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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Aging and Disability Services Division will hold a public workshop to consider proposed amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 656A concerning the signed language interpreter and Communication Access Realtime Translation.

The workshop will be conducted via videoconference beginning at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at the following locations:

| Aging and Disability Services Division | Aging and Disability Service Division |
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| 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200 | 1820 E. Sahara Ave., Suite 201 |
| Reno, NV 89521 | Las Vegas, NV 89104 |

To join this meeting by phone, dial 1-888-363-4735 then enter Access Code 1228133 when prompted. Sign language interpreters will be available at both locations, and CART will be accessible by following this link: https://captionsunlimited.1capapp.com/event/adsd

These workshops will be conducted in accordance with NRS 241.020, Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction of workshop process and presentation of the proposed amendments to NAC 656A.
- 2. Public comment regarding proposed amendments to NAC 656A.
- 3. Public comment.

The exiting law requires the Aging and Disability Services Division to adopt regulations to establish qualification requirements and register signed language interpreters and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) providers meeting the requirements under NRS 656A. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-656A.html

The proposed regulation changes provide provisions for the following:

- 1) Changes the definition of "mentor."
- 2) Removes registration requirement for Cued Speech Transliterators.
- 3) Modifies Professional Development hour requirement for non-certified interpreters.

- 4) Change specific language requiring certification types to generally recognized national organizations.
- 5) Sets a time limit to the Apprentice classifications.
- 6) Includes additional acceptable qualifications for Community classifications.
- 7) Removes the Community Master classification.
- 8) Changes the substitute limitations for educational interpreters.
- 9) Changes the qualification requirements for Educational classifications.
- 10) Removes some definitions and changes some language for clarity.

Members of the public may make comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence may submit the material to Jenn Montoya, Social Service Program Specialist II at the following address:

Aging and Disability Services Division 3416 Goni Road, D-132 Carson City, NV 89706 (775) 687-0574 (FAX – Attention: Jennifer Montoya) JMontoya @adsd.nv.gov

If you prefer to provide comments in ASL, please leave a SignMail message at (775) 546-2855.

Signed language interpreters and captioning will be provided. We are pleased to make additional reasonable accommodations for members of the public who have disabilities and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify Jenn Montoya at (775) 434-0237, or montoya@adsd.nv.gov as soon as possible and at least five (5) working days in advance of the workshop. You may contact Jenn Montoya, Social Service Program Specialist II by calling (775) 434-0237 for further information on the proposed regulations.

A copy of the notice and the proposed regulations are on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

Aging and Disability Services Division 3416 Goni Road, D-132 Carson City, NV 89706

Aging and Disability Service Division 1860 E. Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89104

Nevada State Library and Archives 100 Stewart Street Carson City, NV

A copy of the regulations and small business impact statement can be found on-line by going to: http://adsd.nv.gov/Meetings/Meeting_Notices/

A copy of the public workshop notice can also be found at Nevada Legislature's web page: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/

A copy of this notice has been posted at the following locations:

- 1. Deaf Centers of Nevada, 1325 Airmotive Way, Ste. 205, Reno, NV 89502
- 2. Deaf Centers of Nevada, 8020 W. Sahara Ave., Ste. 125, Las Vegas, NV 89117

- 3. Nevada Disability, Advocacy and Law Center, 1875 Plumas Street, #1, Reno, NV 89509
- 4. Nevada Disability, Advocacy and Law Center, 2820 W. Charleston Blvd., #11, Las Vegas, NV 89102
- 5. Nevada Disability, Advocacy and Law Center, 905 Railroad Street, #104B, Elko, NV 89801
- 6. Aging and Disability Services Division, 3416 Goni Rd., Carson City, NV 89706
- 7. Aging and Disability Services Division, 1860 East Sahara, Las Vegas, NV 89158
- 8. Aging and Disability Services Division, 9670 Gateway Dr., Ste. 200, Reno, NV 89521
- 9. Aging and Disability Services Division, 1010 Ruby Vista Dr., Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the Aging and Disability Services Division, 3416 Goni Road, D-132, Carson City, NV 89706, 775-687-4210, adsd@adsd.nv.gov.

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.