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Draft Minutes

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD)

Date and Time of Meeting: August 8, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Videoconference Location: Aging and Disability Services (ADSD)
3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132
Conference Room H
Carson City, NV 89706

Videoconference Location: Desert Regional Center
1391 S. Jones Blvd.
Training Room
Las Vegas, NV 89146

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
David Daviton, Chair

Members Present: Regina Daniel, Charlene Frost, Shelley Hendren, Eric Kessler, Cyndy Ortiz Gustafson, Kelli Venci-Gonzales, Diane Thorkildson, Dora Uchel, Jim Osti

Members Absent: David Daviton

Guests: Tracy Brown May, Steven Cohen, Eli Schwartz, Mary Langdon, Christine Essex, Renee Portnell, Jessica Roew, Stacey Alaribe, Jessica Adams, Chrystal Wren, Michael McMahon, Ellen Frias-Wilcox, Lynda Tourlucas

Interpreters: Kim Johnson & Kalen Beck (Both in Carson City)

CART: Becky Van Auken

Staff: Dawn Lyons, Wendy Thornley

2. **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. Public comment at the beginning and end of the agenda may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson. Members of the public may comment on matters not appearing on this agenda or may offer comment on specific agenda items. Comments may be discussed by the Board, but no action may be taken. The matter may be placed on a future agenda for action)

Mary Langdon, from Natural Health Brain Injury Awareness and Education, stated that they have three support groups currently active. Two take place at Neuro Restorative in Las Vegas and one at Dignity Health Rehabilitation Hospital. She stated that she had started this organization a year ago upon realizing the need for it. She brought the "Challenger" newsletter for disability, for disabled and seniors, available to the members and guests. All board members are people who have either been affected or are caregivers of somebody affected by brain injury.

Dawn stated that the 13th Annual Nevada Student Leadership Transition Summit will be at Circus Circus, in Reno, on November 13th and 14th. The next CSPD meeting will also be on the 14th, and she wanted the group to consider moving that date so that members could attend the summit.

Jim Osti stated that he had been a member since 2005 and that his membership will be ending as of the current meeting. He thanked the commission for the wonderful experience. He offered to be available to the commission for consulting purposes. Other members expressed their appreciation to him.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2019 (For Possible Action)**
David Daviton, Chair

Cyndy motioned to approve with a correction to the attendance portion of the minutes. Char seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Updates Regarding the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired**
Eli Schwartz, Guest Commission Chairperson

Eli stated that SB93 had been passed by the legislature and so the new name of the commission will be, "Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing". SB93 also expanded the membership of the commission and permitted the commission to hire an Executive Director. He also stated that SB203 was approved, which will fund and mandate that insurance companies pay for hearing aids for children up to the age of five. The commission had three town hall meetings, one in Las Vegas, one in Reno and one in Elko. From these town halls, the commission gained much information about community needs, especially the need for phones. Based on the information gained, the commission will meet in two weeks to revise their strategic plan.

5. Approve New Bylaws for the Commission (For Possible Action)
David Daviton, Chair

Char motioned to approve. Kelli seconded. Motion passed.

6. Discussion Regarding Letter to the Governor Regarding Supported Legislation as relayed by the CSPD Legislative Subcommittee
David Daviton, Chair

The group had not met, and no letter had been produced. There were requests for more information about subcommittees. Dawn explained that there are standard operating procedures being updated and will send to the members when available. Dawn will reach out to Nicole one more time to organize a meeting for this subcommittee.

7. Update Regarding the Vocational Rehabilitation Legislative Report
Shelley Hendren, Rehabilitation Division

Shelley presented on the summary of legislative bills that are being tracked within the rehabilitation division. She stated that AB70 has changes to Open Meeting Law, particularly, that councils and commissions can have meetings via teleconference and video conference if there is one location that is a physical location where the public can attend in person. Also required, the public must be able to see and hear each member that is in attendance.

There was clarification that if a subcommittee or workgroup is making a recommendation to the full body, then they have to conduct their meetings as public meetings and if there are two people from the public body and the majority of members are from the public body, then the meetings must operate under Open Meeting Law.

There is information about the process for someone to make a complaint if they think a public body is violating Open Meeting Law, adding, if the body takes the steps per legal counsel, then members cannot be fined.

AB91 regards guardians requesting sterilization of the individuals for which they are guardians. The law requires the guardian to appoint an attorney and a full, evidentiary hearing before making the decision, based on the best interest of the protected person.

She gave brief summaries of other legislative items, based on the handout she provided.

8. Update Regarding the Home and Community Based Waiver Subcommittee of the CSPD.
Tracy May, Subcommittee Member

Tracy stated that the last meeting of this subcommittee, was held on August 27, 2018. During that meeting, the group discussed the services currently provided in the home and community-based services waiver intellectual disability (ID) waiver. Because the waiver renewal was due, it was determined the waiver renewal had already been completed and some steps were pending from the federal government. ADSD was waiting for approval for the documents that were submitted. The committee feels that it's work has been completed. The committee recommends considering an alternative way to review the pending waiver for the next five

years, as well as funding opportunities to ensure funding the whole person and services being provided currently. Perhaps a taskforce, starting now, to bring together a broader community to discuss the people that are affected by the waiver.

Ellen stated that the ID Waiver has been renewed and approved in October of 2018. The next renewal will be September 30, 2023.

Jessica stated that there is a four and a half-year process to add other services via an amendment.

This item will be on the next agenda for further discussion regarding the community-based waiver subcommittee.

9. Discussion and Approval of Letter to be Sent to Governor Sisolak Regarding Guidance on a Subcommittee for Integrated Employment **(For Possible Action)**

David Daviton, Chair

No meetings have been held. No letter has been written. Shelley Hendren will provide a draft letter to Wendy, by the end of August. Wendy will distribute the draft to the members of the subcommittee. Regina volunteered to be the new chair of this subcommittee and will work with Dawn to organize a meeting.

10. Discussion Regarding Questions About Programs from the ADSD Caseload Evaluation Organization Report (CLEO)

Dawn Lyons, Program Specialist, ADSD

Dawn presented on the report that was sent to members and posted online. There were no questions or comments on the report.

11. Discussion and Make Recommendations for New Members to Fill Two Current Commission Vacancies **(For Possible Action)**

David Daviton, Chair

Steven Cohen has applied to the Director's Office for a position on the commission and is waiting for a response. Steven had provided a brief biography previously. Stacy Alaribe introduced herself and expressed her interest in being a member of the commission.

Dawn stated that if the two applicants could send her their applications, she could distribute them to the group.

Eric motioned to approve Steven's application recommendation to the Director's Office. Cyndy seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

This item will be on the next agenda, when two more prospective members will be invited to introduce themselves and speak to the commission.

12. Discussion and Make Possible Determination of Issues and Agenda Items to be Considered or Deliberated at the Next Meeting **(For Possible Action)**

David Daviton, Chair

Subcommittee procedures
Membership discussion
Legislative updates
Selected reports from the CLEO report

13. Confirm Date for Future Meeting

David Daviton, Chair

Due to a date conflict with the Youth Summit, the next meeting date is scheduled for November 21, 2019 at 9:00 am. Staff will confirm availability of venues.

14. Public Comment (May Include General Announcements by Commissioners) (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. Public comment at the beginning and end of the agenda may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson. Members of the public may comment on matters not appearing on this agenda or may offer comment on specific agenda items. Comments may be discussed by the Board, but no action may be taken. The matter may be placed on a future agenda for action)

Eric stated that he had gone to a program called, "Spectrum on Ice". It is a program for kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder, where they can ice skate. The director is a special education teacher.

He also stated that the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP), has been able to increase their insurance assistance program co-pay, up to a maximum of \$700.00 per month. The Autism Commission is accepting applications for commission members.

15. Adjournment

David Daviton, Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities Members

David Daviton (Chair), Cyndy Gustafson, Dora Uchel, James Osti, Charlene Frost,
Eric Kessler, Shelley Hendren, Kelly Venci-Gonzalez, Regina Daniel, Diane Thorkildson (Vice-Chair)

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1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801
5. Nevada Community Enrichment Program, 6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Ste. L200 Las Vegas, NV 89146
6. Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 6039 El Dora Street H-8, Las Vegas, NV 89101
7. Disability Resource Center, So. E. Greg St., Suite 102 Sparks, NV 89431
8. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89706
9. Desert Regional Center, 1391 South Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146
10. Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21st Street, Reno, NV 89431
11. Rural Regional Center, 1665 Old Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706
12. Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
13. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
14. Early Intervention Services, 2667 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

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