



**NEVADA COMMISSION ON
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING
STEERING COMMITTEE
Sunday, August 10, 2014
9:15 a.m.**

MINUTES

MEETING LOCATIONS

Conference Call From
Grant a Gift Autism Foundation
72 N. Pecos, Unit C
Henderson, NV 89074

Agenda items may be taken out of the order listed on the agenda. The items maybe combined for consideration. Items may be delayed or removed at any time.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Announcements

Jan Crandy, Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present: Jan Crandy, Mary Liveratti, Keri Altig, Mark Olson, Julie Ostrovsky, Michele Tombari, Korri Ward

Guests: Renee Portnell

A quorum was declared.

2. Public Comment

No comments.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Watson with Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. was the facilitator for the meeting. She introduced herself and asked that those present introduce themselves, give their background and the first concert they attended.

4. Overview of Strategic Planning Process

Lisa Watson passed out the handouts and gave a brief review of the schedule for the day. The Committee is to give Lisa comments and suggestions for the strategic plan document. The goal of the Steering Committee is to have the 5 year strategic plan finished by December 31, 2014. The committee needs to have:

- Vision
- Mission

- Values

The committee has three goals:

- Needs of people with autism
- Establish the 5 year strategic plan
- Measurable outcomes

There was a discussion of the 145 recommendations in the 2008 recommendations document. It was suggested that the sub-committees review and prioritize these recommendations to find what gains have been made and what still needs to be done.

5. Strategic Plan Template

The committee is to provide Lisa Watson with other state's plans

6. Vision, Mission, Principles & Goals of ASD Commission

The committee is to establish their vision, mission and goals. Lisa Watson gave some suggestions for each of the topics. Lisa will also send the committee a template.

7. Break

The meeting had a five-minute break.

8. Research Plan

There was discussion and comments about the research plan and the committee needs to identify any additional data sources needed for plan incorporation. Some of the topics discussed:

- How many people in Nevada have been diagnosed with ASD
- Who to contact for information about ASD treatment and services
- What kind of resources are available in Nevada
- How do individuals access services. Lisa Watson and Mark Olson will develop a flowchart
- What barriers are there to people with ASD getting access to services

9. Outreach Approach

Key informants interview questions:

- Identify strengths and weaknesses of service system
- Subcommittee to come up with
- What are the significant needs and
- Are the needs being met
- What works and doesn't work
- How will the affordable health care act affect people with ASD
- What is the approach to parental education
- What happens to adults after transition
- What plans do parents have for when their child becomes an adult

Survey distribution strategy

There was a discussion and comments about the draft survey that Lisa Watkins put together. The discussion will continue on a conference call scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2014.

10. Calendaring and Next Steps

Tabled until the next meeting.

11. Public Comment

No comments.

12. Adjournment

Mary Liveratti made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Keri Altig seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.