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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Resource Development Subcommittee

Date and Time of Meeting: January 11, 2017
12:00 p.m.

Carson City: Aging and Disability Service Division
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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Dr. Jan Marson called the meeting for the Resource Development Subcommittee to order at 12:07 p.m.

Members Present: Jan Marson, Sarah Dean, Stephanie Myers, Julie Stanley, Jamie Johnson

Members Absent: Lynda Tache, Wes Haynes, Brook Adie

Guests: Lori Follett, Amy Coyne

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)

Dr. Marson informed the Subcommittee that the Learn the Signs Act Early Summit will be held on March 3rd. Invitations will go out soon. It's a collaboration event that looks at system of care and screening and monitoring.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the November 16, 2016 Meeting

Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes as they were written.
Ms. Dean seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Review and Make Recommendations to the Autism Commission to Develop Statewide Service Standards for Ages 0-21 (For Possible Action)

Dr. Marson informed the Subcommittee that the report to the Governor had already gone out. She suggested asking the Autism Commission at their next meeting for more direction on proceeding with developing statewide service standards.

Ms. Dean asked whether the specific objective was for a standardized practice on how the different agencies are accessing children. Dr. Marson said the practice would be an evidence-based document that would require publishing a document. She is going to ask the Autism Commission for more direction on the objective.

V. Review and Discuss Recommendations Made to Autism Commission to Allow BCBAs (Board Certified Behavior Analysts) in Schools (For Possible Action)

Dr. Marson reported to the Subcommittee that she had asked Dr. Gaspar de Alba if he had received any response regarding the recommendation letter that was sent. She has not heard back from him.

Dr. Marson asked Ms. Coyne whether she was aware of the recommendation. Ms. Coyne said she has had conversations with Ms. Dean and the Clark County School District is not in support of the recommendation at this time. Dr. Marson reported that they have had conversations with the Washoe County School District about a possible pilot program that they seem to be open to.

Ms. Stanley reported that Lyon County is in support of the recommendation and they will be holding a meeting to discuss the subject further. Ms. Dean said they have a meeting scheduled with the smaller districts where they will discuss it as well. She feels they will get a better response from the rural school districts since it makes sense for the school districts financially.

VI. Update on NvLEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment) Trainee Activity Related to Strategic Plan

Dr. Marson said she invited a couple of the LEND trainees to the meeting. They have been working on compiling the statistics and data as part of their LEND project.

VII. Review the December Report to the Governor from the Autism Commission

Dr. Marson told the Subcommittee that the part that's within the report to the Governor that is related to them is having the BCBAs in the schools. She asked

if there were any responses received. Ms. Reitz said that they would not receive a response on the report since it was a report. She believed there was a response sent from the Director's Office but she had not seen it yet.

Ms. Dean asked Dr. Marson if they were waiting for clarification from the Autism Commission on moving forward with the service standards. Dr. Marson replied that there is no funding and there are possible bills that they can attach to to request funding for the project. She said the document needs to be professionally done and not cut and pasted.

Dr. Marson suggested the easier goal would be for systemic screenings. She added the Learn the Signs Act Early Summit can provide some leadership on it. They can create a statewide systems protocol since the CDC is encouraging them to do it.

Ms. Dean asked about the EPSDT. She added it is a federally mandated program and asked if there were standards that they can review. Ms. Fillet said there is a policy that will be forwarded that covers EPSDT.

Dr. Marson informed the Subcommittee that the EPSDT allows for services that aren't typically Medicaid services. The developmental screenings are not as effective as they can be. CDC says it is a process and not a one-time event. Dr. Marson added that it is an opportunity to take the lead in getting strategies, protocols and guidance statewide. Training and support can come from standards.

Ms. Johnson informed the Subcommittee that the Ackerman Center is currently utilizing the EPSDT. She said she can gather any information from the doctors at the Center to for them to review. She asked if there were any specific questions they had for them. Ms. Dean wanted more clarification on what standards they wanted to address. Dr. Marson said the stakeholders needed to work collaboratively. She was proposing to develop a statewide system for protocols that would trigger referrals to professionals and school districts. EPSDT helps medically necessary treatments to occur.

Ms. Johnson said they need to work on the education component for both parents and professionals. She doesn't feel the EPSDT is used properly and the education needs to be disseminated better.

VIII. Confirm Dates for Future Meetings

The Subcommittee decided to meet on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

IX. 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.

X. Adjournment

Dr. Marson adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.