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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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

Date and Time of Meeting: August 17, 2015
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Governor's Office of Economic Development
808 West Nye Lane
Carson City, NV 89703

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555 East Washington Ave., Suite 5400
Las Vegas NV 89119

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DRAFT Minutes

Members present: Brian Patchett, Mary Bryant, Nicole Schomberg, Jon Sasser, Shelley Hendren, David Daviton, Bill Heavilin, James Osti

Guests: Sherry Manning, LaVonne Brooks, Robin Kincaid, Connie McMullen, Santa Perez, Tracy Brown, Mechelle Merrill, Robin Kincaid, Lisa Bonie, Meredith Ars, Elaine Bersler, Andrea Juillerat-Olvera, Katherine Edwards

Staff: Jill Berntson, Rique Robb, Desiree Bennett

- I. Welcome and Introductions
Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

- 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. 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)

No comments were made.

- III. **Approval of Minutes from the March 5, 2015 Meeting (For Possible Action)**
Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

Mr. Sasser made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5th. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **Presentation, Discussion and Possible Recommendations on the Governor's Taskforce on Integrated Employment (For Possible Action)**
- Seven Work Groups/ Subcommittees
 - Focus Areas of Task Force Strategic Plan

Sherry Manning, Department of Health and Human Services
LaVonne Brooks, High Sierra Industries, Inc. Washoe Ability Resource Center
Mechelle Merrill, Rehabilitation Division, DETR

Mr. Patchett stated that several CSPD members were also members of the Governor's Taskforce on Integrated Employment. The Taskforce went through a seven month process preparing a strategic plan that would set a goal for competitive employment for persons with intellectual disabilities. The Governor asked the CSPD to complete the follow through and oversight of the plan.

Ms. Merrill's presentation about the Taskforce and the seven workgroups is a high-level overview; there is more detailed information available online. Steps taken toward integrated employment in Nevada started through the Business Leadership Network in 2007, the 2010 Employment Policy Summit, post-summit workgroups, SELN in Nevada, WCSD community- based career exploration summer camps, and the Employment First Ad Hoc Committee that lead to Executive Order 2014-16 creating the Governor's Taskforce on Integrated Employment. Ms. Merrill read through her presentation on the focus areas of the Taskforce strategic plan and the Work groups (Attachment A). The transition is being handed to the CSPD, which has been identified as the entity to house and lead the workgroups in defining and implementing the report.

Ms. Manning shared with the Commission some resources available such as a grant for technical assistance. The DD Council, as a part of their five year state plan, has already pre-awarded ADSD \$45,000 toward the advancement on

integrated employment. Ms. Manning will have more information for the Commission once the award letter is available.

Mr. Patchett added that the Commission should also be actively looking for any grant sources.

The Taskforce committee made a determination to create seven workgroups that are responsible for reporting on the goals that have been established. Members of the taskforce have already made some determinations on who will be sitting on those workgroups. It is then the responsibility of the full commission to follow through with and regulate the smaller workgroups.

Attachment B is the list of individuals already assigned to each working group. Each group will consist of:

- 5-8 members
- 1 chairperson
- At least 1 member of the CSPD

Ms. Hendren made a suggestion about phasing different committees in at different times. There are two main critical areas that are on the three year strategic plan.

- Once those workgroups start meeting, the other groups can build off of their progress:
- Professional Development, Transportation, and Employer Engagement, Development, and Support
- All meetings will be Open Meeting Law compliant and use ADSD staff

Ms. Merrill clarified that the reason some workgroups are a more immediate than others because of their complexity, how quickly their goals could be accomplished, and how achievable they are in a short term. There are also strategies related to each goal that has been provided by the Taskforce.

Mr. Sasser made a motion that the CSPD accept the task requested by the Governor to oversee the process for the Integrated Employment Strategic Plan and adopt seven subcommittees that report to the Commission which will include one Commission member to each group. The Commission may also make changes to the plan if necessary.

Ms. Bryant and Mr. Osti both seconded the motion, motion passes unanimously.

CSPD member's workgroup assignments as of August 17th:

Resource Development and Sustainability: James Osti, David Daviton, Ed Guthrie (Non Commission member)

Collaboration and Coordination: Brian Patchett

Professional Development: Nicole Schomberg

Transportation: Mary Bryant

Employment Engagement, Development and Support: Brian Patchett, Shelley Hendren and David Daviton, Ed Guthrie (Non Commission member)

Government as a Leader and Model Employer: Jon Sasser, Bill Heavilin, Tracy Brown (Non Commission member)

Early and Timely School Assessment and Planning for Transitions:
Karen Taycher, Gary Olsen and Santa Perez (Non Commission member).

Mr. Sasser suggested community outreach to individuals and families who would be interested in becoming members of the seven workgroups.
Any suggestions of other memberships, including from community outreach, should be sent to ADSD staff.

Updates on the Governor's Taskforce on Integrated Employment workgroups will be a standing agenda item. Mr. Patchett asked that each workgroup decide and update the Commission on who will be the committee chairperson, what initial steps will be taken to meet their goals and be prepared with measurable outcomes.

V. Update and Overview, Including Any Recommendations for Further Action
On Legislative Issues (For Possible Action)

Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson
Jon Sasser, Commission Member

- AB 307- Pilot project that is a joint effort between ADSD and Medicaid to provide intensive coordination services to children with intellectual disabilities and related conditions with behavioral needs to keep children in state for services. Ms. Berntson suggested the Developmental Services under ADSD give a presentation on AB307 at a future meeting.
- AB 310- Did not receive a hearing in at the Legislature. The language from 310 was put into the Appropriation Act, which allows Medicaid to move forward with the managed care for individuals with disabilities. It
- SB 419- A portion of the bill addresses membership terms of CSPD members, Independent Living, and the Abel Act.
- SB13- The Commission would like to invite the Department of Education to give an update on SB13
- AB5- Provided language in statute on Competitive Employment
- AB200- Regards funding of Centers for deaf and hard of hearing that was previously decided by the PUC. Funding now goes through the budgetary process through the division. The Commission would like an update from ADSD on what that budget will look like.
- AB128- The Commission would like an update on the success of the form being used for durable power of attorney for medical decisions.
- AB6- does not go into effect until January 1, 2017. Private insurance contracts cannot put a dollar limit the amount of ABA services to kids with autism. Starting January 1, 2016 adds funding to Medicaid to start covering ABA services.

Mr. Sasser made a motion to submit a letter to the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and Richard Whitley, Director in support of higher rates of RBTs (registered behavioral technician) in Medicaid.

Mr. Daviton seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- VI. Update and Report from the Subcommittee on Communication Services, Discussion and Possible Recommendations From Council **(For Possible Action)**
Julie Balderson, Social Services Program Specialist, ADSD

Ms. Balderson updated the Commission that the SOCS has established a quarterly meeting schedule. The Committee currently has two vacancies; the group discussed the importance of having a member with low vision or with speech impairments.

- VII. Discussion and Possible Determination of Issues and Agenda Items to be Considered or Deliberated at the Next Meeting **(For Possible Action)**
Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

- Standing agenda item for discussion and updates on the Taskforce on Integrated Employment
- AB307 and AB310 (appropriations act) from Medicaid or ADSD
- SB419 IL and discuss CSPD's guidance for budget proposal
- ABLE Act- Update
- Dept. Ed. – SB13 follow up
- AB200 – update on CAS program from meeting with IFC
- NFB Presentation
- Jim Osti- presentation on disability statistics and building a disability compendium for Nevada.
- Mental Health issues- follow up from legislature and Gov. taskforce
- Shelley Hendren- Voc. Rehab updates and follow up (WIOA)
- ADSD Caseload numbers- Jill Berntson

- VIII. Confirm Dates for Future Meetings **(For Possible Action)**
Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

The Commission decided to schedule out quarterly meeting dates as the second Thursday of the second month of the quarter at 9:30 am.

November 12th (face to face meeting)

February 11th

May 12th (face to face meeting)

- IX. 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)

Ms. Brown commented that Opportunity Village has some concerns about the proposed definition of competitive integrated employment in the report from the Governor's Taskforce may jeopardize over 150 jobs for people with intellectual

disabilities that are currently employed at Opportunity Village; through the Ability One program and the State's Preferred Purchase program. Currently the Taskforce's definition of Integrated is: working with employees who are not disabled. The definition is based on the proposed regulations for section 5-11 of WIOA. Opportunity Village believes that those regulations do not reflect the Congressional intent of the language of the law. It does not state in WIOA that individuals with disabilities have to be working with individuals who are not disabled. Opportunity Village has examples of individuals working on an integrated work crew. An example is the work team at Nellis Air Force Base made up of individuals with disabilities serving non-disabled men and women meals every day. With the ability to word smith the working definition of integrated, it would still be possible to preserve the 150 jobs Opportunity Village currently has for folks earning living wages and have full benefit packages.

Mr. Sasser asked who will have the legal authority in Nevada to decide what the definition will be.

Ms. Hendren stated the state would take the direction from WIOA. Currently the way it defines integrated is; interacting with other in the workplace, not coworkers. VR is waiting for regulations to come out.

Mr. Sasser would like to add a standing agenda item for ADSD caseload numbers.

Ms. Kincaid commented that her daughter has been waiting for the Home and Community Based Waiver for over 400 days; she would like to see more information on those caseload numbers.

X. Adjournment

Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities Members

Brian Patchett (Chair), Mary Bryant (Co-Chair), Bill Heavilin, Gary Olsen, Jodi Sabal, Jon Sasser, Karen Taycher, Nicole Schomberg, Shelley Hendren, James Osti, David Daviton

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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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