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III. Discussion regarding changes to NRS 4227A.750

1. Clarification of the NV Commission Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired Director’s role and compensation.
2. Expand general fund support for travel, per diem, and administrative cost include all future legislative budgets.
3. Evaluate whether the current Commission member positions should be altered to better represent the possible names for the commission.
4. Discussion regarding names for the Commission.
5. Assure that NRS chapter title does not reference the Subcommittee on Communication Services.
6. Discuss possible future roles and activities of the Commission.

Evaluate whether the current Commission member positions should be altered to better represent changing technology and the needs of the community. There are nine members of the NV Commissions. Three of them are Relay users: Changing to one representative for Relay User and two others —Deaf Consumer and Hard of Hearing Consumer ( the needs of the community).

Changing the name to: Nevada Commission Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NVCDHOH) I was the coordinator of TTY Distribution Program at Northern Nevada For Independent Living in  1989 and provided the telecommunication devices to Deaf and Speech-Impaired. Very few about five speech-impaired clients received the devices. Few of them asked for the advocacy, I referred them to NNCIL (one stop services) for the advocacy. I feel the Strategic Plan 2017 - 2021 focus on “target population” Persons who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing. Eliminate Speech Impaired.

I support expanding general fund support for travel, per diem, and administrative cost include all future legislative budgets. One of the goals is to invite well known deaf leaders in the United States to Nevada Commission to educate the members and community regarding the deaf and hard of hearing’s legal rights, so on. The budget increase from $25,000 to $50,000.

The roles of the Director’s role and compensation, possible future roles and activities of the Commission. I first joined NV Commission effective October 2017, I am still not sure what I am supposed to do and listened to other members, they researched the information and shared the information. I believe some of the members researched the information on Commission for the deaf and hard of hearing in other states. Before I start to research it, I appreciate it if you, members share the information with me that you already did.