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MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: February 8, 2017
12:00 p.m.

Carson City: Aging and Disability Service Division
3427 Goni Rd. #102
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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Dr. Jan Marson called the meeting for the Resource Development Subcommittee to order at 12:09 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Lynda Tache, Wes Haynes

Guests: Lori Follett, Steven Cohen, Amy Cohen, Bridgette Theakston

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)

Mr. Cohen told the Subcommittee that with the new secretary of state, he hopes that all the school districts will play a role in ensuring that autism services are protected. He said that there are fewer resources for adults over the age of 21 and he would like to see service standards adopted for that group. He added

that the Adult Services Subcommittee drafted a responses letter to Voc Rehab to create an awareness training for various stakeholder groups.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the January 11, 2017 Meeting

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

IV. Discuss Collaboration and Make Recommendations for Statewide Partners to Establish Organizational Policies that Support Systemic ASD Screenings

Dr. Marson informed the Subcommittee that she reported to the Autism Commission that a strategy to complete and organize this objective would take place at the Summit on March 3rd. She added Dr. Janet Farmer will be presenting on this topic and the breakout groups will allow further discussion with examples. Stakeholders from all over the state will be present. She added that the CDC is recommending a monitoring system.

There was discussion on who would be attending and presenting at the Summit on March 3rd.

V. Discuss and Make Recommendations for Statewide Service Standards for Ages 0-21

Dr. Marson told the Subcommittee that she had asked the Autism Commission on how they would like them to proceed with this objective. The Autism Commission had agreed that it needed to be evidence-based and Nevada specific. Dr. Gaspar de Alba suggested that Dr. Marson contact Ms. Ward since she was involved with the strategic planning. They need to figure out how they will pay for the undertaking.

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

Dr. Marson introduced Ms. Theakston, a LEND trainee, who has been working on this project. Ms. Theakston informed the Subcommittee that they have been researching how other states are managing their data, where they are getting their information, which agencies they are getting the information and how they are collecting and keeping their data. They are still in the collection phase of the project. They will have a written report by the end of June on the information that they found.

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)

Mr. Cohen informed the Subcommittee that he served on the self-advocacy panel at LEND and asked if there was any consideration for having that group represented at the Summit. He asked if there had been any consideration to include a focus on UNLV and NCED with the data collection. He added he wanted to know what the impact would be for people receiving social security benefits after they marry. He also asked if the new center was publishing a new resource guide.

In response to Mr. Cohen's questions, Dr. Marson said they are open to having a self-advocate at the Summit. She suggested that Mr. Cohen apply to be a LEND trainee. Ms. Follett from Medicaid told Mr. Cohen that she does not have the answer to the question about social security benefits.

X. Adjournment

Dr. Marson adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.