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

Date and Time of Meeting: December 1, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Carson City: Nevada Early Intervention Services/ATAP
3427 Goni Rd., #102
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*Please note that some of the agenda items were taken out of order.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Dr. Shannon Crozier called the meeting for the Workforce Development Subcommittee to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members Present: Shannon Crozier, Justin Kyriannis, Rebecca Arvans-Feeney, Patrick Leytham, Ash Daulton, Mario Gaspar de Alba (9:14 to end), Eric Kessler

Guests: Lori Follett

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)

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the October 21, 2016 Meeting

Dr. Leytham made a motion to approve the minutes as they were written. Mr. Daulton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Review and Make Recommendations for Draft of Information on Becoming an RBT (Registered Behavior Technician) for High Schools

Dr. Crozier told the Subcommittee that she still has questions about when the information would be disseminated through social media and where the central location would be that the recruitments would be referred.

Dr. Arvans-Feeney asked if they can identify a group that they can partner with to disseminate the information such as NABA (Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis). Dr. Crozier said NABA might be a good idea since they are neutral and wouldn't have a vested interest. Dr. Leytham said NABA is looking into expanding to help with workforce development; however they are a small organization.

Dr. Crozier said they need to be mindful of having the recruitment housed with an impartial organization. Dr. Leytham said there is an Autism Council of Utah that partners with the state to disseminate the information. Mr. Kessler suggested having ATAP house it since they are hiring their own RBTs and BCBAs. Dr. Crozier suggested having recruitments in as many areas as possible with the same language emphasizing the need for RBTs in Nevada.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba suggested speaking to CSN, Nevada State College or the high schools to let them know of the RBT recruitment. Dr. Crozier said they need to figure out who and how they are going to do the reach-out for the recruitment. Dr. Gaspar de Alba said it can be split out to do the reach-out.

Dr. Crozier asked for feedback on what the recruitment should look like. Dr. Leytham suggested having everyone come up with what the flyer should look like and they can review it at the next meeting. He said springtime would be a good time to recruit since that is when most of the job recruitment happens. Dr. Crozier asked the Subcommittee to send in their ideas of the flyer to Ms. Reitz prior to the next meeting.

Dr. Leytham asked if they should reach out to different organizations such as FEAT, ATAP or Autism Coalition and ask for sponsorships for the flyers and they can add their logos to the flyer. Dr. Gaspar de Alba asked Ms. Reitz if they were able to do that. Ms. Reitz asked where the flyers would be referring people. Dr. Leytham responded that they can be referred to the ADSD Website that can give the information to the different providers that are hiring.

V. Update on RBT and BCaBA (Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst) Programs at Touro University

Dr. Leytham told the Subcommittee that Touro University is still waiting to hear back from BACB as to whether they are an approved course sequence provider. He informed the Subcommittee that he did speak with Ms. Collins in regards to the RBT training. They are looking for a postsecondary institution that already provides RBT credentialing. UNLV is the only one that has the RBT coursework which they are currently revising. Dr. Crozier asked if they were still willing to take on the RBT. Dr. Leytham said he is speaking with UNLV about maintaining the RBT training and will continue to follow up on it.

Dr. Leytham said he will find out from Ms. Collins if they have to have an RBT coursework or if they can partner with an institute that provides the coursework and Touro can help push people through in order to obtain funding from DETR.

VI. Discuss and Recommend Establishment of a Web-based Directory/Marketplace for ASD Providers (For Possible Action)

Mr. Daulton informed the Subcommittee that he would be able to accomplish Objective 3.4 of establishing a Web-based directory/marketplace for ASD providers. He added if it could be run by a private company, he would put forth the hosting, design and maintenance of the site. He has experience with online marketplaces and he can have a working shell by the next meeting to review.

Mr. Daulton told the Subcommittee that his company would maintain and host the Website at no charge. He would just want the company's logo on the bottom and would be neutral.

Dr. Arvans-Feeney asked if the Website can be used to refer people wanting more information on becoming an RBT. Mr. Daulton said they can certainly house all the information for the subcommittees.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba said it was a great idea for the Website to allow families to access the information. He asked Ms. Reitz if that was something that they would be able to do. Ms. Reitz said she would get more direction on how they can proceed after submitting a recommendation letter to the Commission.

Mr. Daulton told the subcommittee that his vision for the Website is to be able to find providers that take certain insurance, find out how long their waitlist is and if they have Spanish-speaking staff. He hoped that it would be a community effort where providers themselves can maintain their own record as well as parents providing input on the providers which would be similar to YELP.

Dr. Crozier told the subcommittee that it would be great if the Website integrated across the goals of the Commission on multiple levels. Having the community

contribute to the Website would be beneficial as well as having neutral information.

Dr. Gaspar de Alba made a motion for Mr. Daulton to write a proposal and for Dr. Crozier to write the letter to present to the Commission on recommending a statewide Website. Dr. Arvans-Feeney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. Confirm Dates for Future Meeting

Dr. Arvans-Feeney made a motion to confirm the next meeting would be on Thursday, January 26th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Gaspar de Alba 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)

There was no public comment

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Crozier adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

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