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## MINUTES

Name of Organization: Subcommittee on **Communication Services (SOCS) for Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Persons with Speech Disabilities** of the Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427.750)

Date and Time of Meeting: February 6, 2014  
1:00 p.m.

Location: Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living  
999 Pyramid Way  
Sparks, NV 89431  
(775) 353-3599

This meeting was teleconferenced at the above location.

I. Welcome and Introductions  
Gary Olsen, Acting Chairperson

Members attended in person and by teleconference.

**Members Present:** Julie Balderson, Mike Eifert, Angela Greer, Gary Olsen, Cynthia Roller

**Staff Present:** Kristen Rocha, Vicki Kemp, Laura Valentine, Tina Gerber-Winn

**Guests:** Brian Patchett, Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities; David Daviton, Nevada Association of the Deaf; Theresa Piccinini, Nevada Association of the Deaf; Chris Smith, Sprint Relay; Jack Mayes, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center; Tauni Nettenstrom, Carson City School District; David Strom, Relay Nevada; Annie Urasky, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advocacy Resource Center, Alicia Santiago, Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living; Hilda Velasco, Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living; Jesse Palmer, Carson City School District; Kim Somali, Relay Nevada; Cherie Valentine, Carson City School District; Frank Fradianni; Maureen Fadianni; Jeff Beardsley

A quorum being present Mr. Olsen called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Mr. Olsen stated changes will be made to cut down the agenda for this meeting to fit in the time frame allotted for today. Sprint and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advocacy Resource Center will give their presentations on the next agenda. Mr. Olsen stated the priority today needs to be focusing on the agency reconstruction.

Mr. Patchett stated the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities wants to be supportive in improving interpreter services for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. He stated it is completely unacceptable that the Interim Finance Committee was not able to provide an interpreter at their meeting. Mr. Patchett also expressed his concern for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing who cannot participate due to lack of interpreters. He suggested the following:

- Increase funding for interpreter services
- Ability to hire interpreters to work for the state

Mr. Mayes stated this is not the first time the state has failed to provide interpreter services. The attorneys at the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center have been discussing the situation, with the Interim Finance Committee's inability to provide interpreters for their meeting, internally. They will meet with Mr. Olsen and Mr. Daviton to come to a decision on how they would like to move forward.

## II. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

## III. Approval of the Minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting and January 16, 2014 meeting **(For Possible Action)**

Gary Olsen, Acting Chairperson

There was a discussion on the minutes from February 25, 2013. It was decided that there are not enough current members who were at the meeting on February 25, 2013 to be able to approve or deny them. There was a discussion on minor corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. Mr. Eifert made a motion to accept the corrections to the minutes. Ms. Roller made a second. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Ms. Greer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2014 meeting. Mr. Eifert made a second. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

## IV. Discussion and Possible Approval of Bylaws **(For Possible Action)**

Gary Olsen, Acting Chairperson

There was a discussion regarding the current bylaws. Mr. Olsen went over the bylaws one at a time and corrections or alterations were made.

Ms. Roller made a motion to continue the remainder of the Bylaws on the next agenda. Mr. Eifert made a second. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

- V. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Interpreter Issues **(For Possible Action)**  
Angela Greer, Subcommittee Member  
Julie Balderson, Aging and Disability Services Division

This topic was not discussed due to the limited time frame of this meeting. This topic will be carried over onto the next agenda.

- VI. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Input to the Budget and Program Planning and Review **(For Possible Action)**  
Julie Balderson, Aging and Disability Services Division

This topic was not discussed due to the limited time frame of this meeting. This topic will be carried over onto the next agenda.

- VII. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on the Strategic Plan **(For Possible Action)**  
Gary Olsen, Acting Chairperson

This topic was not discussed due to the limited time frame of this meeting. This topic will be carried over onto the next agenda.

- VIII. Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting **(For Possible Action)**  
Gary Olsen, Acting Chairperson

- Discussion and Possible Approval of Bylaws Continued from Last Meeting **(For Possible Action)**
- Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Interpreter Issues **(For Possible Action)**
- Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Input to the Budget and Program Planning and Review **(For Possible Action)**
- Discussion and Possible Recommendations on the Strategic Plan **(For Possible Action)**
- Presentation from Sprint
- Presentation from Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advocacy Resource Center

- IX. Confirm Date of Next Meeting, April 17, 2014 in Las Vegas **(For Possible Action)**  
Gary Olsen, Acting Chairperson

Mr. Olsen stated the meeting will be on April 17, 2014 at 9:00am in Las Vegas.

- X. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

- XI. Adjournment  
Gary Olsen, Acting Chairperson

Mr. Olsen Adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.