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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities Legislative Subcommittee

Date and Time of Meeting: January 27, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Teleconference Only Location: Aging and Disability Services Division  
 3416 Goni Road, Building H

Carson City, NV 89706

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**Minutes**

Members present: Jon Sasser, Brian Patchett, Karen Taycher, Gary Olsen, Mary Bryant, Nicole Schomberg, Shelley Hendren

Guests: Connie McMullen, Eric Levoss, Lynn Hunsinger, Julie Ostrowski, Jan Crandy

Staff: Julie Kotchevar, Rique Robb, Desiree Bennett

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jon Sasser, Chairperson

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)
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on April 16, 2015 **(For Possible Action)**

Jon Sasser, Chairperson

Mr. Patchett made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 16th. Motion passed.

1. Presentation and Possible Recommendations on Medicaid Rates for Applied Behavior Analysis and the Involvement of Legislative Interim Committees**(For Possible Action)**

Lynn Hunsinger, Opportunity Village

Ms. Hunsinger is the new Director of program services at Opportunity Village and is presenting on behalf of Ed Guthrie. Mr. Guthrie is working to put together a coalition of service providers for seniors and adults with disabilities in preparation for the next legislative session. Provider rate reimbursement has been underfunded in the community for over 10-12 years. Services related to Medicaid and Medicaid waiver sources continue to have higher standards of quality, compliance, documentation and administration from CMS but that extra work has not been reflected in provider reimbursement. In the last legislative session, certain provider types did have minimal rate increases.

The interim committee on healthcare, chaired by Assemblyman Oscarson will be addressing Medicaid issues at their April meeting. Mr. Sasser suggested that Mr. Guthrie ask to be put on the agenda to discuss Medicaid payment rates. Mr. Patchett stated that during the last legislative session the CSPD voted in favor of rate increases. This can be a topic to discuss under the legislative update agenda item at the next CSPD meeting in February and also addressed at the interim Committee on HealthCare or under the interim Committee on Senior, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs meeting.

Mr. Sasser recommended that the Legislative Subcommittee ask the CSPD to express concern about the outdated rates for services to the interim committees. He asked that any providers, who believe they have inadequate rates, submit any information to Desiree at ADSD to distribute to the full Commission before the meeting on the 11th.

Ms. Hunsinger stated at the last Legislative session, language was slipped into the Appropriations Act that allowed the State Medicaid Division to explore contracting out home and community based services through the Medicaid waivers to managed care organizations. The senior and disability communities have expressed concern on the transparency of that. Town Hall meetings on Medicaid managed care have taken place in northern and southern nevada. Opportunity Village wants to make sure that contracts are developed appropriately for the managed care organizations, if that is what Medicaid decides to peruse.

Mr. Sasser added that the Interim Committee on Health Care’s meeting in April will be focused on Medicaid. He suggested that the CSPD support Nevada Mental Health in requesting Assemblyman Oscarson to include on their agenda a report on the pros and cons of managed care and how it is affecting populations who are currently using it. Mr. Sasser will bring the conversation up again at the full CSPD meeting to discuss it with Jane Gruner and Jennifer Frischmann.

1. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on the Following Proposed Actions/ Agenda Items for Full Commission **(For Possible Action)**

* Presentations/Proposals to interim Legislative Committees
  + Committee on Seniors, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs

Captioning services at LCB hearings

Medicaid rates for ABA

* + Committee on Health Care

NRS 442.540, closing loop hole for rural hospitals

Medicaid rates for ABA

Autism implementation and rates

Children’s Mental Health Consortium priorities

* + Committee on Education

SB13

NFB- braille literacy legislation

* Proposed Budget Items to State Agencies
  + Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
  + Division of Aging and Disability Services
  + Division of Child and Family Services
  + Division of Public and Behavioral Health
  + Rehabilitation Division
  + Department Of Education

Jon Sasser, Chairperson

Ms. Bryant asked the Subcommittee to recommend to the full CSPD that a subcommittee made up of CSPD and Taskforce on Integrated Employment members be established to look at the strategic plan and decide what legislative action needs to be taken. Mr. Patchett and Ms. Hendren are currently co-chairs of the Taskforce on Integrated Employment Subcommittee. Mr. Sasser suggested that any budget recommendations to the agency or any needed legislation from that subcommittee report it to the CSPD.

Mr. Sasser would like to add autism implementation and rates to the presentation to the Health Committee agenda in April. Ms. Crandy added that the autism community would be happy to participate as a part of the coalition to address all provider rates. She thanked the CSPD for support in provider rate increases and for the letter sent to the Governor’s office.

Ms. Taycher stated that the Children’s Mental Health Consortium is finalizing their priorities by January 30th. She will bring those priorities up at the full CSPD meeting. The Consortium’s legislative priorities will be brought to the Interim Health Care Committee.

SOCS Legislation recommendations:

**Captioning services at LCB Hearings**:

Mr. Olsen shared recommendations made by the Subcommittee on Communication Services (SOCS) that require support from the CSPD in moving them forward.

SOCS recommends CSPD support LCB’s efforts and the approach Mr. Combs is taking on captioning being provided at selected committees. Initially SOCS believes that special education as well as health and welfare committees in both the Legislative and Interim session be the focus. SOCS believes LCB should look in to remote conference captioning service on demand and some affiliation with local TV station(s) regarding broadcast captioning. Both of these have been used successfully in other states and could help facilitate Nevada’s efforts.

Mr. Sasser had a follow up conversation with Mr. Combs about captioning at the Legislature. He supported airing the issue at the interim committee on Seniors, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs. He will be contacting that committee chair so both Mr. Combs and members of the CSPD can discuss the future of captioning at the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) in that meeting. Mr. Sasser believes that it probably will not take legislation, but possibly receive recommendations to the LCB or Legislative Commissions to move it forward. Mr. Olsen will follow up with Mr. Combs about securing an agenda item at the Committee’s next meeting.

**NRS 442.540**

A bill was passed that Shelia Leslie sponsored years ago that requires an early screenings of children in hospitals regarding hearing loss issues. The legislation that passed exempted hospitals that have less than 500 births per year. Rural hospitals fought the bill passing if they were not exempt from it. Closing that loop hole may cause opposition from those hospitals.

*NRS 442.540 Certain medical facilities prohibited from discharging newborn child born in facility until child has undergone or been referred for hearing screening; exception; regulations.*

*1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 442.560, a licensed hospital in this state that provides services for maternity care and the care of newborn children and a licensed obstetric center in this state shall not discharge a newborn child who was born in the facility until the newborn child has undergone a hearing screening for the detection of hearing loss to prevent the consequences of unidentified disorders, or has been referred for such a hearing screening.*

*2. The requirements of subsection 1 do not apply to a hospital in which fewer than 500 childbirths occur annually.*

Mr. Patchett made a motion for the CSPD Legislative Subcommittee to make a recommendation to the full Commission on February 11th to include an agenda item on the interim Committee on Healthcare to ask for a bill draft to close the 500 births loophole. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**SB13**

Mr. Patchett made a motion to recommend to the full Commission that the Interim Committee on Education to place the implementation of SB13 and the National Federation of the Blind’s (NFB) legislation on braille literacy on their agenda. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brian suggested contacting the committees through letters.

**Interpreting Training Program**

Nevada needs interpreter training programs in the north and the south working with the university system. Mr. Olsen will distribute a report on the interpreter training before the full Commission meeting and further discuss it on February 11that CSPD.

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

Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

1. Set and Confirm Dates for Future Meetings **(For Possible Action)**

Jon Sasser, Chairperson

The Legislative Subcommittee would like to continue to meet in between the full CSPD meetings.

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Ms. McMullen commented that it is important to get moving on the strategic plan update and choosing a contractor. Mr. Patchett will try to find an appropriate place on the CSPD agenda in February to bring that topic up to Jane Gruner.

Mr. Olsen commented that at future meetings he would like to know ahead of time if there will only be one interpreter, causing the meeting to be cut to an hour.

Ms. Bonie stated that she would like to support Ms. Bryant’s comments about the issues concerning integrated employment.

1. Adjournment

Jon Sasser, Chairperson

**Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities NRS 439 Subcommittee Members**

Jon Sasser, Karen Taycher, and Brian Patchett

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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, 2820 West Charleston Boulevard, 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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