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

Date and Time of Meeting: September 21, 2016
12:00 p.m.

Carson City: Aging and Disability Service Division
3310 Goni Rd., Ste. H
Carson City, NV 89706

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Dr. Jan Marson called the meeting for the Resource Development Subcommittee to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members Present: Jan Marson, Brook Adie, Jamie Johnson, Sarah Dean

Members Absent: Lynda Tache, Wes Haynes, Stephanie Myers

Guests: Julie Stanley

Staff Present: Carol Reitz

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 stated she will talk with Dr. Gaspar about adding Ms. Stanley as another subcommittee member. Ms. Adie stated that Ms. Stanley may possibly

take her place since there has been some discussion about her serving on a different subcommittee. Ms. Dean said she would like to get insight from Ms. Stanley on the school district assessments.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the September 13, 2016 Meeting

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

IV. Review and Approve the Letter to Support ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) in the IEP (Individualized Education Plan)

Dr. Marson opened up discussion regarding the letter to support ABA therapy and suggested adding a watermark of "Draft" to it. Ms. Dean agreed but wanted the letter that she had sent prior to the start of the meeting to be discussed.

Ms. Dean told the Subcommittee that after reviewing the letter and speaking with other people from other school districts, she felt some of the points that were being asked to be done by the school district were already a requirement of the school district to perform since they were federally regulated. She felt the letter was a directive and they would receive pushback. She also felt it was asking the school districts to do a lot of things when they're wanting to be allowed into the schools to perform ABA.

Ms. Adie asked if she spoke with multiple school districts. Ms. Dean said she spoke to someone from Clark County, Lyon County and Washoe County. Ms. Adie said the letter was originally written by an advocate of what her and other families have experienced. She reminded the Subcommittee that they are trying to make a change which people don't like. School districts are claiming they are doing a lot of what is being asked within the letter but the families are experiencing things very differently which needs to be kept in mind.

Ms. Dean said the letter came across as being told what to do. Ms. Adie said she agreed that it should be a collaborative effort and liked Ms. Dean's opening statement of "let's talk about how a collaboration can be positive."

Ms. Dean said it's difficult to get the teachers/staff to collaborate when people are coming in as consultants. She said it should be worded that they allow them to come in to the school districts and some things are already set in place which makes it easier for them to come in. She suggested getting the school districts to agree to discuss then it may move faster.

Dr. Marson said working with school districts to acknowledge what they are already doing and develop protocol for a collaborative effort. Ms. Dean said that when they start including anything into the IEP, it makes the school districts liable and responsible to continue the services.

Ms. Dean suggested telling the Commission that they would like to develop a working group with the school districts to determine how this collaboration is going to happen. Ms. Adie asked if she wanted the approach of they understand

that funds are limited and we strongly recommend that you create a group to identify how it will work instead of requesting specifics. Dr. Marson suggested adding general statements in order to get the players involved.

Ms. Dean agreed that they would like the school districts and the BCBA's to come together since it is difficult to allow outside personnel into the school districts.

Ms. Adie told the Subcommittee members that the challenge that they are faced with is that the Legislative Committee on Health Care is going to make a recommendation based on the first letter which will be very different. It may be beneficial to make the same recommendations as the other which would provide for a stronger argument. She added they can state they support the other recommendations but present what they would like to see happen.

Ms. Adie said the letter should be laid out with the concerns, benefits, and then what the solution should be. Ms. Dean and Ms. Stanley said they would draft the letter to be reviewed by the subcommittee at the next meeting.

V. **Develop Logic Model for Resource Development Goals and Objectives (For Possible Action)**

Dr. Marson said they will strategically plan the other elements that are contained within the grid. She will invite trainees that will be doing data to one of the meetings. She is also going to find out what the status of the standards documents are for the 0-6 and 7-21 age groups.

VI. **Confirm Dates for Future Meetings**

The Subcommittee decided to meet on Monday, October 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

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.

VIII. **Adjournment**

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