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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: August 31, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Aging and Disability Services Division

Teleconference:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

OR

Physical Location:

3811 W. Charleston Blvd.
Suite 209
Las Vegas, NV 89108

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders was called to order at 4:02 pm.

Members Present: Trisha Lozano, Ritzie Gratrix, James Howells, Julie Ostrovsky, Antonina Capurro

A quorum was declared.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of the Minutes from the August 17, 2021 and July 20, 2021 (For Possible Action)

Ms. Ostrovsky made a motion to approve the minutes from August 17, 2021. Ms. Capurro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ostrovsky made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2021. Ms. Capurro seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion of the Resignation of Dr. Capurro and Future Recruitment of a Public Representative.

Dr. Capurro is currently the Deputy Administrator in the Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy. She moved over from being the state Dental Director in the Department of Health and Human Services on July 1st. Ms. Chalupnik was kind enough to reach out to our Deputy Administrators for some clarification and some feedback came back that since the commission provides recommendations to state agencies and legislators, Dr. Capurro's position as a Deputy could come into conflict with the recommendations. Dr. Capurro stated that it has been an honor to be part of this commission and she does not want to interfere in any way. She still would like to help in any way she can to support behind the scenes. With all that, Dr. Capurro will be resigning from this commission.

Ms. Ostrovsky thanked Dr. Capurro for all the work she has done with the commission and behind the scenes.

Dr. Capurro is excited to say that the autism component sits under her program's policy, so she is directly related to SB96 and every day she can work on it.

Ms. Lozano thanked and congratulated Dr. Capurro.

The commission now is in search for a new member to take the place of Dr. Capurro as a public representative. The commission members will update their letter for a new member.

Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) Updates

Ms. Jayme was unavailable for today's meeting but has her presentation on the ADSD website from last month.

Discuss and Decide on Commission Objectives as it Relates to ATAP Budget Planning and Appoint a commissioner to Gather Information to Address Objectives.

Ms. Ostrovsky stated that Ms. Kryk is passionate about ATAP and their numbers and has the clearest understanding.

Ms. Ostrovsky made a motion to appoint Ms. Kryk as their point person with ATAP immediately to gather the information to present at the next meeting so they can be included in ATAP's budget build process. Ms. Gratrix seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Review the Goals and Benchmarks of the Current Community Strategic Report. Decide on areas of Achievement and Areas in Need of Ongoing Development.

The commission members reviewed the Strategic Report together. The report can be found on the ADSD website.

Ms. Lozano clarified that the members are reviewing the following: Objectives to move forward with and objectives that the commission has met. This is going to be completed by the subcommittees. The members have also started reviewing the benchmarks.

Ms. Ostrovsky suggested to make this agenda item for action next time so the members can assign the goals to the subcommittees. Ms. Ostrovsky will commit to printing out this report and highlighting information for the next meeting.

Establish and Approve Recommendations of Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities as it Relates to the Current Community Strategic Plan, Including Approval of Public Entities and/or Members to be Contacted to Participate in Each Subcommittee, in Preparation for Upcoming Strategic Report

The members discussed assigning goals from the report to each subcommittee.

Ms. Ostrovsky made a motion to assign Goal #1 to go to the Insurance & Funding subcommittee and Goal #2, #3 go to the Workforce Development subcommittee. Ms. Gratrix seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ostrovsky does not want to get rid of Goal #4. She mentioned it being a public private partnership and is just unsure how to work with it in that world right now. She asked for suggestions from ASD.

Ms. Chalupnik suggested for the commission to use this agenda item to state who they would like to reach out to. As for the public private partnership, Ms. Chalupnik does not have policy related information for this.

Ms. Ostrovsky is happy to volunteer in the South to see how many of these items she can find before the next commission meeting

Ms. Lozano believes some of these resources are on the website and volunteered to look for stuff on there.

Ms. Gratrix made a motion for Ms. Ostrovsky to be the contact for the South to find more information and preparation for the upcoming strategic report. Ms. Ostrovsky seconded the motion.

Medicaid Data Presentation and General Updates

Ms. Follett gave some updates: Medicaid will be taking chapter 3700 to public hearing on September 28, 2021, at 9am. Also discussing information on the RBT rate increase and how Medicaid will need to submit a state plan amendment to CMS in October.

Ms. Follett mentioned some billing changes for the future and how trainings will be offered for all ABA 85 providers. Medicaid's goal is to have these changes be in effect the first of the year.

Ms. Ostrovsky asked if there were any new providers stepping up to now take Medicaid.

Ms. Follett answered that she has not had anyone reach out to her personally, but that does not mean that they are not stepping up. Medicaid will be working with ATAP moving forward to provide some training for ATAP providers that are interested in becoming Medicaid providers.

Ms. Follett went over the Medicaid data form that she provided to the commission members. This can be located on the ADSD website.

Ms. Follett also shared the Total Medicaid Enrollment July 2021 data: BCBA total is 747, PhD total is 318, BCaBA total is 343, RBT total is 2114 and Group total is 978.

Ms. Ostrovsky thinks these should be the numbers that the commission look at to see how many of the providers that are Medicaid providers that are not providing services come in to start providing services based on the rate increase. She hopes this happens.

Ms. Follett stated that Medicaid does not maintain a waiting list.

Another questioned Ms. Follett answered is how many clients do each of the ABA providers serve? It ranges from 0 to about 40.

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

Next meeting agenda items:

- Review and Discuss the Proposed Rate Models for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waiver Services Prepared for Nevada Department of Health and Human Services and Decide on Drafting a Position of Commission Letter.
- Workforce subcommittee – nominate a Chair
- Revise and finalize recruitment letter
- Review the Goals and Benchmarks of the Current Community Strategic Report. Decide on areas of Achievement and Areas in Need of Ongoing Development.
- Subcommittees

Next commission meetings are set for September 14, 2021, at 4:00pm and September 28, 2021, at 4pm.

Ms. Ostrovsky made a motion to accept all the agenda information above. Ms. Gratrix seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ostrovsky suggested to have Vocational Rehab come to a future meeting to educate every one of their process.

Ms. Ostrovsky made a motion for Ms. Chalupnik or an ADSD staff member to reach out to Voc. Rehab to educate this commission. Ms. Gratrix seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Ms. Ostrovsky motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gratrix seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Lozano adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.