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MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Funding and Insurance Subcommittee

Date and Time of Meeting: January 30, 2018
12:00 p.m.

Carson City: Aging and Disability Service Division
3427 Goni Rd. #102
Carson City, NV 89706

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Thorkildson called the meeting for the Funding and Insurance Subcommittee to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members Present: Diane Thorkildson, Brook Adie, Gwynne Partos, Shirley Gaw

Staff Present: Tiffany Ellis

A quorum was declared.

II. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item)

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the November 14, 2017 Meeting (**For Possible Action**)

Ms. Partos made a motion for the approval of November 14, 2017 Minutes. Ms. Gaw seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Discussion and possible Recommendations to the NV Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders to the Letter to the Governor **(For Possible Action)**

Ms. Thorkildson advised that the letter is now done and gone. Ms. Partos advised that if anyone didn't get a chance to listen in to the meet, she summarized the concerns to the Autism community.

Ms. Thorkildson asked the committee if there were any issues as a group to bring up to Dr. Gaspar de Alba now that the letter is out and gone. Ms. Partos said she is struggling to figure out what this sub-committee's role and function should be.

Ms. Aide suggested for Ms. Partos to go on to the website to find goals and objectives related to this to help with guidance.

Ms. Thorkildson mentioned the problem with Self-funded plans not being mandated to provide coverage for ABA. Ms. Adie answered yes. And advised that a lot of the plans changed the first of the year.

Ms. Gaw asked, with the changes in the beginning of the year, were there any families that lost their services? Ms. Adie answered that if they're families that ATAP is already serving and they lose their insurance, then they would pick up ATAP funding and they do not have to re-apply. Ms. Adie said she would look in to this for Ms. Gaw.

Ms. Thorkildson asked committee members to look at the objectives to see if this sub-committee can do any work related to these objectives.

V. Discussion and possible Recommendations to the NV Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders on Sub-Committee Membership **(For Possible Action)**

Ms. Thorkildson mention how three members of this sub-committee haven't been able to join the meetings for a while: Danielle Stage, Eric Lloyd and Carol Reitz.

Ms. Thorkildson will reach out to all three to see if they are still interested and if not ask for their resignations.

VI. Confirm Agenda Items and Dates for Future Meetings **(For Possible Action)**

Ms. Thorkildson mentioned the following agenda items for the next Funding and Insurance Sub-Committee meeting: Maude Le Roux – OTR – presentation, Objectives that the sub-committee can act on and Subcommittee membership.

Ms. Adie mentioned that Committees are meeting frequently, discussing things and having workshops. So, it's important to pay close attention to the calendar on the LCB website to know if any of these objectives are being discussed and how we can go and be supportive of them.

The Subcommittee decided their next meeting would be on February 26th, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. Ms. Gaw made a motion to accept the date and time of the next meeting. Ms. Partos seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- VII. **Public Comment** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item)

There was no public comment.

- IX. **Adjournment**

Ms. Thorkildson adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

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