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MEETING MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, January 26, 2022
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Virtual: Zoom

NOTE: Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the Commission administrative support with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.

1. Roll Call, Opening Statement:

- Members: John Rosenlund, Lance Ledet, David Winik, Steven Cohen, Ashley Price
- Guests: Scott Youngs, Jack Mayes, Marjory Olaes, Jacob Johnson, Becky Van Auken – Captioner
- Staff: Deanna Smith, Nikki Haag

2. Public Comment:

- Pilot program to assist in overcoming barriers for the blind and visually impaired.
- Report all concerns to John Rosenlund to assist in gathering information.
 - jrosenlund@adsd.nv.gov
 - (775) 687-0835

3. Approval of Minutes of the November 3rd, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)

- John Rosenlund motion to approve the minutes.
- David Winik Second the motion
- All Approved

4. Review of Council Membership and Pending Applicants

- No pending applications

- Potential increase to have an additional mandatory position added to the AT Council.
5. Discussion of the Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative Programs and Services Supported in Nevada Under the Assistive Technology Act Such as the State Plan, Funding to Community Partners, Planned Activities for 2023 and Present the Annual Reporting
- Care Loan Fund is a financial loan that people can apply to get resources to purchase assistive technology. Also known as an alternative finance program
 - Funding came from the Assistive Technology Act
 - Grants from Department of Health and HUMAN Services
 - ❖ \$1.3 Million in general funds
 - Care Chest raised funds.
 - Later the project was moved under CARE chest, where it's been for about 20 years.
 - 11 Care Loan Applications
 - 9 loans were made with a total under \$150,000.
 - 1 loan approved but the client declined.
 - 1 loan rejected.
 - \$15,876 in net loss for loan in default.
 - 150 open-ended loans were done through the AT Resource Center form the telecommunications program.
 - 1182 current open-ended loans are in place.
 - 2,818 devices refurbished or repaired at a consumer savings of \$345,844.
 - 981 could only afford through the AT Program.
 - 137 Only available through AT program.
 - 3 System was to complex or wait time to long.
 - Overall performance measure 99.47%.
 - 89.26% Highly Satisfied.
 - Loans by purpose had 29 device trials or evaluation, 4 waiting for repair, 7 short-term, and 4 for conducting training activities for a total of 44 devices.
 - 44 loans equaled 120 devices.
 - 53 number of device demonstrations were performed with 56 participants.
 - 13 referrals were made by outside sources.
 - 3 trainings were reported with 135 topics covered.
 - 300 interactions were captured in the system. 413 interactions through the ATIL program.
 - 1,400 referrals were entered into the system.
6. Presentation from CARE Chest about public assistance measures and public awareness activities

- Videos and static spots were aired across multiple platforms for about 6 mo. and ended 1/18/2023.
- Commercials ran on networks of CBS helped cover statewide.
- 100,000 printed documents were distributed as well.
- All platforms combined reached 936,000.
- The campaign cost \$37,000.
- 10 static collateral pieces were produced with 6 different video options as well.
- Referrals increased over the 6 months and approximately 300 residence are receiving help in Southern Nevada.

7. Discuss and develop a Position Statement for the AT Council (For possible action):

- Discussion to review and potentially make changes to the Position Statement with possible revisions out the next AT meeting.

8. Review, Discuss and Approve AT Council Bylaw changes (For Possible Action)

- The first Bylaw change was to the review process for new memberships.
- Suggestion in striking out: after soliciting recommendations from representatives of organizations representing a broad range of individuals with disabilities and organizations interested in.
- Replacing language with: The council shall establish a process to provide the director with guidance for applicants provide the director -- provide the director information that is not in the standardized application. Providing the director with information to best ensure the Nevada assistive technology council is compliant with the act and bylaws and most importantly, have assistive technology user the council use federal guidance and the council's bylaws to establish questions for the applicant to respond. Each member of the council will review the responses provided by the applicant and reply on to either support or not support. Council's collective responses will be provided along with the responses from the applicant to be submitted with the membership application.
- Steven Cohen moved to accept the changes suggested. David Winik second the motion, all approved.
- The other changes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

9. Review, Discuss and Approve Content for AT Council Brochure (For Possible Action)

- Tabled until the next meeting.

10. Discuss Tentative Agenda Topics for next meeting:

- Pending Council memberships
- AT Collaborative Programs
- Support services in Nevada
- Bylaw changes recommendations
- Medicaid presentation
- Meetings to be held in March, July & September on the fourth Thursday of the month.

11. Public Comment:

- Concerns that the State of the State did not have visible interpreters online only in person.
- Recommendation for people to watch a 30 TV show called Aging is Awesome.
- Suggestion of adding a public awareness topic to the agendas

12. Adjournment: 12:09pm

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

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