**Minutes**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired

(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427.750)

Date and Time of Meeting: October 24, 2018

9:30 am

This meeting will be a Video Conference between the following:

Las Vegas: Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living (SNCIL)

2950 S Rainbow Blvd, Suite 220

Las Vegas, NV 89146

Sparks: Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living (NNCIL)

999 Pyramid Way

Sparks, NV 89431

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**Agenda**

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

Members: Eli Schwartz, Jeff Beardsley, Maureen Fradianni, Eric Wilcox, Mike Eifert

Member Not Present: Alison Berman

Guests: Krista Cervantes, Abby Magtoto, Dianna Madrid, Melanie Stevens

Donna Simonet, Stanley Simonet

Staff: Cheyenne Pasquale, Sal Fiorentino, Dawn Lyons, Wendy Thornley, Carole Hanley, Tiffani Curtis, Jamie Ahumada

Interpreters: Stephanie Gardner (South), Debra Scott (South), Kim Johnson (North), Kalen Beck (North)

CART Provider: Becky Van Auken

1. 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. Please state and spell your name for the record. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chair.)

Eli and Jeff discussed their presentation to the Legislative Healthcare Committee on August 27th.The Committee agreed to sponsor a BDR for the following items:

* Changing the name of the commission to the Nevada Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing,
* Change the requirement of 3 users of telecommunication services to 1, and make the other 2 positions a deaf advocate from a nonprofit and one member who is hard of hearing.
* membership from 7 voting members to 9 voting members.
* Continued administrative funding of $50,000 per year and a paid director position.

Jeff announced that he has a new job with the Deaf Centers of Nevada as an outreach specialist and community relations coordinator.

Cheyenne introduced two new ADSD team members – Carole Hanley, Admin Support for the Commission and Jamie Ahumada, NWD Coordinator. She also has received her appointment as Director of the Commission.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2018 **(For Possible Action)**

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

Discussion about the new format of the minutes and agreement to postpone approval of August minutes until the next meeting due to additional edits needed. Jeff motioned to table the minutes and Eric seconded, all in favor.

1. Presentation on the activities of the Deaf Centers of Nevada (DCN)

Kevin Carter, Executive Director of DCN

No presentation from Kevin. Discussion by members to request a written report in advance. Eli and Cheyenne announced they have a meeting with Kevin next week.

1. Presentation of updates on the Communication Access Services (CAS) program

Salvatore Fiorentino, CAS Program Manager

Sal provided the Commission an overview of the CAS program which includes four components:

* Communication Access Services Centers (Deaf Centers of Nevada is the current grantee)
* Nevada Relay contract
* Interpreter Registry
* Staff interpreters and interpreter mentoring

Sal discussed the differences between RTT and TTY technology, including potential impacts to the state. Also monitoring regulations coming regarding Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) and will continue to update the Commission as more is learned.

Program staff will be conducting more outreach once the open position in the program is filled.

Sal also provided information about the staff interpreters. They are only for state business. Interpreters have to be requested through ADSD and are scheduled on a first come first serve basis. The Commission can email Tiffany Curtis to request an interpreter at [tcurtis@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:tcurtis@adsd.nv.gov).

1. Discussion and recommendations regarding Commission membership and vacancies, including election of new co-chair. **(For Possible Action)**

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

Currently, there are 3 vacancies on the Commission:

* State Position – Eli has reached out to Will Jensen from the Department of Education regarding his interest.
* User of Relay Services – 2 of the 3 positions are open currently. Eli asked everyone to recruit in the community. Cheyenne stated she would look back at notes from the July meeting where additional recruitment ideas were discussed.

Sal resigned from the Commission, so a new Co-Chair was elected. Maureen motioned to nominate Jeff Beardsley, Eric seconded. All approved.

1. Discussion of status and recommendations by Commission Workgroups (**For Possible Action)**

* Healthcare (Jeff & Betty) No updates, will bring updates to the next meeting.
* Education (Eric, Maureen, Jeff, and Allison) The Commission decided to have this be a workgroup rather than a committee, so Jeff and Alison were removed.

Eric met with Will Jensen from the Department of Education to discuss IEPs and potential ways to strengthen them for kids who are deaf or hard of hearing with the addition of a Communication Plan. Will asked for the Commission to provide a draft template of a Communication Plan to be presented to stakeholders throughout the state’s school districts. Currently, the IEP policy cannot be changed to require the Communication Plan, but with the Commission’s help Will is willing to disseminate a template and guidance to schools and encourage they adopt this as part of their practices.

Discussion on obtaining useful data from the School District regarding numbers of deaf and hard of hearing children. Discussion about Nevada Hands & Voices interest in expanding training opportunities. Maureen provided an update on outreach that was done and the follow up plan with the new ASL Coordinator with Washoe County School District Kristie Watson.

No update on LEAD K, no Commission Members going to the NVAD October Conference.

* Employment (Sal, Betty) Jeff was added to the workgroup. No update for this meeting.
* Resource (Eli, Cheyenne & Jamie, NWD Coordinator) No update for this meeting. Jamie is brand new and will be receiving training to help with the website.
* Outreach (Maureen & Eric) Waiting on email address so that letters can be sent out to all the partners. Cheyenne reported they would get that done within the next week as she just received a response from the Governor’s office.
* Emergency Response (Jeff, Mike & Kim, Staff Interpreter) No update for this meeting.

Cheyenne to develop a tracking tool for the Strategic Plan updates.

1. Discussion and Determination of Agenda Items to be Considered at the Next Meeting (For Possible Action)

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

Possible presentations on NEIS, LEAD K and Hands and Voices; Continued workgroup meetings and strategic plan updates.

1. Confirm Dates for Future Commission Meetings and Workgroups **(For Possible Action)**

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

January 9, 2019

Cheyenne requested the next meeting date be moved later in the month of January so that the Committee would know who the new Governor would be and the recommended budget. After discussion the date was to remain the same. A tentative plan for March and May meetings was set.

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Comment was made about Arizona’s 911 texting capability. Questions about how to file a complaint, or request for an interpreter. Public comment was made regarding disappointment over the lack of events in September for Deaf Awareness Month.

1. Adjournment

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM

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**Current Commission Members**

Eli Schwartz (Chairperson), Jeff Beardsley, Allison Berman, Mike Eifert, Maureen Fradianni

**Director**

Cheyenne Pasquale

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***Agenda Posted at the Following Locations:***

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, 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200 Reno, NV 89521
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801
5. Nevada Community Enrichment Program, 6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Ste. L200 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
15. Deaf Centers of Nevada, 6490 S. McCarran Blvd. Bldg. F Suite 46&47 Reno, NV 89509
16. Deaf Centers of Nevada, 3120 S. Durango Drive, Ste. 301 Las Vegas, NV 89117

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