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MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: January 26, 2017
12:00 p.m.

Carson City: Aging and Disability Service Division
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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Robinson called the meeting for the Community Education Subcommittee to order at 12:06 p.m.

Members Present: Denise Robinson, Art Reitz, Casey Hayden, Holly Villines

Members Absent: Julie Ostrovsky, Carole Devon, Jennifer Strobel

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)

Ms. Villines introduced herself to the Subcommittee. She lives in Yerington and is the parent of a 16-year-old with autism. She works for Lyon County and serves on the Lyon County School District board.

III. Approval of the Minutes from the December 12, 2016 Meeting

Mr. Reitz made a motion to accept the minutes as they were written.
Ms. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Review and Determine the Recommendations on the Contents of a Statewide Website to Present to the Autism Commission

Ms. Robinson asked the Subcommittee if there were any other suggestions they had on the contents of the Website and if they had a chance to review the ones that were posted on the ADSD Website. Ms. Hayden responded that she has not had a chance. Ms. Robinson read her suggestions to the Subcommittee which were provided as a handout on the ADSD Website. She also read the suggestions that were provided by Mr. Reitz at a prior meeting and also available on the Website.

Ms. Hayden suggested also having the link to the behavior analyst certification board, bacb.com. and the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners. Mr. Reitz mentioned the bilingual tab and a list of support groups for families including Sibshops and supports for dads. Ms. Villines suggested having a list of developmental pediatricians since she had to go to Oakland Children's Hospital to receive the diagnosis. Ms. Hayden also suggested having family counseling services as a resource.

V. Report on Progress Made for Training Curriculum and CEUs (Continuing Education Units) for the Medical Profession Including Outline, Application Process for CEUs for Nursing, Contact with Mitchell Hines

Ms. Hayden reported to the Subcommittee that she has been working with the JUSTin HOPE Foundation to gather content for the curriculum for the medical profession training. She had a meeting yesterday with a nurse who will be the coordinator in order to obtain the CEUs and make sure there is accurate information. Ms. Hayden also told the Subcommittee that the nurse would like to be a part of the subcommittee. Ms. Robinson responded that she is welcome to join the opening meetings but there currently is not an open position for a voting member.

There was discussion about what should be included in the recommendation letter to the Autism Commission. Mr. Reitz made a motion to have Ms. Robinson draft a letter to be presented to the Autism Commission with the recommendations that were submitted by the Subcommittee. Ms. Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. Review and Prioritize the Goals and Objectives of the Subcommittee

Ms. Robinson reviewed the objectives that are listed on their grid. She said that they really can't work on the Public Service Announcements unless they have a Website.

Ms. Robinson asked Mr. Reitz for his suggestion on the 365-Day Toolkit. Mr. Reitz responded that they would use the Website to list out the resources broken down by age and timeframe. Ms. Robinson said it would be difficult to accomplish everything that Autism Speaks lists on the 100-Day Toolkit due to the lack of resources and waitlists in Nevada. Mr. Reitz said the 100-Day Toolkit by Autism Speaks is very elaborate and contains a lot of information. The 365-Day Toolkit is going to take a lot of time and work to put together.

Ms. Robinson said she agreed that the Toolkit should be incorporated into the Website where it lists out the resources specific to the age groups. Mr. Reitz said they will have to draft the recommendation letter to present to the Autism Commission on their ideas of what to incorporate on the Website. He suggested inviting Mr. Daulton to one of their next meetings where they can discuss the contents of the Website.

Ms. Reitz informed the Subcommittee that they do have an additional objective to consider. It is to identify the data elements within each ASD service system that best measures issues that were listed for their specific subcommittee. Ms. Robinson said she will reach out to the stakeholders to gather the information and get clarification from the Autism Commission.

VII. Confirm Dates for Future Meetings

The Subcommittee decided their next meeting would be on February 23rd, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Reitz made a motion to accept the date and time of the next meeting. Ms. Hayden 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. Robinson told the Subcommittee that at the last first responder training that she attended, an officer had asked her what she would want him to do when her son is in an aggressive state. She said she has been thinking about that and her answer would be for them to be calm, kind and cool which helped diffused her son.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.