



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION
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MEETING MINUTES

Name of Organization: Rescheduled Nevada Assistive Technology Council (AT Council)
Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, April 6, 2023
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: Ashley Price, David Winik, Debra Collins, Minerva Rivera, John Rosenlund, Steven Cohen,
- Staff & Guest: Carole Hanley, Lori Lutu, Thomas Otter, Kelcy Mayers,
- Allen Gilbert, Desiree Seghieri, Jessica Vannucci, Jack Mayers, Kosty (full name unknown), Marjory Olaes, Scott Young, Jack Mayes, Kate Osti, Scott Youngs
- Captioner: Romona Malnerich

2. Public Comment:

- Jack Mayes spoke with a wheelchair sales representative about the possibility that the bill in Colorado may pass allowing users to repair their own equipment, they stated that the suppliers would comply with the bill and make most items available.

3. Approval of Minutes of the January 26, 2023, meeting: (For Possible Action)

- Steven Cohen motioned to approve the minutes as written.
- David Winik second the motion.
- All approved.

4. Review of Council Membership, Pending Applicants and Recruitment of Council Membership.

- No pending membership applications.
- The AT Council Vocational Rehabilitation representative has retired, and the position is pending.

- Two new positions were added for the re-authorization of the ACT. These positions will not count towards a majority.
- One position will be filled by the current alternative Finance program which is Care Chest.
- The second seat has a list of agencies to pick from.
- The Council must maintain a 51%.
- <https://www.Leg.State.NV.US/nrs/NRS-232A.html>
- [https://Hal.NV.gov/form/Governor/Boards and Commissions Application](https://Hal.NV.gov/form/Governor/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Applicati%20on)

5. Presentation on "Who would the contact person be at Medicaid for a consumer to reach out to for assistance?"

Jessica Vannucci, Social Service Specialist III, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy & Desiree Serghieri, Social Services Program Specialist II

- DMEPOS stands for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Medical Supplies.
- Medicaid service manual can be located at: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/MSMHome/>
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers must be approved by the FDA for appropriate use.
- Physicians conduct a face-to-face and will gather required information.
- A mobility evaluation is completed by a physical therapist and occupational therapist.
- DME provider submits prior authorization request with all documentation sent to Medicaid for the review process.
- It can take up to a week for all fiscal reviews and receipt of requested additional documentation before the prior authorization determination is completed.
- Resent supply chain issues have been a problem. The provider does not have a set time frame that they must provide the items requested.
- Loaner items may be available but may not be of the caliber requested.
- Contact information for the Medicaid office Healthcare Coordinators and the Department of Healthcare Finance and Policy (DHCFP) can be found on the presentation materials.

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

Lance Ledet, Chair

A. Proposed by John Rosenlund

- Article 6 section A verbiage change to allow the council to establish a process to provide the Directors office that is outside the standard application process.
- Lance Ledet motioned to approve Johns changes,
- Debra Collins second the motion,
- Steven Cohen abstained,
- All others approved

B. Proposed by Steven Cohen

- Recommendation to changing verbiage from corporation to organization.
- Recommendation to replace Disability Services with Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) throughout the document.
- Remove subsection B in Article 2 and replace it with a new subsection.
- A new subsection D would state what the vision of the council is.
- Subsection C would be the mission statement.
- The current subsection D would then be subsection E.
- Update Article numbering sequence.
- Article 5, subsection C, to be covered under the membership organization section, and language to reflect under ADSD.
- Subsection H will address the members missing three meetings within a calendar year.
- Proposed majority voting members to change to 51%.
- Article 7 1C add the Chair shall be the official spokesperson for the Council.
- Article 8 D1 switches as determined by ADSD to the Chair determines when the council will meet.
- Add date before time so it reads date, time, and location.
- Section E2Add Chairperson may provide additional opportunities for public comment.
- Article 9 makes changes to the verbiage allowing proposed changes to the bylaws to be given 14 days prior to a meeting.
- This revision will be brought back with a red lined version for clear language changes at the next meeting.

C. Proposed by Lance Ledet

- After discussion this topic will be brought forth at the next meeting.

7. Review and Approval of Drafted Updates to the 2021 through 2023 State Plan for the Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative. (For Possible Action)

John Rosenlund, Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative Director

- No changes are needed to the service plan.
- Link update to reflect the Nevada Assistive Technology Council (NATC)
- Module B talks about membership and vacancies.
- The two new positions have not been filled, if they are filled before the report goes out it will be updated.
- The council is still short of one member to qualify for the 51% majority needed for assistive technology users.
- Once the mandatory positions & vacancies are filled the Council will need 4 more members that are users to maintain the 51%.
- Module C is on expenditures of the grants.
- 40% of the funds goes towards public awareness and those funds have been spent.
- No programmatic changes

8. Discuss and develop a Position Statement for the AT Council (For possible action):
Lance Ledet, Chair

- Steven Cohen motioned to establish a subcommittee consisting of AT users on the council to review the 2015 Position Statement.
- David Winik second the motion.
- All approved

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

- Tabled to next meeting.

10. Presentation on Nevada Assistive Technology Resource Center (NATRC) program update

Scott Youngs, Senior Project Manager NATRC,
John Rosenlund, Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative Director

- Last year's federal report numbers were low in some areas.
- An extensive review of data that was entered, and staff training has been performed over the last several months.
- Corrections and areas of training have been identified.
- General resource center areas are information assistance, device demonstration, device loan, training, and technical assistance.
- Currently 200 information assistance entries, 44 consumers receiving device loans, 81 different device loans, and 60 device demonstrations.
- Participated in 14 public awareness activities and events.
- Technical assistance and facilitating training are two different activities.

11. Legislative Update

Jack Mayes, Director of Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC)

- A. **AB35**: Requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to adopt regulations authorizing an offender to possess, have in his or her custody or control and use a telecommunications device for certain purposes; revising the definition of a telecommunications device to include certain tablets.
 - The Department of Corrections are looking to implement a new program that will give all inmates tablets so that they can access services electronically.
 - Inmates will be able to connect with education, prescriptions and make phone calls electronically.
- B. **AB202**: Authorizes a patient in a facility for skilled nursing or his or her representative to request the installation and use of an electronic communication device in the living quarters of the patient.
 - This Bill has been heard and has passed out of committee.
- C. **AB133 & AB161**: These bills are related to driver's licenses identifications for people with communication disabilities.
- D. **AB198**: This bill would allow Telehealth billing to continue.
- E. **AB252**: Addresses making museums accessible.
- F. **SB158**: Would require video cameras to be installed in Special Education classes.
- G. **SB162**: Would allow for polling places in county and city jails.

12. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approvals of Support regarding the Executive Order 2023-003: (For Possible Action)
 - Contact Nikki Haag with any feedback you would like to provide. Nikki@adsd.nv.gov.
13. Update Regarding the Aging and Disability Services Division Olmstead Plan:
 - Tabled to next meeting.
14. Discussion and Approval or potential changes to meeting dates, location, and platform. (For Possible Action)
 - Doodle Pole to be sent out regarding meeting dates potential changes.
15. Discuss Tentative Agenda Topics for July 27, 2023:
 - Lance Ledet, Chair
16. Public Comment:
 - No public comment
17. Adjournment: 2:06pm

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

Note:

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