



MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: December 22, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Commission members will be attending telephonically and via Microsoft TEAMS. Members of the public will also participate via teleconference

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Lozano called the meeting for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders to order at 3:04 pm.

Members Present: Trisha Lozano, Antonina Capurro, Lenise Kryk, Julie Ostrovsky, Ritzie Gratrix, James Howells, Kori Ward

A quorum was declared.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of the Minutes from the December 8, 2020 Meeting (For Possible Action)

Ms. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Howells seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Finalization of the Biennium Report to the Governor Office (Make recommendations / For Possible Action)

Ms. Kryk suggested to Ms. Lozano to take 'Workgroup Updates' prior to this agenda item because there has not been an update for the workgroups in a while and the Insurance and Funding workgroup objectives are ready to move to the next steps. The group is waiting for some direction from the commission as some may require legislation, so if there is no movement soon, they may lose some of these with the timelines that are set.

Ms. Lozano believes that the commission will be wrapping up and finalizing the report very soon.

Ms. Ward was hoping to finalize this letter to the governor, so she has put together and sent over a letter via google word doc. It is a combination of the letter they had submitted to Medicaid and the current governor report they have edited as a commission.

Ms. Chalupnik shared Ms. Ward's letter so the commission members can review.

Ms. Kryk asked if there should be more in the ATAP part of the letter and mentioning the Workforce Development workgroup? Ms. Kryk emailed Ms. Chalupnik an 'ATAP Objective' sheet and thinks there may be some good information on there to include in the report to the governor.

Ms. Chalupnik emailed out what Ms. Kryk put together for the commission members to review

The commission members decided to use the new letter that Ms. Ward put together and make some edits to it.

The commission members worked together and made edits live to the report. The report with the edits can be found on the ADSD website.

Ms. Frischmann provided the following information for the letter: As of 11/30/2020: Medicaid enrollment is as follows: RBT- 849, LBA-189, LaBA- 21, Groups- 70

Ms. Ward made a motion for Ms. Lozano to plug in the raw numbers as well as any missing subheadings and then have it emailed out to the commission before the next commission meeting. Ms. Kryk seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The commission plans to continue working on this letter and finalize it at the next commission meeting.

Workgroup Updates to Include Discussion and Possible Approval of Strategies Addressing the Lifespan of People Diagnosed with Autism (for possible action)

Ms. Kryk updated everyone on the ATAP document she provided earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Chalupnik shared Ms. Kryk's document so the commission members can review while she went over it. This can be found on the ADSD website.

Ms. Kryk stated that the 6% cut that was proposed in October would be one of the things to discuss as a commission to decide if this is something to discuss with legislators for an opportunity for someone to sponsor that.

Ms. Kryk mentioned another thing needing action; On the Adult side of this workgroup, trying to get the age and monetary cap lifted in Nevada.

Ms. Ostrovsky thinks the commission should proceed with both.

The commission members discussed and stated that proceeding with the age cap to be lifted had already been discussed and approved in a previous meeting.

Ms. Ward made a motion for the commission to support postponement of the 6% rate cut and no additional cuts for ABA services through Medicaid. Ms. Capurro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ward made a motion for the commission to support the bulleted points and headliners in the ATAP objectives document: Diversify funding usage to increase opportunities across the lifespan, increase amount of ATAP providers in Nevada and determine efficiency of resources. Ms. Kryk seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Capurro gave a brief update on the Workforce workgroup. Ms. Capurro stated that this group is focused on gathering data from across the states to determine the quality and quantity of the workforce for service needs across the lifespan. As the group gathered information, they kept coming back to Medicaid. Ms. Kryk was able to join this group as well. The group concluded that the workforce is unable to grow because the rates are so low. Patrick, in the workforce workgroup, was in the previous workforce subcommittee and he brought a more historical view and new direction to take the group in. Such as, providing opportunity for adults with autism and on the website, they were creating a repository of different resources that were available for adults. Ms. Capurro feels like this Workforce Workgroup can pick up where the previous subcommittee left off. Also working on the following: Possibly working with DRC, UNLV, Touro, to see what trainings are available, a Northern/Southern Nevada book of available services, Facebook group and possible grants. Another thing that was discussed in the Workforce workgroup was focusing on a survey for the school district to assess the needs of school age children.

The Workforce workgroup would like guidance from the commission on what direction to go in.

Ms. Kryk and Ms. Ward liked where the Workforce workgroup is right now and to continue with everything that was stated.

Discuss and Approve Agenda Items for Future Commission Meetings (For Possible Action)

Ms. Ostrovsky moved for the next commission meeting to be on January 5, 2020 at 3:30pm. Ms. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Lozano stated that The Nevada Department of Education offered to present their data if the commission is interested.

Ms. Ward made a motion to invite The Nevada Department of Education to come present their data in a future commission meeting. Ms. Capurro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Kryk would like to see 'Legislative Updates' on the next agenda as she thought this was a standing agenda item.

Ms. Lozano stated that 'Legislative Updates' and 'ATAP' are both standing items and were mistakenly left off for this meeting but will be on the next agenda.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Ms. Lozano adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm

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