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**Minutes**

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

Date and Time of Meeting: August 13, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

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1. Welcome and Introductions  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

**Members Present:** Diane Thorkildson, Regina Daniel, Kelli Venci, Char Frost, Erik Jimenez

**Members Excused Absent:** David Daviton

**Guests:** Angel Sandchez, Ilia Sandez, Julie Steinbaugh, Mary Evilsizer, Dora Martinez, Jack Mayes, Jeff Duncan, Michael McMahon, Lisa Bonie, Shelley Hendren, Crystal Wren, Korine Viehweg, Rique Robb, Tina Dortch, Scott Youngs, K. Thomas, Stacy Alaribe

**CART Provider:** 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)

There was no public comment.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2020 and June 25, 2020 (For Possible Action)**  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Kelli Venci motioned to approve the draft minutes for February 13, 2020. Regina Daniel seconded. Motion carried.

Kelli Venci motioned to approve the draft minutes for June 25, 2020. Diane Thorkildson seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Nominations and Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair for this Commission Over Fiscal Year 21 (For Possible Action)**  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Regina Daniel nominated Diane Thorkildson for Chair. Kelli Venci seconded. Diane Thorkildson was elected as Chair.

Charlene Frost self-nominated for Vice-Chair. Erik Jimenez motioned to appoint Charlene Frost as Vice-Chair. Kelli Venci seconded. Charlene Frost was elected as Vice-Chair.

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

Dawn Lyons: Read a brief update from Eli on the Deaf Commission. The Deaf Commission recently had officer elections and Eli Schwartz is the Chair and Eric Wilcox is the Vice-Chair. The update also included information regarding a discussion about the T coil loop and other accessibility in public places and COVID-19.

They're going to send a letter to media outlets to ensure both interpreters at events are visible on the TV screens for the public to see. They're looking at creating a communication card to explain COVID-19 and to be used for communicating with non-ASL people who don't use sign language. They discussed the lack of appropriate PPE masks for the Deaf community.

Dawn mentioned that the Deaf Center has some masks that have windows so that if people read lips they can see through them. But it's frustrating for them.

And the Deaf Commission is requesting a Bill Draft Request (BDR) from Senator Spearman to address limitations of the hearing aid program and other issues.

6. **Discussion and Make Recommendations Regarding the Needs of the Disability Community During the COVID-19 Crisis (For Possible Action)**  
Dawn Lyons, Social Services Program Specialist II, ADSD

Dawn Lyons: Requested this agenda item so that she could start the discussion in case there were new things that came up.

She wanted to inform the CSPD about the Community Disability Partner meetings that the SILC has been hosting. Aging and Disability Services has been partnering with the SILC on these meetings and they have had a lot of participation from many community providers who have come up with some ideas to make things work better during the Covid-19 crisis. They have been briefing each other on what everybody is doing and what needs there are in the community which food security and housing have been two of the main issues. The Centers For Independent Living (CILs), have received federal dollars to help the disability community with COVID-19 related issues.

The Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living (SNCIL), is helping with temporary food support, has housing vouchers and is working with the local housing authority regarding the homeless population. The Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living (NNCIL), is helping with temporary food support, rental assistance, and eviction support. Both Centers are providing many more supports in the form of outreach, phone check ins, referrals for services etc. Both Centers reported on their efforts regarding their programs relating to COVID-19, in more detail.

Jeff Duncan: He is proud of the disability network stepping up and working together to address these needs. He knows that we are far from COVID-19 being over.

He appreciates the willingness of the older adult partner network and the disability network coming together and working on strategies to help address some of those gaps.

Regina Daniels: Asked what support, programs or projects are there, for day training program participants. Many of them have lost income and that impacts their ability to pay for rent, food, et cetera. Also, what happens to those individuals who are now sheltered in place where their Personal Care Assistant (PCA) service providers cannot get to them for one reason or the other?

PCA service takes more than calling once or twice a day and checking off a checklist.

What happens if someone has a problem early in the day, late in the day, a medical issue that comes up, and they're not cognitively able to fend for themselves?

Mary Evilsizer: She addressed the PCA situation for SNCIL. They have gotten calls about PCAs not showing up. SNCIL is working to assess each situation and working with community partners to meet the immediate needs while developing a plan for the long-term needs. Many PCAs have left their jobs and there is currently, a shortage of PCAs.

Erik Jimenez: Asked if anyone from ADSD or anybody else has been in contact with the Secretary of State's office on plans for accessible voting options now that we're moving to an entirely mail-in election along with the system that they set up so people who will be blind and visually impaired can complete a virtual mail-in ballot.

Dawn Lyons: This is something that the SILC can look into. She will talk with Erik.

Mary Evilsizer: Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC), has a program called Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

HAVA is a federally funded program and the primary purpose is to create accessible voting. She suggested having a HAVA representative speak to the Commission.

Dawn Lyons: The SILC could discuss this with NDALC and produce strategies.

Erik Jimenez: Has spoken with Jack Mayes from NDALC and also with the Deputy Secretary of State for elections, Wayne Thorley who is more than happy to have that conversation and Erik thinks this Commission should that conversation.

He also asked if data is being collected on COVID transmission and testing in the Disability Community.

Jeff Duncan: The dashboard may not get into that level of detail at this point. There will be work on spreading the word about testing for all the vulnerable populations. He can't speak to the specifics behind the scenes, only what's on the dashboard now.

Crystal Wren: She is in Community Based Care. Any of the welfare applications capture that data. Anyone that is served on a Medicaid program would be included in the data. She can contact Welfare and get the information to Dawn Lyons.

7. Review and Discussion Regarding this Commission's Mission and Vision Statements.  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Diane Thorkildson: Wanted this item on the agenda to have a conversation about the purpose of this commission.

Regina Daniel: Agreed with Diane and wondered about the commission and the execution of the Olmstead Act.

Kelly Venci: She has noticed that the Autism Commission is laser-focused and wants this commission to be focused on subjects.

Char Frost: The Olmstead Act is not simple. She feels that the Commission should go back to the Olmstead Act and do some training on it for the commission. Next would come implementation of the Act, which is what she feels is the mission for this commission since its inception.

Regina Daniel: Feels that the job of the Commission is to make sure that efforts are effective.

Diane Thorkildson: Training on the Olmstead Act is appropriate and needed. She also suggested that, in the short term, the commission meet more often than quarterly to train, focus on issues, and act.

Kelli Venci: Feels that kids with disabilities are getting left behind. Clark County has 40,000 children with Individual Education Plans (IEPs). She has not seen guidance from CSPD on this issue.

Dawn Lyons: Reminded the group that they still need to wait on an answer from the Governor about the letter sent regarding integrated employment. She also announced that the Disability Community Partner meetings that have been held over the past months and continues to meet. She feels that this would be a good avenue for everyone to get together and talk about some of the current issues because of COVID-19, because of that is what is happening now rather than try to refocus the CSPD.

Have some trainings and recap of where they have come from so the CSPD can figure out where to go moving forward.

They should coordinate with the other entities out there and not work in silos. She suggested that the CSPD may want to look at purchasing a Zoom Pro account for more meetings and that it would be good to meet every month for the next three months. It was agreed that a Doodle Poll would be sent out to the members to determine the next meeting date and time in September.

8. Discussion Regarding the Commission's Mutual Objectives with ADSD and Partners Such as the Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and How to Coordinate Our Efforts **(For Possible Action)**

Jeff Duncan, Social Services Chief II, ADSD

Dawn Lyons, Executive Director, SILC

Jeff Duncan: Congratulated Char and Diane for the new CSPD membership appointments and the commission with this renewed energy and conversation about moving the commission forward.

Collaboration between different advisory bodies makes for a stronger coalition to advocate for people with disabilities, old or adult population, et cetera. This includes the DD Council, the Autism Council, the Deaf Commission, and the Statewide Independent Living Council, among others. It is important for the Chairs and Vice Chairs of these groups to communicate with one another to create a unified voice to support the people they are advocating for. It is understood that there are different statutes and recommendations. With this renewed energy and this group going back to its roots, asking what the purpose is, what is the Commissions mission and vision, and then how can they move that forward. Meeting more often would be a great opportunity to set their foundation and then thinking with how they can work with those other advisory bodies.

Dawn Lyons: The Nevada Statewide Independence Living Council (SILC) has come a long way in the last couple years.

They have a brand-new State Plan For Independent Living (SPIL), that includes goals for Independent Living that she encouraged people to read. She did not include it in the meeting materials, but did include what the purpose of the SILC is, the fact sheet that tells agencies and other community partners what the basis of federal regulations are behind the SILC and the substance of the program.

She included a PowerPoint presentation that she will recap. It explains where that group is and what they are doing, what the goals are, who their partners are and what the network means. The Independent Living (IL) network is the Centers For Independent Living, Statewide Independent Living Council, and the designated state entity which is Aging and Disability Services currently.

The SILC's goals overlap with what the CSPD has. The SILC is looking at legislative issues, creating a youth presence and to help inform the public and consumers. The SILC is made up of a majority of individuals with disabilities, so that they can be self-advocates and they are not being spoken for, which is important in this work. To have that voice is huge.

Along with the Disability Partner meetings, the SILC also has a brand new website and are creating a data hub that, hopefully, all disability service providers will join so that they can have a forum to discuss current issues and have current disability data across the state. Without that data, how can they really be data driven?

So that's something they have been focused on lately. The website is up but the data hub should be out any day now. She will let the group know when that happens.

She thinks it would be great for the CSPD to join the SILC's subcommittees and start working together. The SILC also tries to incorporate the DD Council and the Deaf Commission and all the other bodies working on similar issues. If all come together, they can be a stronger voice.

Jeff Duncan: Beyond the advocacy bodies for people with disabilities, there is another sister commission called Commission on Aging (COA), doing similar work around recommendations to the Director for services for older adults and people with disabilities.

Collaborating with this Commission can strengthen the CSPD and the SILC, as well as the Autism Commission, all the populations have individual specific population needs.

There is a lot of crossover and all are much stronger together when they are making recommendations on behalf of families and not letting disability or age define service delivery or the gaps in services.

Diane Thorkildson: As the Chair of this group, she will reach out to other Chairs of the DD Council, Autism Commission, the SILC, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission and Commission on Aging with the idea of meeting twice a year. She will work with Dawn Lyons and Jeff Duncan to assess which councils and commissions make sense to be collaborating with.

It was mentioned that the Behavioral Health Policy Board is made up of Chairs and they go over policy priorities for each region to not duplicate efforts.

Tina Dortch: Agreed with the plan for the Chairs to meet twice yearly. Recommended that one of the meetings be an effort to support the Governor's state of the union address, since he has the largest, public platform.

9. Discussion Regarding Questions About the Home and Community Based Services from the ADSD Caseload Evaluation Organization Report (CLEO)  
Crystal Wren, Social Services Chief II, ADSD

Crystal Wren: She is the Chief of Community Based Care (CBC), and is presenting on what Community Based Care does. Their focus is on waivers and she went over what a Home and Community Based Waiver is, how to apply for a waiver and the approval process. She then discussed the state plan service options that are available to the same populations.

Nevada has three home and community-based service waivers.

The three of waivers are a waiver for the frail and elderly, a waiver for those with physical disabilities, and a waiver for those with intellectual disabilities or related conditions.

The two waivers that she oversees are the frail elderly and the physically disabled.

The eligibility is the same for all three waivers.

And the income threshold is set at 300% of the Social Security income amount.

Individuals will all benefit from receiving full Medicaid eligibility as well as additional long-term supportive services such as personal care services and options that are made available to those with full Medicaid. Waivers are intended to provide supportive service to help keep people in their homes and out of long-term care settings.

The Frail and Elderly Waiver focuses on folks that are 65 and older.

They do have to meet a nursing facility level of care.

Their income must be at or below the 300% of SSI which is currently \$2,313.

They cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources.

And if they have a spouse, there's a spousal resource limit set at \$128,640.

And that is all determined by the Welfare office so the aging folks will, CBC will gather the documentation and send it to Welfare.

Services that are offered to the Frail and Elderly include those personal care services which are intended to focus on activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.

The traditional personal care services are authorized by Medicaid and those are for full Medicaid participants. That's one of the benefits they get from being on the waiver.

Every waiver recipient will receive case management.

And then the other options are home makers which would be additional hours to support instrumental activities of daily living, social adult day care which is like a respite program, it's a place for folks to go to in the day while their caregiver is away from the home or if they need that socialization.

Adult companion is somebody who comes out to the home and provides companionship and assists folks while they're out there with their activities of daily living.

The Personal Emergency Response (PERS), system is the alert system.

Chore services are generally a one-time service and it's for the deep cleaning, they have some situations of hoarding or maybe carpets that are lifted and need to be secured, and windows and things like that.

Respite Care is relief of the primary caregiver during the hours they're not available.

Augmented Personal Care is a name for group home and assisted living.

The Physically Disabled Waiver focuses on the population of 18 and older. Participants must also meet a nursing facility level of care.

They have the same income and resource limit.

The difference is that they must have a physical disability as determined by a physician.

The services are very similar to the Frail and Elderly Waiver with the exception that CBC does allow for home delivered meals and specialized medical equipment, which is generally those medical kinds of equipment that are not authorized by Medicaid.

Environmental accessibility adaptation, so that would be a lot of home modifications and installing grab bars or ramps, widening doorways, removing carpet, and putting hardwood down and things like that.

To apply for a waiver, the first step is to contact a local office.

CBC has recently updated their website and there is an "Expression of Interest" form the public can fill out

that captures those immediate needs so there is an idea of what the applicant is needing before they are contacted.

If the public member doesn't want to fill that out and send that in they can call and there can be a screening over the phone. The office locations are Reno, Carson, Elko, and Las Vegas. The application information is the same for all.

The caller needs to be available to provide their earned income, unearned income, all resources, such as bank accounts, vehicles, life insurance, trust information.

The waiver-specific, the Frail Elderly again, must be over 65 and the Physically Disabled Waiver must be diagnosed with a physical disability.

For the approval process for ADSD, the case manager will contact the individual and they will do that assessment over the phone to determine a self-assessment, validate the information provided and make sure that the applicant is on the right path for the program they have selected.

If for some reason they chose the Frail Elderly Waiver and their income is over the limit, CBC will look at a different program, like the Cope Program.

CBC will always look for different services available or a community service.

Once the assessment is over, CBC will do an application and send that to the Welfare office and Welfare does that financial approval, they have experts that focus on the income resources.

CBC assists in gathering those documentations and sending them over, but Welfare will make that final determination.

The Division of Healthcare, Financing and Policy, which is Medicaid, must push that final button.

Once CBC has that approval from Welfare, the Medicaid office must put in what's called a benefit line.

The benefit line allows providers to bill, without that they cannot bill waiver services.

It is a three-step process, which often holds up the process.

With the three different systems there's no way around that three-step process currently.

Applicants must meet that nursing facility level of care.

CBC uses an assessment tool that Nevada Medicaid has created with thirteen areas that CBC reviews for.

To meet that level of care, an applicant must hit three areas out of the thirteen.

By the time they're applying for a waiver, CBC does not have any issues with the level of care.

They do have to be at an imminent risk of nursing facility placement within thirty days if services are not authorized. It's a requirement for the waiver but being that they need that nursing facility level of care, that's usually, it goes hand in hand.

And then they do have to require at least one ongoing waiver service.

CBC will have folks sometimes try to get on a waiver because they need full Medicaid.

Because that's one of the added benefits of being on the waiver.

And so maybe their income is over that 138% of poverty that Medicaid sets and so they try to apply for a waiver.

This is where the screening comes in and CBC needs to determine that they meet CBC's criteria because there are some slots and we want to make sure they are given to the appropriate applicant.

That doesn't happen very often. They must be at or below 300 percent of the SSI amount.

The resources of \$2,000. They do have to be a resident of the state of Nevada.

A lot of folks that live in California come over; California is one of the states that provides a supplemental amount to Medicare.

Occasionally, people that move to Nevada from California don't change their residency because they don't want to lose that California supplement.

That will deter them from becoming a waiver applicant because their residency still shows as California.

It is important to make sure that applicants change their residency with Social Security to Nevada.

And then they do have to be United States citizen or a permanent resident.

Medicaid is the payment indicator. Without that benefit line, a waiver provider claim would not go through.

Folks that are waiting for a waiver slot are on a wait list.

The wait list is based on having more applicants than slots available and Crystal does not anticipate the wait list going away, due to the number of applicants.

While they are on a wait list, CBC may screen them for other programs.

CBC will look at other programs which would be Community Service Option Program for the Elderly (COPE), the Personal Assistance Services (PAS), or homemaker, which provides those instrumental activities of daily living.

CBC will review if one of the applicants already has full Medicaid, then they will make sure to connect the applicant with DSE, Medicaid's fiscal agent to make sure they have screened them for personal care services or if they need home health, private nursing, hospice, need to be placed into a nursing facility, anything like that, CBC will try to connect them with those services.

Another benefit of having full Medicaid is those folks can benefit from behavioral health services.

And then they can also stay up to date on preventive and routine medical care.

The COPE program is close to the Frail Elderly Waiver in the eligibility portion. They must be 65 or older, they do have to meet that nursing facility level of care, however, the income amount is higher than Medicaid for the waiver.

CBC will look at 300 percent of the federal poverty limit and then through some work with the Commission on Aging, they've added an additional population which has actually allowed the income to be at \$3,249. So, it's about a thousand dollars more a month for the COPE. CBC's asset limit is also higher at \$10,000 for an individual and \$30,000 for the couple.

If spouses are residing at home together, CBC allows up to \$30,000. The services are the same as the Frail and Elderly waiver. They all get case management.

The difference is, CBC allows tenant care, which is personal care, CBC will authorize that under Cope whereas the Frail and Elderly, it's authorized under Medicaid and not the waiver.

The Personal Assistance Services Program (PAS), is similar to the Physically Disabled Waiver.

These folks must be 18 or over and have that physical disability as determined by a physician.

They have to have limits in their activities of daily living which is determined on a level of care tool which is bathing, dressing, grooming, and then the income limits for PAS is 800 percent of the federal poverty limit.

So, it can go up to \$8,500 per individual and that's a monthly amount. It does increase per household member. If they're married it would increase to a household of two.

If they are minor dependent children living in the home more than half time, we would increase that to however many minors there are, three or four, however many.

The one thing with PAS, there is a traditional income limit of 300 percent.

That's for COPE, waivers, everything. For PAS program, if an individual applies and they're under 300 percent of the federal poverty limit CBC will not assess them for a co-pay.

If they are over 300 percent, in between three hundred and eight hundred, they are assessed for a co-pay.

CBC will look at their income with their household size and then allow them to provide their outgoing medical expenses to reduce that amount, using a CBC formula. CBC has about a hundred folks on PAS and only about fifteen in the state that have a co-pay so it's not a huge amount of folks that do have a co-pay.

But generally, those that do are pushing that 800 percent of poverty limits.

So, their income is pretty substantial compared to those without a co-pay.

The services for PAS are just that personal care.

They get case management; they're going to get Attending Care which is another name for Personal Care and then we also of course including the Homemaker which goes hand in hand.

Homemaker is exactly like it sounds, provides homemaker services.

This program is set at a very, low-income limit and that is -- that is due to the functionality of the program being just instrumental activities of daily living.

It's at 110 percent of the federal poverty limit, about \$1,100 a month. The resource limit remains the same. \$10,000 for an individual and \$30,000 thousand for a couple, but the income limit is lower.

So, CBC characteristically has folks that have full Medicaid and they're on the homemaker program.

The reason for that is they only need those instrumental activities of daily living.

They don't need activities of daily living, which is person on person personal care. So, Medicaid will not authorize only instrumental activities of daily living. Homemaker really assists those folks that are lower



income and can't afford the private pay, but only need that housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation and things like that.

Crystal will follow up with Char Frost concerning questions regarding specific families after the Legislative special session is over.

Char Frost: Asked if families were being notified of a Legislative reinstatement of monthly respite funding. Crystal will follow up on that with Jessica Adams with a program for the developmental services.

Regina Daniel: Concerned about Personal Attendant Care (PAC). If a family member assists an applicant, the applicant is penalized. If someone outside the family provides care, there is not a penalty. Also, home services are often being done remotely now during the pandemic.

Crystal Wren: Some states allow reimbursement, Nevada does not. State Plan Personal Care Services which is authorized through Nevada Medicaid, does not allow reimbursement to guardians or spouses. That has flowed into some of the programs in the intellectually disabled waiver and it was copied into the Frail Elderly and Physically Disabled Waiver. She suggested looking at all the services that disallow reimbursements to spouses and legal guardians and how they all mirror each other because that's usually what happens if you have one service that does this and another service that has a different funding entity but it's the same like service and they're going to apply the same rules.

10. Discussion and Make Recommendations Regarding Pending and Possible New Applicants to Fill Current Commission Vacancies **(For Possible Action)**.

Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Regina Daniel motioned to endorse Stacy Alaribe for membership. Kelly Venci seconded. Motion carried.

Cimi Neal, Mechelle Merrill and Ophelia Simmons will be invited to attend the next meeting to be endorsed for membership.

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

Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Olmstead training

Disability Partners ideas

Elementary and Secondary education and special education, Dawn will reach out to Jennifer Kane.

Strategic Plan

Membership

12. Confirm Date for Future Meeting

Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

An additional meeting will be scheduled in September after members respond to a meeting poll. The next regularly scheduled meeting date is scheduled for November 12, 2020 at 9:00 am.

13. 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)

Dawn Lyons: Reminded the CSPD that the SILC Legislative Subcommittee is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and if anyone is interested in attending or being a part of it, to reach out to her and she will get them the Zoom invitation. Also, the Disability Partners meeting is going to be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Shelley Hendren: Misses being on this council. Wanted to reiterate that Vocational Rehab is still committed to serving individuals with disabilities in the state as it relates to their employment needs. They did have a pretty substantial budget cut, especially because of their match requirement for their federal funds, all the state funds that were cut dramatically, cut federal funds as well. But there's one area where they do have some discretionary funding because they are mandated by law to set these funds aside. It's for serving students with disabilities and pre-employment transition services. The federal government has provided more flexibility regarding those funds and what they can deliver. So if interested, they can come as an observer, they would love to participate in these conversations with schools in fact they are doing the same to see where they can help, especially as it relates to accessibility & curriculums. They want to work with the CSPD and help in any way that they can under these unusual circumstances. Michelle Merrill is someone that is being considered by this body to replace Shelley as a member of the CSPD. She does have interests to be on this body.

Stacy Alaribe: Wanted to make a comment about the PCS services and how that can be made smoother and better. Is that going to be discussed in the other meeting? It can be put on the next agenda, possibly during the CLEO report..

Mary Evilsizer: Commended Diane and Regina and Char for their questions. The true intent of Olmstead is to live in the most integrated setting possible. At the time we were having problems in Nevada, we were having to ship individuals out because we didn't have the resources. The improvement towards that I'm not sure how much progress has been made. The programs, the waiver, the COPE and PAS programs, those are the purest forms of programs that the Olmstead had in mind.

Diane Thorkildson: For the first time in the 2 years that she has been on the CSPD, she is excited about where we might head here. She will follow through on everything that she volunteered to do, and reminded the group to be looking for that Doodle poll so they can get their September meeting on the books as quickly as possible.

#### 14. Adjournment

Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

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**In accordance with Nevada Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 there will not be a physical location for the Governor’s Commission on Behavioral Health Meeting regarding the Annual Governor’s Letter.**

- As per Nevada Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 3: The requirements contained in NRS 241.020 (4) (a) that public notice agendas be posted at physical locations within the State of Nevada are suspended.
- As per Nevada Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 4: Public bodies must still comply with requirements in NRS 241.020 (4)(b) and NRS 241.020 (4)(c) that public notice agendas be posted to Nevada’s notice website and the public body’s website, if it maintains one along with providing a copy to any person who has requested one via U.S. mail or electronic mail.
- As per Nevada Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 5: The requirement contained in NRS 241.020 (3)(c) that physical locations be available for the public to receive supporting material for public meetings is suspended.
- As per Nevada Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 6: If a public body holds a meeting and does not provide a physical location where supporting material is available to the public, the public body must provide on its public notice agenda the name and contact information for the person designated by the public body from whom a member of the public may request supporting material electronically and must post supporting material to the public body’s website, if it maintains one.