

SOCS/CAC

Quarterly Meeting

July 8, 2015

Las Vegas, Nevada

NRS 427A

**THE POSSIBLE SIGNIFIANCE
AND
IMPLICATIONS OF AB200**

a) Two voting positions, ADSD (Aging and Disability Service Division) and NTA (Nevada Telecommunications Association) representatives' voting rights were eliminated BUT the two (non-voting) positions remain on CAC as full-fledged advisory representatives.

- **b) NV Public Utilities Commission(PUC) No longer has a say in approving or rejecting ADSD's programs and budgets requests.**
- **PUC will only be responsible for establishing the annual surcharge rate, which is maxed at .08 cents per month. Any increase is subject to Legislature approval.**

- **c) Opportunities to expand on utilizing essential telecommunication assistive technologies.**
- **d) Establish service centers (*)**
- **e) Provide instruction in language acquisition**
- **(*)**
- **f) Programs (*) to increase access to 1) Education 2) Employment 3) Health and 4) Social services**

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- **(*) Depending upon pending promulgating ADSD regulations, policies, guidelines and RFPs. These regulations will provide for enhanced oversight, accountability and transparency.**
- **Special effort will be having the centers collaborating with and in local communities/ municipalities/local governments.**

- **g) Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers will have greater access and input developing relevant programs through CAC along with ADSD. They will have full involvement with the Strategic plans as well as with the Town halls and participating in various assigned CAC committees.**

- **h) CAC will be involved in designing and monitoring D/HH programs and making various recommendations for greater impact helping all D/HH Nevadans of all walks of life.**
- **i) The changes thru action oriented plans such as gathering essential data, surveying other programs across the State and country and collaborating will other groups will enable us to prepare well ahead for the next legislative session and serve Nevadans better.**

- **j) A great step within the new structure and plans to develop an “Interpreter Pool” enabling ADSD to obtain highly qualified interpreters to assist State Legislature, Judicial and government agencies. Will develop ways and means to enhance quality of life among the deaf and hard of hearing Nevadans. Create jobs, design programs and eventually lead to the formation of a State Commission serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing as well as Hearing people.**

- **We will be working on different “White Papers,” which will design different programs and systems. Many people of different walks of life, D/HH Nevadans and hearing people will be involved in the process.**

SHORT TERM: (Within 2 years)

- *** WORK GROUPS, SPECIFIC CHARGES AND TIMELINES**
- *** SPONSOR TOWNHALLS (2 PER YEAR) (**)**
- *** BROADEN & DEVELOP COLLABORATION EFFORTS WITH AND AMONG KEY PLAYERS & GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS**
- ***WORK WITH ADSD ON DEVELOPING RFPs AND DESIGN OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS FOR VEDNORS/CONTRACTS**
- ***SET-UP INTERPRETER POOL MECHANISMS**
- ***INTERPRETER COMPLIANCE WITH NRS 656A, TRAINING & OVERSIGHT**
- ***DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT WAYS AND MEANS TO ENHANCE QUALITY INTERPRETING IN RURAL SETTINGS (INCLUDING MENTORING)**
- ***DEFINE THE ROLES AND SERVICES OF CART, VRI AND TYPEWELL.**

LONG TERM: (Within 3 to 5 years)

- ***STRATEGIC PLANNING, LOCAL AND STATE-WIDE**
- ***FORGE A STATE-WIDE D/HH COMMISSION**
- ***WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH NDE/SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE QUALITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR D/HH STUDENTS**
- ***DESIGN WAYS AND MEANS TO INCREASE QUALITY OF COMMUNICATION IN THE SCHOOLS AND WORKPLACES**
- ***IMPLEMENT ENHANCED STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL, INCLUDING INTERPRETERS, TO PURSUE SIGN LANGUAGE BENCHMARKS BY INCORPORATING SCP1 & ASLPI PRINCIPLES**
- ***DEFINE THE ROLE AND CLASSIFICATION OF INTERPRETERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL, Charter School SYSTEM. ALSO FOR THE PARAPROFESSIONALS**