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**Minutes**

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

Date and Time of Meeting: May 9, 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, Vice Chair

**Members Present:** David Daviton, Diane Thorkildson, Shelley Hendren, Kelly Venci-Gonzales, Cyndy Gustafson, Jim Osti, Dora Uchel, Diane Thorkildson

**Members Absent:** Regina Daniel, Char Frost,

**Members Excused Absent:** Eric Kessler

**Guests:** Kirsten Coulombe, Gary Olsen, Renee Portnell, Steven Cohen, Samantha Jayme, Jessica Roew, Rique Robb

**CART Provider:** Becky Van Auken

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

**Staff:** Dawn Lyons, Wendy Thornley

1. 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)

Renee stated that she had attended the Transportation Summit and has information that she offered to share with anyone who would like it.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2019 **(For Possible Action)**

David Daviton, Vice Chair

Diane motioned to approve the minutes. Jim seconded. The motion carried.

1. Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Commission **(For Possible Action)**

Dawn Lyons, Program Specialist, ADSD

David Daviton was elected as Chairperson. Diane Thorkildson was elected Vice Chairperson.

1. Updates Regarding the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired

Eli Schwartz, Guest Commission Chairperson

This item was tabled.

1. Approve New Bylaws for the Commission **(For Possible Action)**

David Daviton, Vice Chair

This item was tabled. Dawn will provide an updated draft to the members.

1. Discussion Regarding Data Shared with the Office of Analytics by ADSD

Dawn Lyons, Program Specialist, ADSD

Dawn stated that there have been data shared with the Office of Analytics and requests have been made. The Office of Analytics may be overwhelmed and understaffed at this time.

1. Discussion Regarding the Legislative Subcommittee and Recommendations for the CSPD to Endorse the Following Bills:

**AB91** AN ACT relating to guardianships; establishing provisions concerning the sterilization of protected persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**AB129** AN ACT relating to emergency response; requiring certain first responders to receive training concerning identifying and interacting with persons with developmental disabilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**AB180** AN ACT relating to education; imposing certain requirements concerning the transportation of pupils who reside in a child care institution and pupils with disabilities; creating a rebuttable presumption that it is in the best interests of a child in foster care to enroll in the junior high school, middle school or high school in which pupils enrolled in his or her school of origin generally enroll; providing that the failure of a local education agency to furnish transportation to pupils does not affect the duties of the local education agency concerning the transportation of children in foster care; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**AB228** AN ACT relating to services to aging and disabled persons; expanding the jurisdiction of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to perform certain actions to protect the health, safety, welfare and civil rights of certain persons receiving services from certain entities other than long-term care facilities; revising the duties of the Ombudsman; requiring certain such facilities and providers of services to post information relating to the procedure for making a complaint to the Ombudsman; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**AB339** AN ACT relating to wages; requiring the minimum payment that must be paid to certain persons who participate in jobs and day training services to be set by regulation; prohibiting the issuance of a certificate to provide jobs and day training services under certain circumstances; requiring providers of jobs and day training services to submit certain annual reports to the Labor Commissioner; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**AB 471** AN ACT relating to supported living arrangement services; authorizing the holder of a certificate to provide supported living arrangement services to serve certain additional persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**AB 480** AN ACT relating to written agreements; enacting provisions governing supported decision-making agreements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto

**SB174** AN ACT relating to disability services; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to seek an increase in certain reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program and the Autism Treatment Assistance Program for a registered behavior technician; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of the Medicaid program concerning the delivery of certain services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Nicole Schomberg, Chair of Subcommittee

Nicole was at work and unable to give a full report although she was able to quickly say that AB339 did die in assembly, but that the CSPD might want to support in the next session in 2021. AB91 passed. AB480 passed the assembly and the senate. AB471 passed. No update on SB174. AB180 may have died. She did not have the status of AB129 that was heard the previous day.

Diane motioned for Nicole, David and Shelley write a letter to the Governor thanking him for his work this session around disability issues and endorsing the bills that are still in front. Cyndy seconded. Motion carried.

1. Update Regarding the Transportation Summit in Reno

Dawn Lyons, Program Specialist, ADSD

Dawn was able to attend a couple of the break-out sessions at the summit. She stated that more information about the entire summit would be available on the following website: [www.nevadaddcouncil.org/transportsummit/](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/transportsummit/) . She stated that it was very successful in the way of networking amongst the many transportation entities for future collaborations.

Jim agreed that the networking was the strongest part of the summit.

1. Discussion and Recommendations for a Subcommittee to Start Planning the next 439 Report Due June 2020 **(For Possible Action)**

David Daviton, Vice Chair

David, Diane and Cyndy will work with Dawn on a subcommittee to get the updated report ready for submission in June of 2020. The present report will be sent out to members. The subcommittee will be organized for after the Legislature is over. David appointed Diane, Renee and Cyndy as members of the subcommittee.

1. Update on Commission Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBW) Subcommittee

Brian Patchett, Chair of HCBW Subcommittee

Because Brian no longer lives in the state, Dawn will submit the list of the other members. After hearing from the subcommittee, the CSPD will decide at the next meeting, if there is a need for this subcommittee to continue or not.

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

David Daviton, Vice Chair

Diane motioned that this subcommittee, which now includes Kelly as the lead, Jim, Shelley Char and Regina, continue to work on that letter to the Governor after the legislature season is over. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

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

Dawn Lyons, Program Specialist, ADSD

Dawn stated that the report had been sent out early, as promised. Some programs did not submit their information in time to be included and included data about increased wait lists.

Samantha, who is the program manager for the Autism Treatment Assistance Program, stated that the wait list was over 300 days on average. The higher wait days are primarily in Las Vegas. Rural areas are in the 200s. They are also looking at parent training.

Jim would like more clarification regarding how the number of wait days is calculated. Dawn suggested that the information could be given to her and she could disseminate that to the group.

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

David Daviton, Vice Chair

* Bylaws
* Legislative update, Kelly Venci will reach out to Bailey to see if she can come and present at the next meeting
* Putting one program each time on the agenda for a more detailed report. The COPE program was chosen for the next meeting.
* 439 report
* Integrated workforce subcommittee
* Vocational Rehabilitation-Shelley
* Membership vacancies

1. Confirm Dates for Future Meeting

David Daviton, Vice Chair

The next meeting date is scheduled for August 8, 2019 at 9:00 am.

1. 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)

Jim stated that he was approached at the Transportation Summit by someone who was concerned that the CSPD seems to consist of an agency member majority and not enough self-advocates.

David stated that there are currently two member positions vacant.

1. Adjournment

David Daviton, Vice Chair

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

**Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities Members**

David Daviton (Vice-Chair), Cyndy Gustafson, Dora Uchel, James Osti, Charlene Frost,

Eric Kessler, Shelley Hendren, Kelly Venci-Gonzalez, Regina Daniel, Diane Thorkildson

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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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