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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities NRS 439 Subcommittee (Nevada Revised Statute [NRS])

Date and Time of Meeting: January 28, 2014
3:30 p.m.

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

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Minutes

Members present: Gary Olsen, Brian Patchett, Jon Sasser, Mary Bryant, Nicole Schomberg

Guests: Bailey Borderlin, Mary Liveratti

Staff: Julie Balderson, Julie Kotchevar, Desiree Bennett

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

- II. 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

III. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on December 16, 2014 **(For Possible Action)**

Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

Mr. Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16th meeting. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- Results of the Governor's Recommended Budget
- 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 updated the Committee on the central issues that will be addressed during the Legislative session, including if the taxes proposed by the governor passes or if the governor's budget is passed as is.

Mr. Sasser referred tot the NEBS 220 report and commented that the agency request budget would have increased the ATAP caseload from 572 by the end of this biennium up to over 1200, which would eliminate the waitlist and cut down to 50 kids. The governor did recommend an increase from 580 to 837 but that would still leave a waitlist of 1,000. There is also money in the Health Care Financing and Policy budget to expand services to kids with autism through the Medicaid program covering ADA services for the first time in that program. By the end of the biennium, the idea is to cover 1,900 additional kids through that program. Between the two programs, 2700 kids would be covered. Today there will only be 572 kids covered by the end of the biennium. Mr. Sasser has been in discussion with Medicaid to get more information on the steps to take prior to the date services are available, including screenings and requests for prior approval. The agency is preparing an action plan that will be released in ten days.

Ms. Kotchevar commented that the budget hearing has been scheduled for March 6th at 8:00 am between the joint subcommittee on human services. The budget presentation that was done last week in front of the joint money committee is up the agency website along with the NEBS 220.

Mr. Olsen asked what the consequences would be if the ATAP budget was cut in half. Ms. Kotchevar answered that \$44 million of the \$73 million is the Medicaid mandate. The only thing that can be cut is the money for the ATAP program, which was \$28 million. There is a concern about having enough providers to serve all the children between Medicaid and ATAP, which are about 2,400 children combined. Money will be held in a reserve for the second year, so that if it is demonstrated that there are enough providers the money will then be released.

Mr. Sasser stated that the Medicaid waivers are people who are not mandated to be covered by Medicaid but they are eligible for institutional services and can be treated more cost effectively in their community, then they can get a waiver.

Mr. Patchett and Mr. Sasser discussed the importance of educating the new legislators on the importance of requests coming from the agency's budget. Vocational Rehabilitation and the regional centers have a plan to move forward with employing individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Mr. Patchett wants to discuss at the next full Commission meeting what kind of letters to generate and testimony to educate the legislature.

Mr. Olsen expressed concern that he has had trouble gaining access to the legislature without an interpreter.

Mr. Sasser asked if there is only \$100,000 in the Division's budget to update the strategic plan and Olmstead plan instead of the Agency Request \$200,000. Ms. Kotchevar confirmed the \$100,000. She also commented that the CSPD and COA may have to pull resources and make a combined plan. A lot of the service needs are similar. The CSPD has a budget of \$10,000.

Ms. Kotchevar also confirmed that the interpreter pool was not included in the Governor's budget.

The Agency also did not include in the budget request, the issues regarding the Public Utilities Commission and the Centers for Independent Living and the \$600,000 that was requested if the Legislature does not change the wording of the statute. Ms. Benitez-Thompson stated she is ready with a bill.

Mr. Patchett also included that the increase for independent living for people with vision disabilities.

Mr. Sasser stated that the two big initiatives from Healthcare Finance and Policy were ABA (applied behavior analysis) for kids with autism and a series of rate increases for some physicians and hospitals. After two years of Medicaid expansion the caseload growth projection is fairly flat by the biennium.

A few initiatives from the Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council from the interim were included. Mr. Sasser stated that 70% of people eligible for mental health services are also Medicaid eligible. There is not a large amount of providers that will accept Medicaid.

Mr. Sasser has still not been able to set up a meeting with Ms. Benitez-Thompson.

Mr. Olsen explained his concern of the money from the PUC going to the Centers instead of toward an interpreter pool.

Mr. Patchett commented that the Commission needs to keep pushing for funding for both the Centers and the interpreter pool.

Both issues were brought up in the agency budget and the Governor's budget but did not make it in to either.

Mr. Sasser stated that the only option left is the bill concerning the PUC and funding the Centers, the current law would have to be changed.

Mr. Patchett would like to have a discussion on the issue at the upcoming CSPD meeting.

A hearing is scheduled on Wednesday the 4th the mental health interstate compact in front of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

The committee would like to support the SB5 that is to ensure individuals with intellectual disabilities are being paid minimum wages apart of the integrated employment initiative.

Mr. Sasser read over the AB6 which deals with the private insurance side of the autism issues. Right now there is an insurance mandate in the state insurers of group health insurance and individual policies must provide coverage to kids with autism and ABA services, there is a \$36,000 per year cap in current legislation. The federal care act says you cannot have monetary caps on insurance benefits over the ACA (Affordable Care Act) benefits.

AB29 is a clean-up bill and relates to the care and treatment of persons with intellectual disabilities and related conditions.

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

Discussion on updated bills and budget information

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

The committee will plan a meeting for the end of February.

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)

VIII. Adjournment
Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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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