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MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: February 23, 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 12:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Julie Ostrovsky, Carole Devon

Guests: Ash Daulton, 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 January 26, 2017 Meeting

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

IV. Discuss and Determine the Contents of a Statewide Website with Ash Daulton

Ms. Robinson informed the Subcommittee that Dr. Gaspar de Alba gave them permission to start working on the statewide Website with Mr. Daulton. They will obtain permission from State agencies to include the link to the statewide autism website on their sites.

Mr. Daulton introduced himself as the owner of Monkey Logic, Inc. His company creates software and Web application. They have been focusing on creating software and solutions to serve the ASD community. He is on the Workforce Development Subcommittee which also has a goal for the Website.

Ms. Robinson told Mr. Daulton that they have discussed breaking the contents of the Website into ages. They would like the Website to be as simple as possible to maneuver. Mr. Reitz told Mr. Daulton that he has come across a couple of Websites that he felt were easy to navigate. Ms. Strobel informed the Subcommittee that Mr. Daulton has created Websites for them and has confidence in his ability. She suggested providing him with the content and he would be able to design the rest.

Mr. Reitz asked Mr. Daulton if he was just going to design the Website from the contents that they will provide to him. Mr. Daulton said he will take the content and break it down into the smallest component pieces with the concept of the bigger picture of how it needs to look. It will be a work in progress. They need to focus on categorizing the information. He said he can build it in stages.

Mr. Reitz asked if the Website will be similar to a YELP. Mr. Daulton said they have been discussing it and he's unsure if that decision has been made. He added it will be a marketplace for families that the providers will include where they are located, whether they're clinic-based or in-home, what type of insurance they accept, whether they have a waiting list, and so forth. It will also include an area for potential RBTs to get more information. They will most likely start without the rating and review system.

Ms. Robinson commented that they need to remember that just because the therapy didn't work for one family does not mean that it will not work for another family. She suggested having a star rating system without any comments. Mr. Daulton said it would be something to consider.

Mr. Daulton said the focus of the two subcommittees is different. One subcommittee is made up of more providers while the other is more parent based. He would like to be careful and politically correct about the Website. He said the marketplace will only work with the participation of the providers and they will need to rely on the community to help with the site. There are many

facets and opinions to the Website to be considered and he suggested having a forum of what they would like to see on the Website.

Ms. Robinson said she does not want it to be a political Website. They need to remember that there are parents out there who need help. She suggested having pictures of children at different age groups and provide the resources for each of those age groups by clicking on the pictures.

Mr. Daulton asked about what they would like the domain name to be. He suggested ASDNV.org or .com. Ms. Strobel commented that most newly diagnosed families do not know what ASD stands for. Mr. Reitz suggested Autismnv.org.

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

Ms. Casey informed the Subcommittee that she has been working on the PowerPoint presentation. She has been working with the JUSTin HOPE Foundation to put the training for nurses together. Ms. Helen Trinidad is the registered nurse whose name will be used for the CEUs. There was a contract that was signed that states Ms. Trinidad is to maintain the accuracy of the information that is being disseminated to nurses. She hopes to finalize the presentation by the next meeting.

VI. Confirm Dates for Future Meetings

The Subcommittee decided their next meeting would be on March 23rd, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Ms. Robinson made a motion to accept the date and time of the next meeting. Mr. Reitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. 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 shared a Las Vegas Sun newspaper article that referenced the Guinn Center report that paints a bleak picture for special needs students in Nevada to the Subcommittee. The articles were both posted on the Website under the meeting materials for the day. She said it lined up really well with everything that they've been discussing.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.