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**Minutes**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders  
Adult Services and Resources Subcommittee

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, December 5th, 2017  
3:45 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST)

Carson City: NEIS/ATAP  
3427 Goni Road  
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Las Vegas: Desert Regional Center  
1391 South Jones Blvd., Training room  
Las Vegas, NV 89146

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Members present: Steven Cohen, Janice John, Renee Portnell, Ralph Sacrison  
Staff: Desiree Bennett  
Guests:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call  
Steven Cohen, Subcommittee Co-Chairperson  
Aging and Disability Services Staff Representative (or designee)

## 2. Public Comment

Mr. Cohen commented that there have been many meeting cancellations within the Autism Commission and its' subcommittees. The basis for meeting is to discuss the Governors' report that is due December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 3. Review and Prioritize the Goals of the Subcommittee and Complete/Vote on Recommendations for the Governor's Report **(For Possible Action)** Steven Cohen, Subcommittee Co-Chairperson

Mr. Cohen read through the goals of the Autism Commission, including:

(adsd.nv.gov):

### Article III Purpose

1. The purpose of the Commission is to address issues across the lifespan for people with ASD and their families. The Commission functions within the framework of the following vision, mission, and guiding principles.

Vision: All Nevadans living with Autism Spectrum Disorder will achieve optimal outcomes to reach their full potential.

In 2014 ADSD and the full Commission worked on the development of the state strategic plan. The commission is currently in year three of that plan and will soon need to revise or redevelop a new plan.

## 4. Approval of Minutes from the July 20th, 2017 and August 29th Meetings **(For Possible Action)** Steven Cohen, Subcommittee Co-Chairperson

Mr. Sacrison made a motion to approve listed meeting minutes. Ms. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## 5. Confirm Dates for Future Subcommittee Meetings **(For Possible Action)** Steven Cohen, Subcommittee Co-Chairperson

## 6. Public Comment (May Include General Announcements by Commissioners)

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## 7. Adjournment Steven Cohen, Subcommittee Co-Chairperson

## **Autism Commission Adult Services and Resources Members**

Dr. Scott Harrington (Chair), Steven Cohen (Co-Chair), Janice John, Russell Lehmann, Renee Portnell, Ralph Sacrison, Korri Ward, Vacant, Vacant

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4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
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11. Elko County Library, 720 Court Street, Elko
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