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MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: January 26, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Carson City: Nevada Early Intervention Services/ATAP
3427 Goni Rd., #102
Carson City, NV 89706

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Dr. Shannon Crozier called the meeting for the Workforce Development Subcommittee to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members Present: Shannon Crozier, Rebecca Arvans-Feeney, and Patrick Leytham (9:15 to end), Ash Daulton, Mario Gaspar de Alba, and Justin Kyriannis (9:10 to end)

Members Absent: Eric Kessler

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. Gaspar de Alba informed the Subcommittee that the Governor's Report was submitted and he has not heard anything further.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the December 1, 2016 Meeting

Dr. Gaspar de Alba made a motion to approve the minutes as they were written. Dr. Arvans-Feeney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Review and Discuss Ideas Submitted for RBT Recruitment

Dr. Crozier reviewed with the Subcommittee the ideas that were submitted by Mr. Kyriannis, Dr. Leytham and Dr. Arvans-Feeney. She told the Subcommittee that she liked the layout that was presented by Dr. Leytham and the idea that Dr. Arvans-Feeney presented of being able to exchange out the name of the agency that would be hiring. Dr. Crozier suggested making it available in an editable form so agencies can add their own logos and contact information.

There was discussion about where people would be referred to and what and where the logo would be placed. If ATAP is willing to have the RBTs referred to them, the Subcommittee suggested having the DHHS or ADSD logo placed at the top of the flyer. They discussed further if they would want other entities to distribute the flyer and have them still referred to ATAP.

Mr. Kyriannis suggested having a central link that people may be referred to become RBTs. He suggested that the link list the different providers that would be hiring for RBTs. Dr. Leytham agreed that there should be one central place to house all of the information so people have options.

Mr. Kyriannis suggested and inquired if the central location could be the Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division. Dr. Crozier suggested having the flyer with the State-level agency logo at the top and having a State URL at the bottom. The landing page would have the information on it and then list out the providers seeking RBTs.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba made a motion to approve the overall framework of Dr. Leytham's flyer and pursuing getting permission from the State to use their logo at the top of the flyer while they review what the layout of the Website would be. Dr. Arvans-Feeney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Review and Approve Recommendation Letter for a Statewide Website to the Autism Commission

Mr. Daulton gave an overview to the Subcommittee of what the Website would include. He said his company would take over all of the legwork of putting the Website together which included purchasing a domain name, developing and designing the site with the approval of the committee. He added that the site itself would be similar to a Yelp of providers. They would invite the providers to add the content themselves of their listing. It would be easy for someone looking for a service provider to fit their needs such as whether or not they take ATAP,

what insurance companies they take, if there is a waiting list, if they had Spanish-speaking staff, etc.

There was discussion about what the waitlist meant. Mr. Daulton said it would be what the availability for each provider would be of when they were accepting new clients. Dr. Leytham asked who would be updating the list on a regular basis. Mr. Daulton said he would have his employees call the providers to prepopulate the information and have the providers keep the information current.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba asked about the UNLV Resource Guide. Dr. Crozier asked about generating ads to pay for the Website. Mr. Daulton said he is not a big fan of ad-driven sites. He would like to avoid that and go along the lines of utilizing volunteers and encouraging the providers to keep it up-to-date. Mr. Daulton also suggested an internship with someone on the spectrum to help with the Website.

Dr. Gaspar asked about adding the logo of the UNLV School of Medicine. Mr. Daulton brought up the concept of allowing the provider to pay for a preferred listing. He added it may be problematic. Dr. Crozier suggested starting with no preferred status and see what capacity they have or need and consider adding it on after. Mr. Daulton said the only cost associated with the Website would be the adding and maintaining of the site. There weren't any other overhead costs.

Mr. Kyriannis made a motion to approve the letter to submit to the Commission. Dr. Arvans-Feeney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. Confirm Dates for Future Meeting

Dr. Gaspar de Alba made a motion to confirm the next meeting would be on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Daulton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VIII. 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)

Ms. Reitz shared the public comment that was submitted by Steven Cohen in which he shared a link for a national grant opportunity for employment opportunities for people with disabilities. He also wanted to share a webinar that was taking place on the ABLE Act.

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Crozier adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.