment. There was a parent named Cindy with a child with autism that wanted to help in any capacity regarding getting the age cap lifted, but Ms. Kryk is not aware on how to contact her or if there is any way to do so. This may be something for the commission to discuss in the future.

Approval of the Minutes from the November 24, 2020 Meeting (For Possible Action)

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

Discussion and Possible Finalization of the Biennium Report to the Governor Office (Make recommendations / For Possible Action)

Some of the commission members never received the email of the most recent draft report that Ms. Chalupnik sent out and asked to have it resent.

Ms. Chalupnik resent all the commission members the most recent draft, so they have a copy of their own to review.

Ms. Ward emailed over additional things to include in the report and Ms. Chalupnik shared it on her screen for the other commission members to review and make edits.

Ms. Chalupnik shared the most recent draft biennium report on her screen so the commission members can review and continue make edits live.

The commission members worked together and made edits live to the report. The report with the edits can be found on the ADSD website.

Ms. Frischmann suggested to the commission that they may want to come back to this report since there are presenters on this agenda and they may gain information to include from these presenters.

The commission agreed.

Medicaid Updates to Include Discussion of Data Mining to be Used for Providing Future Commission Updates (For Possible Action)

Ms. Follet shared that her goal is to gather exactly what the commission requests so Medicaid can provide it at a consistent basis. There are some limitations of things that Medicaid can and cannot pull out their system. From previous requests, Medicaid has the following: How many clients providers serve? What is the waitlist? Medicaid already explained they cannot provide the waitlist. How many people are accessing ABA? Ms. Follet asked the commission to provide her with timeframes, what data would they like to see and how they would like the data presented.

Ms. Kryk does have a framework of what she is hoping for, but this is Ms. Kryk doing some research for her workgroup, to accomplish the objective: Advocating and gathering data that will make clear the need for the increase of Medicaid reimbursement rates for ABA services and the need to streamline the billing and collecting process for the providers. Medicaid has provided some of this information already, but Ms. Kryk had some questions that she would like answered and has resent over: How many people are accessing ABA through Medicaid overall? How many ABA providers are on the list for Medicaid Fee For Service? How many ABA providers are on the list for Medicaid? Then within those questions, some sub questions for what the commission is digging for. For example, accessing ABA; how many people are accessing services through FFS and through MCO? How many clients do each ABA provider have/serve on each (FFS and MCO)? Ms. Kryk mentioned Medicaid already providing the average hours but hopes to dig deeper.

Ms. Follet mentioned when providing this data, possibly having duplications of recipients based on the length of time their prior authorizations go over, which is 180 days, as most know. For example, if a child is receiving ABA services in quarter 1, they could be getting it in quarter 2 and it may overlap to quarter 3. So that person can show up three times, depending how the commission chooses to obtain the data.

Mr. Robert Moore, Management Analyst with Data Analytics, stated that Nevada Medicaid has access to Medicaid enrollment data, all demographics and provider data. Medicaid can connect the number of clients to the providers by their county/demographics/age/race, etc.

What you may see is “X” amount providers enrolled and “Y” number of providers seeing clients. For data specific to clients, Medicaid is restricted to claims base data and no access to waiting list. Mr. Moore stated if anyone has further questions, he can be reached to answer them.

Ms. Kryk asked if a discussion with Mr. Moore can be held outside of this meeting, for her workgroup, to gather further data.

Medicaid is willing to meet.

Ms. Follet mentioned that ABA had public dashboards that they are hoping to get back up and running soon. It is possible once these are back up, a lot of this information will reside there.

Mr. Moore asked as a professional courtesy to please give them at least 2 to 3 weeks when asking for data. The sooner the better. Mr. Moore provided his email in the chat for everyone to have.

NEIS Update on Early Intervention Statewide Autism Data

Ms. Sprout mentioned that NEIS does not have a presentation this meeting as it is hard to gather data with a 2-week turnaround time. The previous MCHAT report NEIS provided the commission, would be the working document for the commission to use for the governor’s report. Ms. Sprout stated that it is the most comprehensive to use because it gives a full year of data and anything produced after that year of data will be affected by COVID. The MCHAT report is predetermined by the NRS and is provided annually, then NEIS gathers the data directly from the providers and build on that

Ms. Sprout said that going forward, NEIS will be able to provide the commission with the quarterly reports that feeds into the annual report. These reports are on a regular schedule, as they are a very small team that is more problematic rather than a data team. Ms. Sprout mentioned that most of the requests are data analytics, and it would have to go through Data Analytics to get produced for the commission and then seek Part-C’s approval to use their data system.

In addition, Ms. Sprout stated that in the past, the commission requested specific data for a child that is diagnosed with autism and for years the commission has been told they cannot have that report because it is not possible. NEIS has worked internally to produce that report, it is less than 3% of the population, so this information will be more percentage based, since everything else would be suppressed. This has been sent to Part-C for their approval and once they approve, NEIS will release to the commission. Ms. Sprout mentioned that the best way to go forward with this is for NEIS to ask Ms. Chalupnik to add them to the following agenda, so the commission has time to review the report, gather questions and bring them to the meeting so NEIS can answer any questions after they present.

Ms. Kryk thanked NEIS for working on these reports to provide the commission with data and she appreciates all their hard work.

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The commission members continued to work together and made edits live to the report. The report with the edits can be found on the ADSD website.

Ms. Frischmann thanked the commission members for their passion in this letter, but the time is now 5:48pm and there are state employees on this call and having her responsibility to the state of Nevada, these employees need to be compensated for their time. Ms. Frischmann suggested to call this agenda item for right now. Ms. Frischmann reminded commission members that a draft report was sent out from November 30th's meeting and this current draft will be sent out either tonight or tomorrow morning. She suggested the commission members review this letter prior to the next meeting and make edits on their copies to then share their edits live as a commission.

Ms. Ostrovsky stated that she gone through every email and never received the draft report on the 30th. She asked if a returned receipt can be sent with the email so there is confirmation it was sent.

Ms. Frischmann answered yes, that is possible to do.

Ms. Lozano stated that the highlighted areas in the report still need updated.

Ms. Kryk reviewed the current ATAP report that Ms. Jayme had for today's meeting and she believes it may just take some plugging in of numbers, since there is already a format on this report.

Ms. Lozano offered to plug in the information for ATAP if the commission members agree to it.

Ms. Frischmann said she can provide the total number of BCBA's, etc., but does not have the Medicaid enrollments, so Medicaid would have to do that part.

Ms. Frischmann said they can reach out to EI and Medicaid before the next meeting to gather the missing information for the report.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discuss and Approve Agenda Items for Future Commission Meetings (For Possible Action)

Ms. Ostrovsky moved for the next commission meeting to be on December 22, 2020 at 3:00pm to finish the Biennium Report, discuss legislative goals and any group reports that are pending. Ms. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Lozano adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm

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