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Lead-K meeting on January 20, 2018

Both of us, members of NV Commission Jeff Beardsley and myself attended Lead-K Committee meeting on January 20, 2018 at both of Deaf Centers of Nevada offices, Reno and Las Vegas.

Agenda:

1.    Roll Call of Committee Chairs and current members

a.    Discussion on recruiting additional members

b.    Each Committee should have at least 4 regular working members and working with additional committee members

 on special needed tasks.

c.     Strongly recommend each committee to have a recorder to take important notes to be shared with other Committee

members.

d.    If you have additional ideas, bring them to the forthcoming meeting to be discussed.

e.    Try including as many people as you can, such as parents, organization leaders, government key players and business

folks.

2. TOPICS that will be shared and discussed include:

1. Review of latest progress by other States

2. Review the 4 States that have passed

    LEAD-K bills. What were the key aspects getting the bill passed?

3.    Developing initial time lines for our plans

    within the next two months.

4.    Strategies for recruiting special individuals

that have specific experiences and capable of influence that meets our goal of getting NV LEAD-K Bill

passed in 2019.

5.    Devising our STRATEGIC PLAN with, time lines, creating benchmarks and fundraising efforts.

6.    If any new items pop up they will be shared at the meeting.

Attached: LEAD-K meeting 11/18/17 and LEAD-K NEVADA PowerPoint/presentation by Sheri Farinha

I shared the information on NV Commission for Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired and Strategic Plan 2017-2021. Lead-K education is part of the strategic plan, Goal 4 Families have the services and supports necessary to adequately care for family members who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Hard of Hearing. Few of them were concerned if we include Lead-K under Nevada Commission, they would not able to involve in it. I emphasized that they still can run the Lead-K meetings and collaborate with Nevada Commission.  I believe that NV Commission will have some of people from the community to be in the work group in the near future.

The other day I talked with **Gina Burnaugh, committee of Lead-K, the history of Lead-K in** Nevada. Gina returned to her home state, Nevada after graduating from Gallaudet University two years ago. Gina knew about Lead-K from other states, (Four or five states already passed Lead-K laws) and saw a big educational need for deaf and hard of hearing children in Nevada. It was her idea starting Lead-K for Nevada in the spring of 2016.

Two years ago (2016) Gina and two others, Nancy Bennett and Gary Olsen attended Lead-K training in Sacramento, CA.  Sheri A Farinha, CEO NorCal Sheri is CEO 35 states participated. Gina started the NV Lead-K two years ago and had three meetings so far. They now plan to have monthly meetings. One of their goals is to invite the deaf leaders from United States to their events in Nevada. They are in the process of setting up the fundraising to invite deaf leaders from other states.

**Deaf Leaders and their backgrounds:**

**Sheri A Farinaha,** CEO of NorCal Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and national leader on Lead-K. SB210 California Legislation Supporting EHDI efforts. EHDI stands for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention. It is the process of identifying infants at birth or shortly thereafter who have a hearing loss.

**Nyle Dimaro, deaf dancer -Dancing with the Stars. Nyle Dimarco Foundation:** Language Equality & Acquisition for Deaf Children (Lead-K).

**Bobbie “Roberta” Cordano, 11th President of Gallaudet University, First Deaf Woman**. I am still researching more. I was told that she goes out in the community. YouTube: Many videos of Bobbie. One of many videos: Tell Me More: Bobbie’s education background, and several careers, lawyer, health care system, Deaf studies, and Interpreter Trainings Programs. Follow up on Public Relations at Gallaudet University and report it to NV Commission in the next meeting.