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MEETING

Name of Organization: Nevada Assistive Technology Council (AT Council)

Date and Time of Meeting: June 9, 2015
1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held and video conferenced at the following locations:

Reno: Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center
1875 Plumas St., Suite 1
Reno, NV 89509
775-333-7878

Las Vegas: Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center
2820 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 11
Las Vegas, NV 89102
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Minutes

Members present: John Heiner, Victoria Essner, Thomas Kearns, Scott Youngs, Mechelle Merrill, John Rosenlund, Jessie Leaman, Frieda Aizenman, Scott Sauer,

Member absent: Brian Patchett

Public present: Cheri Day; Mark Tadder, David Daviton, Allen Gilbert, Lonni Salavar, Juan Davis; Allen Gilbert;

Aging and Disability Services Division Staff Present: Vicki Kemp, Julie Balderson, Nanita Moore, Desiree Bennett

- I. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions
Scott Youngs, Chairperson
- II. Approval of the Minutes from the April 14, 2015 Meeting (**For Possible Action**)
Scott Youngs, Chairperson
- III. Public Comment No Comment from the Las Vegas meeting location, and no comment from the conference call-in line. David Daviton suggested that recently passed AB 200 could benefit the Council by providing fund for assistive technology, and creating opportunities for sharing resources. Mr. Daviton cautioned that the additional funds should not be abused. Scott Youngs added that AB 200 was mentioned at the last Council meeting as part of the legislative update.
- IV. Review, Discussion and Possible Recommendations on the Annual Report for the AT Collaborative
John Rosenlund, Subcommittee Chairperson
John Rosenlund reported that the Annual report was submitted December 2014. No recommendation. ONLY for review. It is a large report. The version the Council members have does not have page numbers. Mr. Rosenlund will add page numbers and send the updated report to the Council members. Additionally, the updated report will be posted on the ADSD website. Mr. Rosenlund stated that the Council members should review each section of the report and the number of people being served.
- V. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Closing the Gaps in Service to Persons with Sensory Impairments (**For Possible Action**)
Scott Youngs, Chairperson

The Council was unclear about the desired outcome of this agenda item. There was a question about whether there was going to be money in the ADSD budget to provide service to the blind and visually impaired. If it didn't get into the budget SB 13 passed and signed. Scott Youngs said he would work with ADSD staff to clarify the direction of this agenda item, and put the issue on the next meeting's agenda.

- VI. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Improving Individualized Education Programs in School Districts (**For Possible Action**)
Scott Sauer, Council Member

Scott Sauer expressed concern over the disconnect between the assistive behavior departments at school districts, parents, classroom teachers, and the individualized education plan(IEP) team. He stated that evaluations of the student's abilities and best fit for assistive technology are not made by people with adequate training to perform the evaluation. He also stated that parents rely upon school district professionals to make determinations, and parents don't always have the resources to do outside research to advocate effectively for their child. Additionally, Mr. Sauer stated that parents have no rights when they oppose a school district's decision about a student.

Some possible solutions were discussed. It was suggested that the Council invite Jack Mayes from the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC) to provide information about the implications of the recently passed SB 13, which affects students with disabilities. Another suggested solution was for Mr. Sauer to put together training materials for school district staff, and suggest that staff positions for assistive technology be increased. It was also suggested that the issue should be brought to the governor's attention and a taskforce be requested as was done with integrated employment. Additional strategies will be discussed next meeting, including how to include Early Intervention Services, possibly using a survey

VII. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Improving the Accessibility of State Websites

Thomas Kearns, National Federation of the Blind

Thomas Kearns reported that he held a meeting with a group of five or six members of the National/ Nevada Federation of the Blind. Each member of the group was asked to access a different government website, and report back on the accessibility of the site. Mr. Kearns provided a handout of the individual report. There were many different barriers to accessibility for users who are blind and visually impaired ranging from the use of colored text on the Nevada Legislature's website, invisible and inaccessible forms for applying for food stamps, browser incompatibility for registering as a non-profit organization, and unmarked buttons on mobile websites, and operating system incompatibility. Scott Youngs reported that he and George McKinley had an opportunity to give a presentation to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. It was decided that meeting with a group of 5-6 National Blind Federation members. 5 members would try to use 5 different website to see if they could access these websites. There were a lot of problems. Food stamp process-the form was invisible. 3rd party application had links without tab. One website had a new browser and you could not fill out for a non-profit organization; issues with the legislature website--- Transportation uses colors. Not a good ideas since 10% of men are color blind. Can't use an Apple device only Window. The mobile website issue is the buttons are not marked. Utah has a law that we could use as a model for the next legislature session in 2 years. Get the information from George McKinley and invite him to the subcommittee next meeting. DETR website, Nevada equal rights commission: there should be minutes of a meetings Scott and George had attend. Put the accessibility of the state website on the agenda for next subcommittee meeting. Desiree Bennett will send out a notice for the next subcommittee.

Send agenda items to Nanita Moore, the chairperson and the members.

No longer have a quorum so there can no longer be any more discuss.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Determination of Issues and Agenda Items to be Considered or Deliberated at Next Meeting

Scott Youngs, Chair person

XI. Confirm next meeting Date for August 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Scott Youngs, Chairperson

XII. 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)

XIII. Adjournment
Scott Youngs, Chairperson

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Current Assistive Technology Council Members

Scott Youngs (Chairperson), Frida Aizenman, Hentjie Apag, Havander Davis, Victoria Essner, Thomas Kearns, Jesse Leaman, Mechelle Merrill, Brian Patchett, John Rosenlund, Scott Sauer, Rena Smith

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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, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
 4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
 5. Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 2950 S. Rainbow Blvd., #220, N. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
 6. Disability Resources, 50 E. Greg St Suite 102, Sparks, NV 89431
 7. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
 8. Desert Regional Center, 1391 So. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
 9. Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21st St., Reno, NV 89431
 10. Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center, 1875 Plumas St., #1, Reno, NV 89509
 11. Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center, 2820 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 11, Las Vegas, NV 89102
 12. Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
 13. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
 14. Bureau of Vocational Rehab, 1325 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
 15. Rebuilding All Goals Efficiently, 2901 El Camino Ave., Suite 201, Las Vegas, NV 89102
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