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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: March 19, 2015  
11:00 a.m.

Location: Aging and Disability Services Division  
3416 Goni Road, Building I  
Carson City, NV 89706

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### **DRAFT Minutes**

Members present: John Sasser, Mary Bryant, Gary Olsen, Brian Patchett, Karen Taycher

Guests: Mary Liveratti

Staff: Laura Valentine, Desiree Bennett, Julie Balderson

Interpreters: Kimberley Dawson, Gerriane Hummel

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

- #### II. Public Comment
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Mary Bryant updated the Subcommittee on AB128 and indicated that Mark Olson has had an ongoing opposition to the bill as it was previously presented. In an effort to be constructive, yesterday he sent a model bill, developed with the Center for Supported

Decision Making. It was decided to shift in the direction of Supported Decision-Making rather than a durable Power of Attorney. Since it will still replace the Power of Attorney for some people with Intellectual Disabilities, it is thought that it can remain in this section of NRS. Nothing further will happen until this bill is passed by the Assembly. In the Senate, the new model language will be introduced. In the interim, Mary will send Desiree a copy of current information to share with the rest of the Subcommittee members (sent as a separate email to members).

Mr. Sasser stated that Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson does not want to do anything with AB128 until it is out of the Assembly because it has already passed the committee. If anything is going to happen with it, it will be in the Senate.

III. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on February 20, 2015 (For Possible Action)  
Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

Mr. Patchett made a motion to approve meeting minutes from February 20, 2015. Mr. Olsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on the Following (For Possible Action):

- Updates on Legislative Committees
- Update on Bills and Draft Requests of Interest
- Proposed Actions/ Agenda Items for Full Commission

Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

Mr. Sasser read through his list of disability legislation, updated March 18, 2015 (Attachment A).

Mr. Patchett commented that AB5 has been rewritten. Jane Gruner has worked with various people to put the ABLE Act language into AB5. If the bill is not out of the first committee by April 10th, it dies.

AB6 was heard on March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Assembly of Commerce Committee. The only opposition was from the insurance industry. There has not been a work session scheduled.

AB 29 has passed out of both the Assembly and the Senate.

AB38 has not been heard at all.

AB128 has moved out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

AB200 revises provisions relating to the program funded through the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) imposed surcharge to provide devices for telecommunication to persons with impaired speech or hearing and funds related centers. There is uncertainty about the decision of the Nevada Supreme Court about the definition of what services the deaf centers can provide if they reverse the recent ruling made against the PUC. There needs to be a bill out before April 10<sup>th</sup>. There is currently no hearing scheduled.

The first issue is that the PUC should not determine the budget and it should go through the Legislative process. The second issue is broadening the range of activities that are funded. The next issue is implementing a cap on how much can be charged by the PUC. Another portion of the bill will amend membership on SOCS so that state employees and NTA personnel would be ex-officio/non-voting members.

Ms. Balderson stated that there are some states that have a TRS advisory council that sets the surcharge rate. The utilities commission then does not have that control; they listen to the advisory board. That is not the direction the SOCS subcommittee is

seeking. There is a standing agenda item at every meeting to discuss the budget and participating collaboratively.

AB 223 was heard on March 19<sup>th</sup> and covers both the elderly and vulnerable people. AB284 is Assemblywoman Spiegel's bill that has been scheduled for a hearing. Ms. Taycher stated she has concerns about the language in AB284 as wrap around services is not a defined term. In national research, "wrap around" is an effective approach for children with mental health issues. She is also concerned about how the county would implement it.

The Commission will solicit more information regarding AB307 and AB310 from the appropriate staff at ADSD. Mr. Patchett will be in contact with Assemblyman Anderson to also find out more information about the details of both bills and concerns about the funding.

AB341 has an unfunded mandate and has not been scheduled to be heard yet. Ms. Taycher believes the Department of Education will probably have opposition to the bill as some content is not consistent with IDEA. A solution to her concerns with the bill is that the Department of Education issues directives to the school districts to be in compliance with IDEA in regards to children with dyslexia who need special education. Ms. Taycher spoke to Marva Cleven and Steve Canavero from the Department of Education about SB13. The Department is going to amend the bill. The bill is currently at the Senate. ADSD staff will wait to send the support letter on behalf of the CSPD until amendments are made and attached to the letter.

SB132 will probably be sent to the senate committee on finance. There were some concerns on who will be providing services. Mr. Olsen proposed an amendment, but it has not been discussed yet.

Mr. Patchett stated that he is working with Senator Hardy on SB248 regarding the Department of Motor Vehicles to place a designation on the driver's license of a person with a disability in order to receive assistance while voting. Mr. Patchett and Ms. Taycher have concerns with how the bill is currently written and will provide support once amendments are made.

Mr. Patchett commented that Las Vegas had three interpreters scheduled for the VR hearing, but there were none in Carson City. Mr. Olsen waited at the LCB in Carson City, but with no interpreter the hearing was postponed to the following morning.

Mr. Olsen stated he is working on getting involved with AB162 and encourage police to wear the recording device. The device would help deaf people who have to wait for an interpreter before they can discuss something as simple as being pulled over.

Mr. Sasser stated that the Governor gave his presentation on his tax plan, and if it doesn't pass everyone will be looking at terrible cuts.

Ms. Valentine commented that many providers and general public joined the ADSD budget hearing supporting the dental pilot program.

- V. 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
- VI. Set and Confirm Dates for Future Meetings **(For Possible Action)**  
Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

The next Legislative Subcommittee is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.

- VII. **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 public comment was made.

- VIII. **Adjournment**  
Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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

Jon Sasser, Karen Taycher, Gary Olsen, Mary Bryant, Jodi Sabal, James Osti, David Daviton, Shelley Hendren, and Brian Patchett

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***Agenda Posted at the Following Locations:***

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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