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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization:

Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD)

Date and Time of Meeting:

Location:

May 12, 2016 9:30 a.m.

Nevada Legislative Council Bureau 401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137 Carson City, NV 89701

Video Conference Location:

Grant Sawyer State Office Building 555 E. Washington Ave. Room 4412 Las Vegas, NV 89101

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Minutes

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

Guests: Shannon Sprout, Jennifer Frischmann, Charles Duarte, Sandra Stamates, Connie Mcmullen, Lisa Bonie, Nick Easter, Lauri Fallen, Eric Dewitt-Smith, Wing Butler (interpreter), Rod Voris (interpreter), Sherry Manning, Teresa Morez, Dan Dinnel, Whitney Hobbs (interpreter), Arthur Richmond (interpreter)

Staff: Jane Gruner, Rique Robb, Betty Hammond, Desiree Bennett

I. Welcome and Introductions

Brian Patchett, Commission 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)

Ms. Manning commented that she received an email from Karen Phlippo, Program Director for the Institute for Community Inclusion. she was assigned to the Committee for technical assistance on moving Nevada forward. Her comments were read into the record as follows: "The CSPD has a very broad mandate to elevate employment policy, it will be essential to those who are interested in being a member of the CSPD workgroup to be officially appointed quickly so that the CSPD will have the additional expertise on board to establish employment as a priority and take appropriate action to ensure that new policies are enacted".

III. Approval of Minutes from the February 11, 2016 Meeting (For Possible Action) Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

Ms. Bryant made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from February 11, 2016. Mr. Sasser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. Presentation and Possible Discussion on Toxic Encephalopathy Including: Signs/Symptoms, Treatment, Accommodations and Prevention. Angel De Fazio, President/Executive Director, BSAT

Ms. De Fazio, Executive Director of the National Toxic Encephalopathy Foundation, gave a presentation on Signs/Symptoms, Treatment, Accommodations and Prevention of Toxic Encephalopathy. (Attachment A) Ms. De Fazio asked the Commission to recognize Toxic Encephalopathy as a disability and to acknowledge accommodations needed for individuals with the disability. A reasonable accommodation would be allowing individuals to call in to meetings by phone and to make all public buildings where public meetings are held, fragrance free.

Ms. Gruner stated that ADSD has made the decision to place language for a fragrance free environment for all Boards and Commission meetings on all agendas.

V. Discussion and Follow up on Nevada Medicaid Managed Care Proposals and The Division of Health Care Financing Policy Autism Services Funding, Possible Recommendations Made by the Commission<u>(For Possible Action)</u>

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD Jennifer Frischmann, DHCFP

Ms. Frischmann stated that Division of Health Care Financing Policy (DHCFP) has chosen a vendor to help with the expansion of managed care. The DHCFP in conjunction with Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) and Public and Behavioral Health (PBH) are carrying out an in depth analysis of moving long term services and supports into managed care. Neither division wants to move too quickly and have completed statewide town hall meetings to receive feedback from the community. The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy is about to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure current managed care contracts and will be available for public comments in July.

Mr. Sasser stated that kids who are in foster care have historically been a Fee for Service population. He asked if it is under consideration if that population will go under managed care. Ms. Frischmann stated that it is under consideration, but continuity in care is important. She added that a lot of the long term support services individuals whom DHCFP supports are also dual eligible through Medicare and Medicaid.

VI. Update on Nevada Olmstead Jane Gruner, ADSD Administrator

Item VI was discussed under item VII.

VII. Update on Caseload Evaluation Organization Numbers, Discussion and Possible Recommendations from Commission (For Possible Action) Jane Gruner, ADSD Administrator

Ms. Sprout was asked to follow up with the Commission on some statistics regarding the Autism Treatment program. She stated that DHCFP implemented a policy on January 1, 2016 for applied behavior analysis with Medicaid, which was pending CMS approval. While approval was pending, DHCFP built the policy and were enrolling providers so they could perform needed services, however they were unable to get paid until CMS gave the approval. Typically CMS takes around 90 days for authorization. Medicaid has 20 group providers, 20 payroll analysts, 64 registered behavioral technicians, 3 psychologists and 2 assistant payroll analysts enrolled. There has been a continued growth every month in provider enrollment. There has been a continued growth of Registered Behavioral Technicians in Nevada and of provider enrollment.

Ms. Gruner clarified that if a child has Medicaid and their provider has selected not to become a Medicaid provider, there will be a process for transitioning that child to a different provider. Certain providers are not interested in being enrolled in Medicaid due to the financial cost of hiring individuals.

Mr. Patchett commented that becoming a Medicaid provider has been a process and hopes there will be no negative impact on the next budget. There has been a learning curve for providers on how to bring people in and have them get their RBT certification. It is a priority to determine what the best process is to get them through that certification. Ms. Gruner read through the updated caseload evaluation numbers from ADSD and answered questions from the Commission

(http://adsd.nv.gov/Boards/CSPD/CSPDAgendas/).

Ms. Taycher commented that it is important to look at the quality of care and asked if ADSD would be able to present information the agency collects on qualitative data at the next meeting.

Ms. Gruner stated that ADSD has the proposal for the Strategic Planning and Accountability Committee and is looking for representation from the CSPD. Mr. Patchett appointed himself, Karen Taycher and Jon Sasser to represent the CSPD on that subcommittee.

VIII. Report from the Subcommittee on Legislative Issues, Discussion and Possible Recommendations from Commission (For Possible Action)

- List of Recommendations for Interim Committees
- Department and Division Proposed Budget
- Update on Department of Justice Pending Complaint on Representation for People with Disabilities and Guardianship

Jon Sasser, Subcommittee Chair

The Interim Committee on Seniors, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs is Chaired by Senator Hardy. The committee discussed Medicaid Managed Care and the effects on special populations.

Other deaf and hard of hearing issues, such as captioning at the Legislature, were also brought up to the committee to be added to their June 13th meeting agenda.

The next scheduled CSPD Subcommittee on Legislative issues is scheduled for June 9th. If the Commission would like to ask something of the interim committees, there will need to be discussions about it at the next Legislative Subcommittee meeting in time for their work session meetings. ADSD staff will research which support letters to send or resend to appropriate committees and agencies.

The Interim Health Care Committee, Chaired by Senator Oscarson, had a presentation from Nevada Medicaid on Managed Care. Members from CSPD were able to testify during public comment.

Mr. Sasser stated that agencies have been instructed to prepare a flat line and minus 5% budget going forward for the next two years. There is no room for enhancements except for some Olmstead and other legal mandate exceptions.

Mr. Sasser followed up with a previous discussion the Commission had regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ruling that states the necessity of having an attorney to represent adults with intellectual disabilities in guardianship proceedings. There is a potential for filing a complaint if there is a violation of the ADA. Mr. Sasser made a motion that the CSPD send a letter to the Guardianship Commission pointing out the special needs of adults with intellectual disabilities during the guardianship process and call to their attention the ruling, asking that

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they address it in their recommendations. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- IX. Presentation from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) with Possible Recommendations from the Commission (For Possible Action)
 - Update on NAMI Statewide
 - Impact on Mental Health Parity and the ACA on insurance Coverage for Persons with Behavioral Health Issues
 - Medicaid Expansion Impact on Services
 - Update on Educational Programs and Building Up the Southern Nevada Chapter
 - Charles Duarte, CEO, Community Health Alliance

Sandra Stamates, President of the Board of Directors, NAMI, presented on the history programs and future of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. (Attachment B).

Ms. Bryant asked how Community Health Alliance (CHA) is researching how Medicaid Managed Care is affecting people. Mr. Duarte explained that CHA has a limited amount of data collected through only the individuals they serve. CHA has discussed policy priorities and have asked questions in legislative hearings, meetings with Department Agencies, meetings with the Director of DHHS and town halls on the expansion of Medicaid managed care. Mr. Duarte has received a report from Jane Gruner, ADSD, on Access to Care but mental health was not included.

Mr. Duarte discussed a few major concerns regarding Medicaid Managed Care:

 Community Health Alliance has not seen a community health worker or care coordinator in their offices from any of the managed care organizations at all. It has not been effective care management but more effective cost management. Both NAMI and CHA have discussed possible solutions in developing effective cost effective systems of care for people.

Ms. Stamates commented that she has been on a recovery transformation implementation team with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for three years. She currently works with the local recovery coordinator in Reno. They began teaching family to family at the VA hospital in September 2013 and introduced the NAMI Homefront program in 2015. The program serves veterans or service member families. They have also partnered with Army One Source that looks particularly at women's issues in the military.

X. Presentation on the Healthy Southern Nevada Website with Possible Recommendations from the Commission <u>(For Possible Action)</u> Jim Osti, Commission Member

Mr. Osti presented and answered questions from the Commission on the website on Healthy Southern Nevada that he manages for the Health District. <u>http://www.healthysouthernnevada.org/</u> XI. Presentation on Proposal for Creating a Nevada Disability Compendium with Possible Recommendations from the Commission <u>(For Possible Action)</u> Jim Osti, Commission Member

Mr. Osti presented the possibility of implementing a Disability Report Compendium for the state of Nevada.

A compendium is a web based tool that gathers statistics from a variety of agencies, both nationally and locally and places them in one location (Attachment D). Mr. Osti made a recommendation that the CSPD manage the Compendium. It will give the Commission the statistics it needs for legislative issues and advocacy. The Commission could publish the report with assistance from identified partners. Mr. Osti volunteered to chair a subcommittee to work with community partners in developing a compendium for Nevada. Ms. Bryant and Mr. Patchett also volunteered to be on the subcommittee. The CSPD will discuss issues of management and staffing requirements with Aging and Disability Services Division.

- XII. Report from the Subcommittee on Communication Services, Discussion and Possible Recommendations From Commission (For Possible Action)
 - Report on Captioning
 Betty Hammond, Social Services Program Specialist, ADSD

Ms. Hammond updated the Commission on recent activities of the Subcommittee on Communication Services and the Communication Access Services Program.

- Evaluation of RFP applications for CAS and will present an update at the next CSPD meeting.
- ADSD's interpreter registry is live.
- The recently vacant Program Specialist 2 position will be filled soon.
- SOCS is working with Social Entrepreneurs Inc. to develop their Strategic Plan.

XIII. Update with Possible Recommendations on the Governor's Taskforce on Integrated Employment (For Possible Action)

> Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson Shelley Hendren, Task Force Co-Chairperson

Mr. Patchett stated that ADSD and the DD Council were able to hire a facilitator for all of the Taskforce meetings. Ms. Bryant made a motion to appoint the following individuals as members of the Taskforce on Integrated Employment. Mr. Sasser seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brian Patchett, co-chair (south) Shelley Hendren, co-chair (north)

Mary Bryant (north)

Sherry Manning (north)

Rosie Melarky (north)

Jack Mayes (statewide) Tiffany Lewis (north) Kenny Rodriguez (south) Josh Baker (south) Jim Osti (south) Robin Renshaw (south) Catherine Whitter (north) Bill Hammargren (rural) 1 individual with disabilities from the north 1 individual with disabilities from the rural 2 individuals with disabilities from the south

XIV. Presentation from Assistive Technology Council on Status of State Website Initiative and Possible Recommendations from the Commission (For Possible Action) Scott Youngs, NCED George Mckinlay, UCED

Mr. Youngs stated that there have been many discussions with the Nevada Assistive Technology Council about state website accessibility for individuals who are blind or low vision. The Council developed a State Website Accessibility Taskforce to explore and research accessibility issues within Nevada. The AT Council and the SWAT Committee has decided to write a letter to the Governor's office. Mr. Mckinlay read into the record the letter developed by the Taskforce (Attachment C).

Ms. Taycher made a motion to support the letter from the Assistive Technology Council and the State Website Accessibility Taskforce through letter of support to the Governor's office. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XV. Discussion and Possible Determination of Issues and Agenda Items to be Considered or Deliberated at the Next Meeting (For Possible Action) Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

- 1. Update on Communication Access Program and recent Request for Proposal (RFP).
- 2. Caseload Statistics and update from Jane on quality of care information is collected.
- 3. Integrated Employment update
- 4. Legislative Subcommittee update
- 5. Report and update on Disability Compendium
- 6. CSPD membership and recruitment
- XVI. Confirm Dates for Future Meeting (For Possible Action) Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

The next CSPD meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2016

XVII. Public Comment (May Include General Announcements by Commissioners) (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)

Ms. Bryant commented that this week there will be a Fake College Nevada Strategic Planning for post-secondary education and for students with intellectual disabilities. It will be held at the University of Nevada, Reno. This meeting was Ms. Bryant's last meeting; she expressed interest in staving a member of the CSPD Legislative Subcommittee and on the Taskforce on Integrated Employment Committee. ADSD will conduct research on the length of time a board member must take a break before being reappointed to the Commission.

XVIII. Adjournment

Brian Patchett, Commission Chairperson

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities Members

Brian Patchett (Chair), Mary Bryant (Co-Chair), Gary Olsen, Jon Sasser, Karen Taycher, Nicole Schomberg, Shelley Hendren, James Osti, David Daviton

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Agenda Posted at the Following Locations:

- Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
- Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104 2.
- Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502 3.
- Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801 4
- Nevada Community Enrichment Program, 6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Ste. L200 Las Vegas, NV 89146 5.
- Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 6039 El Dora Street H-8, Las Vegas, NV 89101 6.
- Disability Resource Center, So. E. Greg St., Suite 102 Sparks, NV 89431 7
- Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89706 8.
- Desert Regional Center, 1391 South Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146 Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21st Street, Reno, NV 89431 Rural Regional Center, 1665 Old Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706 9.
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- 11.
- 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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Overview 2/2

- Centers for Disease Control
- · U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Access Board
- · American Lung Association







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Types of Encephalopathy 2/2

Neonatal-An obstetric form; lack of oxygen in blood flow to brain tissue of the fetus during labor or delivery

Salmonella- food poisoning (especially out of peanuts and rotten meat) permanent brain damage and nervous system disorders Static-lack of oxygen

Structural-Head trauma

Toxic-chemicals, often resulting in permanent brain damage Toxic metabolic-infections, toxins, or organ failure, abnormalities of the water, electrolytes, vitamins, and other chemicals Transmissible spongiform- prion diseases, kuru, and Creutzfeldt-

Jakob Uremic- kidney failure

Wernicke- vitamin B1 deficiency





Signs/Symptoms

- Immediate or delayed onset
- Sensory
- Voice/speech
- Respiratory
- Muscular
- Dermatological
- Neurological

Neurological . Insomnia Short-term memory loss Aphasia Executive function and self-regulation skills Syncope/consciousness Mental clarity/intoxication . Intelligence decline Headaches/Migraines Decreased concentration Excitability/convulsions . Motor/sensory disturbances • Behavioral/psychological changes

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Accommodations

- · Fragrance-free policies
- · Telecommute for employment, telephonic participation
- Integrated Pest Management/barrier protocols
- · Metal desks and no carpet
- · Chemically neutral cleaning supplies
- Non-VOC building materials
- Increased air exchanges
- · Identify and remediate all noxious odors (water damage)
- · Wired internet
- · VOC removal air filters
- Non-VOC furniture or seal furniture to prevent off-gassing

Accommodating Benefits Everyone

- No advanced knowledge when your system will become overloaded
- Chemicals correlation to infertility, neuro-developmental disorders, thyroid, breast cancer
- · Healthier work environments
- · Healthier pregnancy
- Respiratory

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· Decreased unemployment/disability

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Centers for Disease Control 2/2

- Personal care products (e.g., colognes, perfumes, essential oils, scented skin and hair products) should not be applied at or near actual workstations, restrooms or anywhere in CDC owned or leased buildings.
- Fragrance is not appropriate for a professional work environment, and the use of some products with fragrance may be detrimental to the health of workers with chemical sensitivities, allergies, asthma, and chronic headaches/migraines.
- Employees should avoid using scented detergents and fabric softeners on clothes worn to the office. Many fragrance-free personal care and laundry products are easily available and provide safer alternatives.

Department of Health & Human Services October 10, 2010 Based on CDC policy: • Identical list of non-permissible products; • Restricts application of fragranced products at work; • Exempts fitness centers and day-care centers.



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines, July 26, 1991 Those severely affected by MCS "will satisfy the requirements to be considered disabled under the regulation." Federal Register, Vol. 56, No. 144, pp. 35549, 35699.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (April 14, 1992) Legal Memorandum recognizing MCS/EI as "handicaps" under the Fair Housing Act entitling reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis. • Excludes alleroies

· Extends coverage to those recognized as disabled by Social Security Administration

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U.S. Access Board

1999 - Has training for Board and staff on fragrances 2000 - Adopts Fragrance-Free Policy for Board Meetings

www.access-board.gov/about/meetings.htm

2000 - Creates committee to examine CS/ES

2003; 2007 - Contracts with National Institute of Building Sciences to study indoor environmental quality (IEQ) and CS/ES

2006 - Issues "Indoor Environmental Quality Project Report"

www.access-board.gov/research/ieq

2010 - Opens permanent meeting space designated fragrance-free; all participants refrain from perfume and cologne; unscented personal care products; scent-free cleaning and maintenance (July 2010)

American Lung Association

- Improving and maintaining healthy indoor air quality is very important to the lung health of employees with or without chronic lung diseases such as asthma and COPD.
- Fragrances can and do affect indoor air quality.
- They also represent potential health hazards for employees with allergies and chronic lung diseases.
- Exposure to pesticides can cause both short-term and long-term health problems.

Create a Lung Healthy Work Environment

www.lung.org/our-initiatives/healthy-air/indoor/at-work/guide-to-safeand-healthy-workplaces/create-a-lung-healthy-work.html









NAMI's Vision

NAMI envisions a world where all persons affected by mental illness experience resiliency, recovery and wellness.



NAMI	NAMI State Organizations	NAMI Affiliates
Creates curriculum & provides training of rainers for NAMI Signature Programs &	Train NAMI Signature program facilitators & teachers.	Offer community education about mental illness and NAMI.
Support Groups	• Coordinate NAMI Signature programs throughout the state.	• Offer NAMI Signature Programs and Support Groups.



MAMI Nevada

NAMI Signature Programs

Peer education and support activities for individuals and family members

Why Are NAMI Programs Important in Nevada?

- · Mental health is a public health issue.
- NAMI programs dispel myths and reduce stigma around mental illness.
- NAMI programs give tools, skills and resources to people whose lives are affected by mental illness... to make their lives better.
- NAMI programs promote recovery and wellness.
- Lives are transformed no longer alone.

NAMI Programs in Nevada:

- NAMI Family to Family (English & Spanish)
- NAMI Basics (English & Spanish)
- > NAMI Peer to Peer
- > NAMI Support Groups
- > NAMI In Our Own Voice
- > NAMI Homefront

C NAMI Family-to-Family

- Listed in the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP)
- 12 session course for family members, spouses and partners of individuals with mental illness.
- The course is taught by trained family members and is free to participants.
- Over 350,000 family members have graduated from this national program.
- The course is taught in Spanish in Nevada.



Six-session education program, based on Family-to-Family, taught for and by families of military Service Members and Veterans living with mental health conditions.

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NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a unique, 10-session experiential learning program for people with mental illness who are interested in establishing and maintaining their wellness and recovery.

C NAMI In Our Own Voice

Public education presentation given by 2 trained presenters living in recovery with mental illness.



Manna Nevada

NAMI Nevada is exploring starting a Support Group to focus on senior depression.

- As of July 1, 2014 14.2% of Nevada population is 65 or older
- The highest suicide rate in the USA in 2014 (19.3%) was in people 85 and older, especially white males
- Nevada ranked 8th in suicide rate in 2014
- Suicide is the $8^{\mbox{th}}$ leading cause of death in Nevada



MAMI Southern Nevada

- · New Board of Directors installed on January 28, 2016
- · Engaged and enthusiastic leadership
- New Web site
- Facebook Page
- NAMI Signature programs being taught in Las Vegas
 NAMI Basics January to February
 - NAMI Family-to-Family April 2 May 7
 - Two Support Groups held weekly on the campus of SNAMHS on Tuesday evenings
 - Teacher training to train teachers for Family-to-Family will be held in Las Vegas on June 4 & 5

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Policy Initiatives

- Improving Access to Care
- Compliance with the Mental Health Parity & Addictions Equity Act
- Reducing Criminalization

Nevada

Advocacy Concerns

- Medicaid Managed Care Expansion to Aged, Blind and Disabled and Rural Nevada
 - Transparency in Medicaid Performance and Cost Data
 - Compliance Status of MHPAEA
- Implementation of Medicaid Supportive Housing and Employment Services under Section 1915(i)
- Homelessness Initiative

Mailiance on Mental Illiness Nevada

Questions?

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FINAL DRAFT, REGARDING EQUAL ACCESS TO STATE WEB SITES AND OTHER WEB BASED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Pending AT Council Approval on May 20, 2016

On behalf of the Statewide Assistive Technology Council (AT Council), its members and consumers with disabilities; we are writing to inform you of an important issue that has a desperate impact on the lives of Nevadan's with disabilities. After years of discussion, research and feedback regarding the state offered web based programs and services, as well as other types of information and communication technologies, we insist that people with disabilities should expect to be able to utilize the same convenient user-friendly accessible technologies their family, friends and co-workers are already using.

There are clear benefits for both state entities and to citizens when services are offered electronically. Therefore, it is essential such services be accessible and based on universal design principles—so that people with disabilities can use their existing accessible technologies to utilize these services.

We respectfully request that all websites; electronic information and other communication technology services; offered by the State of Nevada conform to the widely adopted web accessibility standards (WCAG 2.0 AA) at a minimum

Furthermore, to ensure existing and new services can meet accessibility and usability standards we urge the State of Nevada to formalize accessibility within the procurement process. The National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) developed the Policy Driven Adoption for Accessibility process that ensures accessibility is integral in the consideration process. We urge its adoption.

Formal recognition of accessibility standards combined with procurement policies incorporating accessibility will have a significant and positive impact on accessibility and usability for all citizens of Nevada. The AT Council on behalf of the assistive technology users in the State of Nevada, are looking forward to collaborating with you for a solution.















