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MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: September 29, 2016
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 12:03 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Julie Ostrovsky, Michelle Scott-Lewing, Vanessa Knotts

Guests: Steven Cohen, 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 August 11, 2016 Meeting

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

IV. 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 was able to speak with Mitchell Hines who is more than willing to help when they are ready to present the training. She added that after speaking with Mr. Kessler, the training that was established by the JUSTin HOPE Foundation would work rather than reinventing the training for the medical profession. She will be collaborating with Mr. Reitz to review and make adjustments to the training to meet the needs of the medical community.

Mr. Cohen informed the Subcommittee that he has contacts with the university police and can help make those connections.

Ms. Hayden told the Subcommittee that she will be making the connection with the contact Mr. Hines gave her prior to the next scheduled Subcommittee meeting to find out more about the CEUs.

Ms. Strobel told the Subcommittee that they took part in the first responder training that the JUSTin HOPE Foundation presented. She said it was well received by the police officers but felt they could have spent more time interacting with the family members. There was conversation about their personal experience with the first responder training. Mr. Reitz explained to the Subcommittee that the training efforts are all individualized for each department. The training curriculum is meant to be two hours in duration and depending on the amount of time the departments allot would gauge how much time is spent on the family/individual interaction portion of the training.

Mr. Reitz told the Subcommittee that the JUSTin HOPE Foundation is working with the school districts to have the dispatch registry given to each family during the IEP meeting. He emphasized that the registry is optional and not all families want to fill it out. Once they have the dispatch registry established with the law enforcement agencies in the South, it will be something that they will work towards with the school districts as well.

V. Report on Printing Progress for Northern Nevada Resources Booklet

Mr. Reitz reported to the Subcommittee that the Resource Booklet for Northern Nevada is complete. He was able to speak with Ms. Knotts about the resources that she had available for the rural area. He is still gathering quotes for printing the booklet and obtaining sponsors to help pay for the cost.

VI. Report on Progress Made for State PSA (Public Service Announcement) and State Resources Website

Ms. Robinson reported to the Subcommittee that she met with someone from Channel 8 News. She said Gene Sugano said he was onboard with doing PSAs but they would need a location to send their audience such as a state Website. She told the Subcommittee that they have no funding to do PSAs, host a Website or act as an entity on their own.

Ms. Robinson told the Subcommittee that Dr. Gaspar de Alba referred her to speak with Dr. Vigil about the Nevada Act Early Website. She asked the Subcommittee members to explore the Website since there was a lot of information on there already. Ms. Strobel said they may be able to get the Website donated. Mr. Reitz said he will reach out to Dr. Vigil to get more information on the Act Early Website.

There was discussion about who will maintain the statewide Website that will house the resources. They will also explore options for obtaining their own Website and discuss them at the next meeting.

VII. Confirm Dates for Future Meetings

The Subcommittee decided to meet on Thursday, October 20th 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 1:08 p.m.