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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: February 20, 2015
10:00 a.m.

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

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Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jon Sasser, Gary Olsen, Karen Taycher, Mary Bryant, Shelley Hendren

Staff: Laura Valentine, Julie Balderson, Desiree Bennett

Guests: Kimberly Dawson (interpreter)

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)

Mary Bryant asked the Commission to write a letter of support for SB128 regarding creating a power of attorney for health care decisions for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Mr. Olsen and Ms. Taycher agreed that SB128 was a bill that the full Commission agreed to support at a previous meeting. Mr. Sasser would like support staff to review in the minutes from the last CSPD meeting to double check the stance of the Commission on the bill.

Mr. Olsen stated that the office who arranges interpreters for Legislative meetings stated they do not provide interpreters unless the person plans to testify.

III. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on January 28, 2014 **(For Possible Action)**

Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

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Ms. Taycher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 28th. Mr. Olsen 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

The Budget for the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy was heard last Wednesday. Members from the Commission testified in support of the Governor’s budget. March 6th will be the Aging and Disability Services Division budget hearing which will include proposed budgeting for ATAP. On the afternoon of the 6th there is a hearing on AB6, which is about autism services provided by private insurance.

Mr. Sasser stated that currently there is a \$30,000 cap on services for people with autism. Part of AB6 will remove that cap, and the second part deals with who can provide paraprofessional services. Right now a provider needs to be certified by their appropriate State Board, this bill would remove that requirement.

Mr. Olsen and Mr. Sasser are tracking the bill that came out of the interim committee on services for the deaf and hard of hearing regarding funding through the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the lawsuit that came out of the current statute.

Mr. Sasser met with Assemblyman Oscarson, Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, two representatives from the PUC, and representatives from the Nevada Telecom Association. Mike Eifert from the Association was opposed to any changes in the statute. Others in the meeting were in favor of expanding services to the centers so there will be further conversations to find an agreement. Assemblyman Oscarson disagrees with state agencies suing each other. He does not want to have a hearing on the bill unless there is an agreement.

Mr. Sasser stated that in the Governor’s budget there is position for the ADSD under chapter 656A regarding qualifications and supervision of interpreters. One position requested by ADSD is in the Governor’s requested budget.

Ms. Balderson asked if Assemblyman Oscarson has an idea of how the two parties, ADSD and the PUC, would come to a solution. There is already a case at the Supreme Court and if their process dictates that the agencies go to hearing every year or stipulate, is it going back to the PUC and getting an advisory opinion from the Commissioners on what is and what is not okay to fund and how would it affect the Supreme Court case now?

Mr. Sasser thinks everyone agreed that the statute should be clear on what is or isn’t an allowable activity and extent.

Ms. Taycher asked if there are currently any bills supported by CSPD and receiving any opposition or controversy.

Mr. Sasser mentioned that AB6 has a lot of controversy surrounding it from the Board of psychological examiners and private insurance companies.

Brian Patchett spoke with a Legislator about a BDR on the independent living services. The only programs available to them are through Vocational Rehab and are employment related. He is also raising concerns about people with vision impairments have assistance with voting.

92 There is also a bill (AB157) on service animals on behalf of the Nevada Resort Association.
93 The current Nevada statute does not define what type of animal can be a service animal.
94 The federal ADA limits it to dogs and miniature horses. They want the federal definition to
95 be consistent in Nevada.

96 Ms. Taycher stated that there are a couple things in SB13 that should be changed.
97 Everything besides “best feasible” is cleanup language that a committee with the
98 Department of Education wanted fixed. The language about “best feasible” was not brought
99 up during that time.

100 Ms. Balderson wanted to clarify that SB13 as introduced is not a cleanup bill. It suggests
101 removing paragraph five which is substantive, removing the communication mode of choice
102 for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

103 Ms. Taycher stated that a new Department of Justice OCI letter came out about
104 communication mode. Ms. Taycher is going to go through it and see if there is language
105 that can be pulled from the Department of Justice findings and their guidance.

106 The Commission will continue to watch SB132.

107 The Child and Family Services budget will be heard on the 26th. Mr. Sasser stated that the
108 Governor’s budget has continued funding for a pilot project for specialized foster care.

109 Ms. Valentine stated that she was unable to find any action taken on SB128 in the previous
110 CSPD meeting minutes.

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

114 Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

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116 VI. Set and Confirm Dates for Future Meetings (For Possible Action)

117 Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

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119 The next meeting is scheduled for March 19th at 11:00 am.

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122 itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Public comment at the beginning and end of the
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124 comment on matters not appearing on this agenda or may offer comment on specific agenda items. Comments may
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127 Ms. Hendren told the Committee that the Vocational Rehabilitation budget is still
128 tentatively scheduled for March 18th at 8:00 am. Voc. Rehab. is tracking and involved
129 with AB5 which is regarding the preference to jobs and day training service providers
130 that pay minimum wage.

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132 VIII. Adjournment

133 Jon Sasser, Acting Chairperson

134 Ms. Taycher made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Olsen seconded the motion. Motion passed,
135 meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

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

140 Jon Sasser, Karen Taycher, and Brian Patchett

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143 discretion. The public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The public body may remove an item from the agenda
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145 manner of public comments but may not restrict comments based upon viewpoint.

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Agenda Posted at the Following Locations:

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1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706

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2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104

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3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502

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4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801

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5. Nevada Community Enrichment Program, 2820 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146

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6. Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 6039 El Dora Street H-8, Las Vegas, NV 89101

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7. Disability Resource Center, So. E. Greg St., Suite 102 Sparks, NV 89431

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8. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89706

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9. Desert Regional Center, 1391 South Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146

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10. Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21st Street, Reno, NV 89431

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11. Rural Regional Center, 1665 Old Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706

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12. Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431

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13. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706

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14. Early Intervention Services, 2667 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

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