

Proposal to Assist the Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities, Olmstead/Strategic Planning Subcommittee and Nevada Commission on Aging, Subcommittee on Strategic Plan Accountability Committee on Olmstead Planning

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Nearly twelve years ago, the Nevada Strategic Plan for People with Disabilities was submitted and approved for implementation. This Plan included nine primary goals and more than 200 strategies to resolve the numerous barriers to the provision of appropriate community supports and services to Nevadans with disabilities. Tony Records and Associates (TRA) provided technical assistance in the development of this plan, particularly as it addresses compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Olmstead decision. Subsequently, TRA conducted an additional review in 2009 and 2010, and provided a report in September 2010 with findings and recommendations designed to ensure compliance with the Olmstead requirements. The report will also include a list of recommendations to address what will be needed to achieve compliance with Olmstead and the ADA.

The Nevada Strategic Plan Accountability Committee (SPAC) continued to review plan implementation and issued annual reports on progress, as well as obstacles and accomplishments. The SPAC cited numerous accomplishments, including the transition of more than 500 Nevadans with disabilities from nursing facilities to the community, initiatives on diversion of people from unnecessary institutional placements and the addition of a state budget category related to compliance with Olmstead.

TRA proposes to conduct an updated review of activities in Nevada that specifically relate to compliance with the requirements in the integration mandate of the ADA and, specifically, the Olmstead decision. This review will include a coordinated process of observations, interviews, document reviews, data analysis and survey inquiries. Tony Records, President of TRA, will directly conduct all review activities. This summary review will include the following activities:

- ❑ Meetings and interviews with members of the CSPD and COA to review summary of all Strategic Plan and other Olmstead activities.
- ❑ Determine which Strategic Plan implementation activities are Olmstead related.
- ❑ Meetings and interviews with stakeholders (state and county staff, people with disabilities and their family members) to discuss the accomplishments and obstacles to Olmstead related activities.
- ❑ Review state documents, testimony and reports that relate to Olmstead-related activities.
- ❑ Conduct document review of best practices in Olmstead planning in at least 5 other states.
- ❑ Draft and complete report and present findings and recommendations to CPSD and COA.

A detailed work plan and list of activities, as well as associated costs, is provided below.

Work Plan:

The duration of the project is from November 1, 2014 to March 15, 2015.

Activity	Level of Effort	Timeframe and/or Deliverable
Initial meetings with CSPD and COA staff and Commission members.	4 days	November 2014. Notes from meetings.
Review current activities and determine which activities are Olmstead related.	1 day	November/December 2014. Memo to CSPD.
Follow-up meetings with key stakeholders and members of all relevant commissions to discuss accomplishments and obstacles to Olmstead-related activities.	5 days	November 2014 through January 2015
Meetings with key state and county administrators.	4 days	November/December 2014
Meeting with CSPD and COA to review preliminary findings.	2 days	December 2014
Conduct research on other states and review Federal initiatives.	2 days	December 2014
Draft report to include findings and recommendations.	3 days	January/February 2015. Submit report.
Presentation of findings and recommendations from report to CSPD and COA and state legislature.	2 days	February, 2015. PowerPoint presentation.
Total	23 days	

COST

Total Cost 23 Days x \$1,400 per day. * = \$32,200.00

* Daily discounted rate is fully “loaded” and includes consultation fees, travel time, administrative costs**, airfare, hotel, meals, gratuities and local travel.

** Administrative costs include secretarial support, document production, long distance telephone calls, faxing, copying, postage and overnight mail, etc.