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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with

Disabilities (Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 426.365)

Date and Time of Meeting: August 5, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Location: Child Behavior Services

2655 Enterprise Road

Reno, NV 89512

Department of Health Care Financing and Policy

1210 South Valley View, Ste 104

Las Vegas, NV 89102

This meeting was video-conference at the above location.

This meeting was also teleconferenced.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

Members attended in person and by videoconference.

Members Present: Brian Patchett, Bill Heaivilin, Karen Taycher, Mary Bryant, Jon Sasser, Gary Olsen, Jodi Sabal, Nicole Schomberg

Staff Present: Julie Kotchevar, Carissa Wilson, Tina Gerber-Winn

Guests: Corinne Veewig, RAVE; Matt Stoll, Desert Regional Center

Interpreters: Kimberly Dawson, Gerriane Hummel

A quorum being present Mr. Patchett called the meeting to order.

II. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public

III. Approval of the April 18, 2013 and May 15, 2013 Minutes Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2013. Mr. Heaivilin seconded. All in favor none opposed. The motion carried.

Mr. Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2013. Ms. Bryant seconded. All in favor none opposed. The motion carried.

IV. Discussion of New Council Members
Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

Mr. Olsen made a motion to keep Mr. Patchett as Chair. Ms. Bryant seconded. All in favor, none opposed the motion carried.

Mr. Patchett made a motion to keep Ms. Bryant as Vice- Chair. Mr. Olsen seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

V. Update on the Status of Nevada's Olmstead Plan and Possible Recommendations for Plan Revision

Bill Heaivilin, Commission Member

There was discussion regarding writing a new Olmstead plan. It was decided by the commission members to have Mr. Patchett speak with Mr. Willden and then create an Olmstead Sub-Committee.

VI. Update from Nominating Subcommittee and Possible Recommendations of New Members

Bill Heaivilin, Commission Member

There was discussion regarding a new member for the Sub-committee on Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Speech Disabled.

Mr. Olsen made a motion to accept Angela Greer as a new member to the Sub-Committee on Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Speech Disabled. Mr. Sasser seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

VII. Update on Changes to the Intermediate Care Facility
Matt Stoll, Desert Regional Center Residential Director

Mr. Stoll talked about the systematic changes to improve quality of services. He stated the following changes:

- Increased the supervision. Each shift supervisor goes to each unit twice per shift.
- Random visits by the program coordinators. All of this is reported to Mr. Stoll. He tracks issues and follow up if anything is noticed.

- The admit/discharge policy has been changed to protect vulnerable individuals.
- A dangerous behavior protocol was developed for those with serious behavioral issues.
- A bed check protocol has been added.
- Notification of injuries policy has changed to make sure it is reported to the family in a timely matter. The nurse will be notified of any injuries which will notify the family and contact Mr. Stoll. Mr. Stoll would take the proper actions needed.
- The Abuse/ Neglect Exploitation policy has been revised to notify Las Vegas Metro police department and the Metro police neglect/abuse unit as well.
- Serious injury/Sexual Assault protocol has been established to provide clear direction for what staff is to do.
- Investigation of incidents is now done outside of the agency by Las Vegas Metro Police, someone in the division, and/or Health Care Quality and Compliance.
- Staff is removed from duty during an investigation and do not return until they have been cleared.
- "Safety Care" training will be phased in.
- New staff is not allowed to work with residents alone for the first two weeks of hire.
- Staff are required to take trainings at the College of Southern Nevada
- Quarterly training has been added and required for staff
- Restricted behaviors plan was reviewed by a psychologist and revisions are being made.
- A parent council has been formed to get input from the guardians.

Mr. Stoll stated the staffing depends on the amount of residents per building. He stated there are generally 4-5 staff in the largest building and 2-3 staff for the other buildings. Mr. Stoll said 10 additional staff will be hired in October. Mr. Stoll stated they have 48 beds; they are full and currently have a waitlist. He will get an update on the updated waitlist is and get back to the board.

Ms. Gruner stated these changes are not in response to anyone stating things needed to be changed; they are changes to improve the system.

Mr. Stoll stated they are meeting on a regular basis to monitor changes and going through programs to make sure they don't have any restricted components.

The committee would like Mr. Stoll to attend the next meeting and report back about changes being made.

VIII. Update on the Outcomes of the 77th Legislative Session Jon Sasser, Commission Member Julie Kotchevar, Chief of Disability Services

Ms. Kotchevar went over the Legislative Report for CSPD. Please see handout.

Ms. Kotchevar stated the Public Utilities Commission approved most of the budget and that they have asked for a judicial review how funds can be used.

Mr. Olsen shared his concern regarding interpreters and would like the issue on the agenda. Mr. Olsen suggested having a meeting with all agencies to discuss having a pool of money for interpreters.

IX. Discussion and Possible determination of Issues and Agenda Items to be Considered of Deliberated at the Next Meeting

Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

- Matt Stoll- Updates on changes to the Intermediate Care Facility
- Ellen Richardson-Adams- Updates on discharge process
- Elizabeth Aeillo-Consolidation of Home and Community based Waiver
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Issues
- Update on Judicial Review
- X. Set and Confirm Dates for Future Meetings
 Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

The next meeting will be on October 7, 2013

- XI. Public Comment
- XII. Adjournment

Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson