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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Community Education Subcommittee

Date and Time of Meeting: August 11, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Carson City: Nevada Early Intervention Services
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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Denise Robinson called the meeting for the Community Education Subcommittee to order at 10:14 a.m.

Members Present: Denise Robinson, Casey Hayden, Carole Devon, Art Reitz, Jennifer Strobel

Members Absent: Michelle Scott-Lewing, Vanessa Knotts

Guests: Renee Portnell, Stephanie Hill

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 June 30, 2016 Meeting

Mr. Reitz made a motion to accept the minutes of June 30, 2016 as they were written. Ms. Devon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Report on Progress of Compiling Service Providers for Northern Nevada and Rural Nevada

Mr. Reitz reported to the Subcommittee that the JUSTin HOPE Foundation has compiled a resource list for the North similar to the one FEAT has compiled in the South in hopes of combining the lists into one statewide resource list. He still needs to reach out to Ms. Knotts to find out what resources she has available in the rural area.

Ms. Strobelt told the Subcommittee that FEAT was able to have their resource guide paid for through sponsorships. She would share the sponsorship form with Mr. Reitz.

Ms. Robinson had asked whether there was funding available for the Subcommittee to help pay for the resource guide. Ms. Reitz said she would find out from administration.

V. Report on Progress Made for Compiling a Curriculum and Offering Continuing Education Credit for Medical Professionals in Autism Awareness

Ms. Hayden reported to the Subcommittee that she has a skeleton of a presentation for the medical professionals. She stated it is about 50 minutes in length. She informed the Subcommittee that she would send out the outline of the presentation for everyone to review at the next meeting.

Ms. Strobelt told the Subcommittee that FEAT has been working on providing the training to Summerlin Hospital in collaboration efforts with the Lovaas Center. They will be filming the training so that it will be offered as a webinar.

Ms. Robinson asked if they would receive CEUs for the webinar. Ms. Strobelt and Mr. Reitz said they would look into whether they would receive CEUs if it's viewed as a webinar.

The Subcommittee discussed the importance of having people with autism interact within the trainings. It is more powerful for the trainees to see autism and interact with persons on the spectrum.

Ms. Hayden told the Subcommittee that she has obtained the CEU application for nurses, which is a process to obtain. It costs \$100 to apply and they would need to decide whether the Lovaas Center or FEAT would be the provider.

Ms. Hayden told the Subcommittee that she has contact for Mitchell Hines who is the clinical educational manager for UMC (University Medical Center) whom can

help guide them into educating the hospital staff. She also said there are hospital fairs that they can attend to help educate the hospital staff.

There was discussion about charging for the training and where the funds that they received would go. Ms. Hayden suggested having FEAT be the provider of the training and she would be the presenter listed under their organization. She said she will send the CEU application to Ms. Strobel to review prior to submitting.

VI. Report on Clark County School District (CCSD) Public Service Announcement Competition and Information

Ms. Robinson told the Subcommittee she had found a website called Community Toolbox that helps prepare PSAs. There are a lot of resources to help and that she has used.

Ms. Stephanie Hill told the Subcommittee that they will have to wait until school is back in session before they can progress with the graphic design competition. She stated she does not have the time to coordinate the competition among different schools but can do it within the school that she works.

There was discussion about what the campaign for the public awareness on autism would entail. Ms. Robinson said she would put together a framework of the campaign for the competition. Ms. Hill said it was a comprehensive plan that would require a lot of work.

Ms. Devon suggested contacting radio and TV to get the parameters of the PSAs that they're looking for so they know how to move forward. Ms. Robinson said the whole idea was to get the high school kids involved in knowing what autism was. The Subcommittee would choose the best from the campaigns that were submitted and give that to the radio stations. Ms. Hill said the high schools would not do it if it wasn't built into the curriculum or a prize was offered.

Ms. Robinson said they need to come up with a timeline and a reward. Ms. Robinson said the kids can come up with the tagline. Ms. Devon said the overall mission is to bring statewide awareness to autism and wasn't sure the kids would be able to accomplish the task unless they had information on autism.

Mr. Reitz suggested coming up with the parameters of the campaign that can be accessed on a website along with the video on autism for kids to view. The informational flyer can be sent out to statewide school districts. They can offer a \$100 reward for the best campaign.

There was a discussion about what the timeline would be to accomplish the campaign. They would like to have the campaign done by April in time for autism awareness month. They will contact radio and TV to get more info.

VII. Confirm Dates for Future Meetings

The Subcommittee decided the next teleconference meeting would be held on September 29th at 12:00 p.m.

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

Ms. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.]