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Minutes

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission for Persons Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired
(Nevada Revised Statue [NRS] 427.750)

Date and Time of Meeting: May 14, 2019
9:30 am

This meeting will be a Video Conference between the following:

Reno: Aging and Disability Service Division
9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200
Reno NV, 89521

Las Vegas: Aging and Disability Service Division
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Las Vegas, NV 89104

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Minutes

1. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions: Eli
Schwartz, Commission Chair
Cheyenne Pasquale, Director

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

Absent: Mike Eifert

Staff: Cheyenne Pasquale, Sal Fiorentino, Shannon Sprout, Jennifer Montoya

Interpreters: (South) Debra Scott, Whitney Hobbs, (North) Kalen Beck, Kim Johnson

CART Provider: Becky Van Auken

Phone: Adrienne Navarro

2. 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 Schwartz, Commission Chair

- No Public Comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2019 (for Possible Action)

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

- Jeff Beardsley Motioned to approve March minutes Maureen Fradianni second, all approved.

3. Approval of Final Draft of By-Laws for the Commission for Persons who Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired **(for Possible Action)**
Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

- The By-Laws were updated with request made by the Commission Members
- Numbering was updated and Attachment A (A list of potential interview questions) was added.

- The Chair is the spokesperson for the Commission unless they are not available the Vice Chair would represent. The Chair can appoint a member to represent the Commission.
- Jeff Beardsley Motioned to approve the By-Laws, Eric Wilcox second the motion, all approved

4. Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Presentation:

Laura Thompson (LT), MSW, Rehabilitation Counselor III, Laura Fink, MS, CRC, CPM Rehabilitation Counselor II, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation

- Contact numbers for Supervisors, Techs, and Las Vegas, Reno and Carson City front desk was provided.
- Orientation sessions can be done in office or using video via website with caption availability.
- To qualify you must have documentation of the disability. Documentation must be within the past 6 months and have been performed by an Audiologist. If you do not have documentation VR can help get an assessment ordered.
- If you have documentation bring it with you when you meet with the counselor this will help the application process move quickly.
- VR is State and Federally funded so many regulations and policies must be followed.
- The Las Vegas office has the only two VR counselors in the whole state of Nevada that are recognized as deaf and hard of hearing specialists.
- The eligibility process does take time and required paperwork by a professional who is able to diagnose disabilities.
- VR counselors are given 60 days to get all the information and decide whether someone is qualified for VR.
- There is no limit as to how many times someone can apply for VR, but even someone who qualified in the past does not guarantee that they will qualify when they reapply.
- A qualified individual will move forward in developing a plan with one of the counselors. This program is individually developed between the client and counselor, finding and marketing strengths that fit each person's situation.
- Once the IPE is signed a voucher of authorization is sent out.
- Clients must keep in touch with the counselor throughout the duration of the process to maximize the benefit of VR.
- The phasing out process takes approximately three months. VR stays with each client making sure they integrate into the new positions and help resolve problems that may arise.
- If problems arise after a case is closed VR can provide, Post Employment Services (PES).

5. Hamilton Relay Presentation:

Abby Magtoto, Relay Nevada Outreach Coordinator

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- Tabled for next meeting

6. Updates and Discussion regarding Budget and Legislative Session

Cheyenne Pasquale, Commission Director

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

- Update on the budget was presented, a discussion on what the budget can be used for, travel, per diem, administrative expenses.
- The Commission is not allowed to hire temporary staff to assist in the website progressions so this will be assigned to the No Wrong Door Coordinator to facilitate.
- Recommendation that the Commission may want to change the language to allow for a broader use of funds be submitted in the next Legislative session.
- Discussion on Town Halls being done in Elko, Reno and Las Vegas and who would be attending them.
- Jeff Beardsley is flying to Reno to meet with Maureen Fradianni to work on Town Hall outline.
- Town Halls will be held in June.
- Public Comment was opened about the Town Halls, request for NVAD, DCN, EDHI and Nevada Hands and Voices be contacted so that they could participate in them.
- Discussion on purchasing office supply materials for the Commission members and making flyers to hand out.
- Legislative Updates: SB93 is sitting in the State Finance Committee, not much is happening with it right now, but it must be out of this Committee by June 4.
- Bills SB203, SB222 and SB90 have been combined with SB203 and made into a Super Bill. This Bill has LEAD-K language, using some modifications around making sure that the blind and visually impaired carried throughout the language for the commission as well as adding deaf-blind. SB203 would require Aging and Disability Services Division to provide hearing aids for children under the age of 13 and up to 400% of poverty level. This new Super Bill will also use the remaining funding from the TDD surcharge.
- SB200 is still alive. This Bill has language that would require health insurance to provide hearing aids and associated devices.

7. Report and Discussion from Deaf Centers of Nevada (DCN) regarding transition:

Mistie Owens, DCN Executive Director

- DCN staff are currently looking a developing position to meet grant requirements and serve the community in Las Vegas and Reno areas.
- Developing a PR position that would be responsible for monitoring outreach activities.
- Plans for expanding the Reno location and hosting events to involve the community.

- One plan is to have monthly events with different partners and agencies with providing community support.
- Las Vegas is hosting their summer ASL class, with a lot of excited, interested, participants. Plans for classes in Reno are being made once DCN has the space to host the classes.
- Plans to reach out to the rural Native American population.
- In discussions with a partner in Reno to be able to utilize a large event center with a gym and cafeteria. This may be helpful for events or meetings with other groups like LEAD-K, NVRID, Hands & Voices and other groups who may need the space.
- Policies and Procedures are being drawn up to alleviate any confusion or conflict regarding space reservations.
- Updates to the social media sites are being address with plans for having hosted events being posted on them.
- Plans to potentially expand the diversity of the program with the grant revenues.
- ADSD is looking at the next DCN's grant cycle making sure that they meet NRS and grant components.
- Discussion on Grantee trainings and what to consider. DCN's requirements may look like: Mental Health Professional , Emergency Response, Training on how to deal with Medical Professionals, Sky High for Language Acquisition, Sky High Mentoring Services Curriculum, Education Advocacy Training (IFSP & IEP knowledge), knowledge on the IDEA law, Resource and Service Navigation training, Diversity and LGBTQ Advocacy/ Support Services.
- Discussion on moving away from Widget reporting and focusing more on how a client was helped. Commission Members would like regular printed report updates from DCN so they may be able to help guide or make suggestions.
- Commission Members suggested number of served individuals not be limited to just face- to-face because many of time assistance is given either over the phone, emails or after work hours at evening events.
- Recommendations for providing the Deaf Commission with concerns and barriers the Grantees and programs are having so that they may be able to assist with resolving the situation.

8. Report and Recommendations on Training and Data of the Communication Access Services (CAS) Program (For Possible Action)
Salvatore Fiorentino, CAS Program Manager

- Current recruitment for the Interpreter and Mentor position in Las Vegas is in the screening process and interviews will be conducted soon.
- The CAS Interpreters and Mentorship have attended a total of 10 Legislative Hearings and worked sessions in both the North and South during this Legislative session.
- The Mentorship program previously was a pilot program but has become an official CAS program. CAS will begin to accept applications for the mentorship program starting Friday May 17, 2019. Applications will be posted on the

interpreter registry website. The mentorship program plans to fully launch in August.

- This will give the CAS program 4 Interpreters, and up to 12 mentees, which will be divided between the interpreters.
- The Interpreter and CART registry currently has 182 individual interpreters and 10 CART providers that are registered.
- CAS is in the process of creating an approved mentor list that will be published on the ADSD website once finalized.
- Approval for 13 advertising billboards to be placed statewide, running for a 12-week period and the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) certification has been filed with the FCC.

9. Election of Chair and Co-Chair **(For Possible Action)**

Cheyenne Pasquale, Commission Director

- Eli Schwartz and Jeff Beardsley were nominated for Chair and Eric Wilcox and Maureen Fradianni were nominated for Co-chair; Maureen declined the position.
- Commission Members voted: Eli and Jeff tied so Eli will remain Chair, Vice Chair goes to Eric Wilcox

10. Approval of recommendations from the reports of the Commission's Strategic Plan Workgroups **(For Possible Action)**

- Healthcare:
 - Maureen suggested a collaboration between Deaf Therapist and Mental Health Services to better help the community.
- Education:
 - Request for the Commission to support the Ohio Communication Plan so it can be presented to Will Jensen for review and presented to the School Districts. Eli Schwartz motion to approve, Jeff Beardsley second, all approved.
 - Las Vegas LEAD-K meeting on April 28th, was cancelled due to technology difficulty. A fundraiser was held with 40-50 in attendance and raised \$200. Maureen is no longer on the LEAD-K team, Eric will continue
 - Request to provide a workshop for both adults and children covering hostile environments, hate crimes and bullying.
 - Jeff Beardsley motioned to coordinate training opportunities with partners to provide outreach programs that will cover bullying, legislative process, and mental health workshops. Maureen Fradianni second the motion, all approved.
- Employment:
 - Remainder of the workgroup updates will take place after the Strategic Plan meeting so that everyone will know what role they hold.
- Resource:

- Outreach
- Emergency Response

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

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

- Hamilton Relay presentation
- DFPD presentation
- Independent Living Council presentation
- Government Council on Disability presentation
- DCN & CAS Updates

12. Confirm Dates for Future Commission Meeting and Workgroups (For Possible Action)

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

- July 9,2019
- Eli Schwartz motioned to make July 9th a two-day meeting combining a regular meeting and strategic plan meeting. Jeff Beardsley second the motion, all approved.

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- Eli received an email requesting that public comments be extended longer than the three minutes allowing for ASL translation.
- A recommendation was made to take public comments after each agenda item.
- A recommendation to have a mechanism for people to supply public comments if they are unable to attend a meeting.

14. Adjournment

Eli Schwartz, Commission Chair

- 12:51pm

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Current Commission Members

Eli Schwartz (Chairperson), Jeff Beardsley (Vice Chairperson), Mike Eifert, Maureen Fradianni, Eric Wilcox

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Agenda Posted at the Following Locations:

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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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