



MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: September 1, 2020 4:00 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 4:04 pm.

Members Present: Trisha Lozano, Lenise Kryk, Korri Ward, Julie Ostrovsky

A quorum was declared.

Public Comment

Ms. Kryk said it was brought to her attention that the Medicaid letter that was completed by the Commission can be sent directly to CMS. The 6% cut is a proposed amendment to CMS and still requires approval. Ms. Kryk would like to discuss this further with the Commission to make sure this letter is getting out to the correct people.

Approval of the Minutes from the August 18, 2020 Meeting (For Possible Action)

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

Workgroup Updates to Include Discussion Regarding Presenters for School Reopening Plans (Make Recommendations / For Possible Action)

Ms. Lozano reached out to Clark County to inquire about a possible presenter but has not heard back yet. She also reached out to Washoe County, where she works, and is waiting for approval on a presenter. Ms. Lozano is hopeful that they will have presenters for both County's within the next couple Commission meetings.

Ms. Kryk stated she is willing to help with whatever needs to be done.

Ms. Kryk updated the Commission on the Insurance and Funding workgroup; They got a survey together to get out to providers for the Medicaid information and how they feel about the rate and if they will continue to provide services. The ATAP objective is gathering questions and working on scheduling a meeting with Samantha to get some updated information, as well as what other states are doing for funding sources.

Ms. Lozano was not able to attend the last meeting for the Workforce workgroup and Ms. Capurro is not at today's meeting, so they will give an update at the next Commission meeting.

Discussion and Final Approval of Recruitment Notice and Strategy for Distribution (For possible action)

Ms. Lozano looked back in the minutes and seen the recruitment notice was approved at the August 4th meeting. Now the Commission needs to discuss and decide on distribution.

Ms. Kryk suggested 'Families for Effective Autism Treatment' (FEAT) since they still need to recruit a parent. Ms. Kryk will also post this on Lovaas' Facebook page. The 'Nevada ABA provider group' is full of providers, so she believes the notice should be posted there. Ms. Kryk also suggested the 'Ackerman Center', 'The Collaboration Center' and 'Azul Blue'.

Ms. Kryk stated that she would love to have parents participate in the Workgroups.

Since the recruitment notice was already approved, Ms. Frischmann confirmed that it can be posted to all the suggested places that was mentioned by Ms. Kryk. Ms. Frischmann also suggested 'The Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities' (NGCDD). With the Commissions permission, Ms. Frischmann can be the one to share it with them.

Ms. Ostrovsky moved for Ms. Frischmann to share the recruitment notice with The Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities'. Ms. Kryk seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Lozano mentioned she will share with all the Nevada the school districts.

Legislative Updates to Include General Discussion on Commission Strategies to Introduce or Propose Legislative Recommendations to Legislators (For Possible Action)

Ms. Lozano thinks it would be best to have a point person for the Legislative updates.

Ms. Ostrovsky offered to take this role, as she enjoys it.

Ms. Ostrovsky also stated for any proposed legislations, the Commission needs to start finding Legislators and get this information to them ASAP. With the members approval, Ms. Ostrovsky would like to start speaking with some Legislators on bills for Autism. The final date to get anything in is November 18th but she thinks it should be done long before that.

Ms. Ward made a motion to appoint Ms. Ostrovsky as a point person for all Legislative updates. Ms. Kryk seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ostrovsky mentioned that during the last session there was two audits taking place; One supposed to be done by the Commission and another done by Aging & Disability or Medicaid. Ms. Ostrovsky said they were never a part of that, so they have no information/reports to refer to. She asks if someone can help retrieve this information so then they can go to the legislators with this information.

Ms. Ward stated she was interested in finding out a little more about Mental Health Parity Act this session. In Nevada there is a cap on dollar amount for treatments and on age for health insurance and for the Mental Health Parity Act, there is supposed to be no cap. Ms. Ward thinks this would be a good direction to go in for improving the lives for adults/kids with Autism here.

Ms. Ostrovsky requested the results for SB174 and SB202. These were the two bills that had audits happening from last session.

Ms. Frischmann said she can investigate this for her.

Ms. Frischmann suggested to have DHCFP on a future agenda to speak more about the MHPAEA. She can follow up and get someone to speak on this.

Ms. Kryk would like to also look at ATAP funds for this session since ATAP does not fund over the age 19. She believes Adult services is a big part that is missing.

Ms. Lozano clarified that the Commission is still not 100% sure on what exactly to propose but have many ideas/topics and are headed in the right direction.

Ms. Frischmann just mentioned that they still have not received draft or final results from the LCB Audit.

Ms. Ostrovsky will ask the sponsors of the bills to reach out to try and retrieve the results.

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

Ms. Ostrovsky suggested; that they are meeting, there are currently two openings for new members, they have formed two workgroups and they are investigating and moving forward with what legislation they would like to move forward with. Ms. Ostrovsky mentioned that the Commission has not been able to submit anything in over a year, so it exciting to be meeting. She also mentioned maybe retrieving updated numbers from ATAP to include in the report as well.

Ms. Lozano gave a deadline of October 13th to get all topics submitted for the biennium report.

Discussion and Possible Approval on Establishing a Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder Social Media Page (For possible Action)

With all the Open Meeting Laws, Ms. Lozano thinks it would be challenging to have a social media page as a Commission. She encourages the members to share information on their own pages separately, as long as it is not on behalf of the Commission.

Ms. Kryk asks where she can send people who would like to get on the listserv for the Commission on ASD information.

Ms. Frischmann answered that there is a listserv for children services, which includes both ATAP and NEIS, and she will send out a separate email to all Commission members with the link to sign up for the listserv.

Ms. Frischmann thanks all the Commission members for their commitment in this Commission.

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

The Commission members would like an ATAP Presentation on the next meeting with the requested information: Adult Services, Number served, number of applicants, age of ones being served, number of approvals, waitlist time, what services one is getting, average number of hours children are receiving, and number of children being transitioned into Adulthood.

Ms. Ostrovsky moved to have ATAP present at the next meeting with all requested information. Ms. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Commission would like 'Discussion and Possible Approval of Topics for the Biennium Report to the Governor Office' in October 13th's meeting.

Ms. Ostrovsky moved to use October 13th Commission meeting as a deadline to submit and consider information for the governor's report. Ms. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Committee has their next meetings scheduled for September 15, 2020 at 4:00pm, September 29, 2020 at 4:00pm and October 13, 2020 at 4:00pm. Ms. Ostrovsky made a motion to accept the dates and times of the next meetings. Ms. Kryk seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ward would like an agenda item for a presenter to come and speak about the Mental Health Parity Act.

Ms. Kryk made a motion for a representative from DHCFP be on a future Commission agenda to speak about Mental Health Parity. Ms. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Kryk sent over a list of 15 questions to Ms. Abbie for Lori at Medicaid and she would like Medicaid to be back on the agenda to answer those questions for the Commission.

Ms. Kryk confirmed with the Commission members that it is okay to send the approved Medicaid letter to everyone and anyone.

Public Comment

Ms. Ostrovsky thanked everyone who is part of the workgroups.

Ms. Lozano adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm

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