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NEVADA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (AT COUNCIL) MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: March 28, 2024

Location of Meeting: Zoom (Zoom.us)

MINUTES

1. Roll Call:

- Members: Ashley Price, David Winik, Lance Ledet. Minerva Rivera.
- **Guests and Staff:** Allen Gilbert, Eunice Hylin, Cindi Swanson, Scott Youngs, John Rosenlund, Marjory Olaes, Deanna Smith
- **Captioner**: Becky
- 2. Public Comment: No comment.
- **3.** <u>For Possible Action:</u> Approval of Minutes of the January 25th, 2024, meeting. Lance Ledet, Chair
 - David Motioned to approve.
 - Ashley seconded the motion.
 - Kimberly abstained since she was absent in the previous meeting.
 - Minutes approved.
- **4.** <u>For Possible Action:</u> Review of Council Membership, Pending Applicants and Recruitment of Council Membership.
 - Eunice Hylin's application still in the works to be signed off by the Director's Office (DO).
 - Chris Jarvis' membership term that he was finishing has expired and his renewal documents are also pending the DO signing off.
 - Debra Collins' final term of her membership has expired.
 - John Rosenlund has had his final term also expired and is no longer a sitting member of the AT Council.
- **5.** <u>Presentation and Possible Action:</u> Review of draft interest form to be posted on the AT Council membership website for recruiting. Discuss how the organizations under the NATC will be distributing the letter of interest link to consumers funded by the NATC. Vote to post the letter of interest on the AT Council website.

- Letter of interest form can be found at: <u>Nevada Assistive Technology Council Interest</u> Form (google.com)
- Having a QR code added for easier accessibility.
- There will be a universal message to send along with the link and QR code in e-mails for people sending out solicitated recruitment information.
- **6.** <u>For Possible Corrective Action:</u> Final Bylaw revisions, term modifications for NATC Director membership and other membership term limits. Re-vote on red-line version, discuss any further changes, and approve Bylaws to be reviewed by the DAG.
 - Last meeting's vote on previous suggested red-line changes, is void as Debra Collins motioned to approve, due to Debra's membership expiring in December and her not being an active member at the time of making the motion.
 - Lance to red-line proposed Bylaw changes from David Winik along with his own proposed changes.
 - Will revisit next meeting with all red line proposal changes are updated to be presented to the Council at once.
- **7.** <u>For Information and Discussion:</u> Discussion of the Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative (NATC), that includes things Required or Supported under the Act, including the 2022 Reauthorization of the Assistive Technology Act, the Current Status of NATC Services, Updates on NATC Community Partners, NATC funding, and Address Questions on the NATC State Plan.
 - Nevada Assistive Technology Resource Center (NATRC) is the main hub for AT Consumers to get assistance in making informed decisions about their AT needs.
 - Referrals for services
 - Loans for obtaining AT equipment.
 - o Training and technical assistance
 - AT equipment is any device that removes the barrier for a person with a disability.
 - The AT collaborative will exist unless the Federal Government removes the act or stops funding for it.
 - The focus is on public awareness with organization self-promotion.
 - o 400 engagements, information, and assistance.
 - o 375 demonstrations for the year.
 - o 200 device loans in a year.
 - Training is focused on transition related training and technical support.
 - At least 15 trainings
 - At least 10 technical assistances
 - AT Independent Living (IL) is a longstanding 30 plus year program.
 - 153 consumers, numbers are low this time of year when closing out the state fiscal year which ends in June.
 - o 128 of the cases are active.
 - \circ 19 people on the waiting list.
 - About \$169,000 left of direct service money.
 - Once current funds run out there is ARPA money to be used over the next year to help eliminate or reduce the waiting list.

- **8.** <u>Presentation and Discussion:</u> Care Chest to go over public outreach reported from 2022 into the 2023 Federal fiscal year.
 - Tabled for the next meeting.
- **9.** <u>For Discussion:</u> Tentative agenda items for next meeting. Lance Ledet, Chair
- 10. Public Comment: No Comment.
- 11. Adjournment (For Possible Action): 11:17pm

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

NOTE:

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