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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: June 12, 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 4:01 pm.

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

A quorum was declared.

Public Comment

Mr. Steven Cohen asked if a social function/gathering held by a board can be considered a meeting? He also mentioned that it looks like the bulk email has been fixed.

Mr. Cohen wished an early happy birthday to Grant.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba thanked Senator Ohrenschall for all the work he did to help pass legislation and the other Commission members and everyone else who helped.

Approval of the Minutes from the May 30, 2019 Meeting (For Possible Action)

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

Approval of the Biannual Report

Dr. Gaspar de Alba didn't get a chance to send this out to the members, so he will get it sent over to them so it can be review and approved at the next meeting.

Update on Autism Treatment Assistance Program

Ms. Samantha Jayme gave a brief caseload update:

- 667 children on caseload
- 347 that are waiting
- 180 Straight ATAP
- 163 Service Coordination

ATAP continues to assist with Educational Diagnosis. They are working with Dr. Cook up North, who travels to the Rural areas, as well as the Ackerman Center in the South, who currently renewed a 2-year agreement with ATAP. Ackerman will be getting a new postdoc fellow in August, which is very exciting.

ATAP is having new Providers reach out and they're hopeful they can start in the new fiscal year. Some are going to the Board of Examiners tomorrow to get on ATAP's Provider list.

Ms. Jayme mentioned more updates:

- ATAP will be going live with the Parent Training program on July 1st, 2019.
- ATAP is also working on developing their new budget overview. As mentioned in previous meeting, ATAP has really been looking over the data and increased some areas in the program. ATAP's Insurance Assistance will be going from \$500/month to \$700/month. ATAP's Extensive Plan is now supporting 8 hours of 1x1/week and will be going up to supporting 10 hours of 1x1/week and will also be allowing additional time at IEP's if showed justification (up to 2 hours).
- ATAP is allowing BCBA's to go in DAAY court for their kids and paying the BCBA for an hour.
- Any child with a multi-disciplinary team, ATAP can also help assist Behavior Analyst to go to the MDT meetings.

Ms. Ostrovsky requested that the ATAP provider list be posted to the Commission web page.

Medicaid Updates

Ms. Jamie Hutchison does not have any updates for Medicaid. They are currently working on some policy changes to add Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, as well as

bumping up the deadline for the RBT's to register with the State board. Ms. Hutchison been overwhelmed with this.

Applied Behavior Analysis Board Updates

Ms. Jennifer Frischmann reminded everyone about the RBT registration deadline. Currently there are:

- 246 RBT's registered
- 409 pending (this afternoon, 6 more in)

She asks to please be patient with this process as it is very time consuming.

Lastly, Ms. Frischmann confirmed that a screenshot of the RBT's registry on the BACB works when submitting.

Ms. Ostrovsky suggests that the Commission Board and ABA Board work together in the future, so each board is getting the same information.

Ms. Frischmann mentioned holding a workshop soon and provided a tentative date of July 12th.

Ms. Frischmann also mentioned the ABA Board is currently working with the Division of Insurance, so all commercial insurance have been notified of this process as well.

Ms. Tache asked how many licensed BCBA's there were and if they had a limit to how many RBT's they're allowed to supervise?

Ms. Frischmann stated that there are currently 185 BCBA's in the State of Nevada.

Someone on the call stated that there is no number as to how many RBT's BCBA's can supervise.

Subcommittee Report

Funding and Insurance

Ms. Tache echoed Dr. Gaspar de Alba in thanking everyone for their participation in the Legislative session.

Ms. Tache asked if the Commission and Sub-Committee's will be operating as normal not that the SB216 passed?

Ms. Ostrovsky advised that the Executive order expires on June 30th, 2019 and she has a call in to the Governor's office to figure out the status. Her guess is that all members must re-apply. In addition, there is room for other people.

Ms. Rique Robb commented that Ms. Ostrovsky is correct. Everyone will need to reapply on the Governor's website.

Ms. Robb congratulated the Commission on the Executive order and increasing the number. She advised that ADSD will be working regarding the position. Ms. Robb believes the position was approved to open October 1st, 2019, so Ms. Tiffany Ellis will continue to support until able to recruit on October 1st.

Ms. Tache asked if the Commission and Sub-committees would like to follow through on things that they would like to happen next session?

Ms. Ostrovsky answered yes, she would like to go in stronger and more organized next session. She believes once the next Commission is in place, they can set their strategic goals now and start meeting with Legislators and start educating, which the Funding and Insurance Committee will be a big part of.

Ms. Tache plans to reconvene in July and asked if that was possible after the Executive order expires?

Ms. Robb answered that Ms. Ellis is currently supporting for now, but new recruitment for the new position wouldn't be available until October 1st.

Adult Services

Ms. Ostrovsky advised that they have a meeting coming up which is very exciting and thanks Ms. Ellis and Mr. Cohen for making this happen.

Legislative Update

Ms. Ostrovsky is excited to announce that the Governor signed SB218 today, which put the Commission in statue. The Governor also signed SB174, which gives a legislative audit. SB202 passed as well, but Ms. Ostrovsky wished she knew more about this bill.

Ms. Ostrovsky advise that Legal Aid was amazing during this time. She also thanked Ms. Robb for stepping up to help present some bills when Legislator were not available.

Public Comment

Ms. Robb stated that everyone did a wonderful job stepping up this session and thanks everyone for doing that. One note Ms. Robb has for next session is how to do things better and the collaborative. She advised that it's important to have the accurate information when supporting these bills. Ms. Robb encouraged Senator Ohrenschall to work with us prior to next session. She thanks everyone again for all their hard work and dedication.

Ms. Partos commented that she looks forward to that and thanks everyone for supporting, as it is valued and appreciated.

Confirm Dates for Future Commission Meetings (for possible Action)

The Committee decided their next meeting would be on June 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Ward made a motion to accept the dates and times of the next meeting. Ms. Ostrovsky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Dr. Gaspar de Alba adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.