



MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: July 20, 2021 3:30 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 3:32 pm.

Members Present: Trisha Lozano, Lenise Kryk, Ritzie Gratrix, James Howells, Julie Ostrovsky, Korri Ward

A quorum was declared.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of the Minutes from the June 15, 2021 (For Possible Action)

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

Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) Updates

Ms. Jayme shared her screen to go over her presentation which is posted on the ADSD website.

Ms. Kryk appreciates how ATAP included the long-term charts to the presentation and asked how their work was going with DSF?

Ms. Jayme answered that ATAP is continuing to do their work with DCFS and DFS to support training. Ms. Jayme mentioned that there is a new facility opening in Southern Nevada to accept youth on the spectrum. Child Haven is working to transition children to New Vista, so ATAP is looking to fund some of that staff training as they transition. ATAP meets weekly with Child Haven to work on increasing providers into the facility and continuity of care.

Ms. Ostrovsky gave kudos to ATAP and their numbers.

Ms. Jayme stated that ATAP is also currently working on a survey to do outreach to their current providers to see how things will look like with the rate increase, availability and how ATAP can support them. ATAP can share these numbers with the commission in the future.

Nevada Department of Education Presentation (NDE) on Autism Related Data and Access to Applied Behavior Analysis for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Other Developmental Conditions in Nevada Schools

NDE did not join the meeting.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Medicaid Presentation on Autism service utilization across the lifespan for individuals with ASD

Ms. Follett advised that some of their presentation is not available for today due to timing as Medicaid needs at least 30 days' notice and all questions written out.

Ms. Follett said that Dwayne Young has left Medicaid and they are currently in the process of transitioning Dr. Capurro into this position.

Ms. Follett gave some updates on some policies that are coming forward based on the audit. Some suggestions were: Specify what progress notes should look like (date of service, legible, name of recipient must be there, group or individual session, place of service, beginning and end times, who provided the service and their credentials and provider signature).

Ms. Follett stated that there are some clarifying items going through with their fiscal agent to discuss linkage. The only providers in the system for ABA services are provider type 85 and provider type 60, so Medicaid wants to make certain that it aligns with these two only and no one else is allowed to link in there. These chapter changes probably won't be going into effect until the end of the year but will probably get taken to public hearing in September. Ms. Follett will make sure to relay the hearing information to Ms. Chalupnik so all commission members may be present if any wanted to make public comment.

Ms. Follett is happy to come back next month with the proper notice to answer any questions the commission members may have.

Ms. Ward asked if Ms. Follett had the DHCFP rates and the rate study information?

Ms. Frischmann answered that this is public information and can be found on the DHCFP website. She will get this link sent out to all commission members.

Review of the Current Community Strategic Report, to Include Discussion of Resources, and Finances in Preparation for Upcoming Strategic Report

Ms. Kryk is unsure about funding sources and is willing to speak to anyone about it if she can just be pointed in the right direction. Ms. Kryk thinks it may be a good idea to get the subcommittees involved in this to help do some community outreach.

Ms. Frischmann reiterated that ADSD does not have funding for this. Unfortunately, it was a one shot funding the first time the plan was done. This time around it would need to be through lobbying and legislative actions to get anything done.

Ms. Ostrovsky believes this needs to be an agenda item for the future and will try to get in contact with people that helped in the past. She loves Ms. Kryk's idea of involving the subcommittees.

Ms. Kryk believes it would be beneficial to have someone who was involved in the past plan come present at a future commission meeting, possibly Jane Crandy.

The member would like to vote, but this agenda item is not for action.

Since this agenda item was not for action, Ms. Frischmann will take down an action item to reach out to the folks from the original 2015 planning strategy session and have them come and present at the next meeting.

Ms. Ostrovsky suggests getting ahold of Carry, Jan and/or Shannon. Ms. Ostrovsky will email Ms. Frischmann this information. She would also like to breakdown some goals and divide them between subcommittees.

Ms. Ward mentioned how a lot of the information in the plan coincides with the data given by our programs, so before deciding what direction the commission is going to go with this, she thinks it may be a good idea to collect the information from these programs first.

Ms. Kryk believes the commission can start gathering information while contacting people at the same time. She would like to get the ball rolling.

Ms. Ostrovsky asked if they can get clarification on what the commission can and can not do so they're not breaking any Open Meeting Laws as she thought this was a voting item.

Ms. Frischmann pulled up the email from the DAG and read it to the commission members: "Item eight needs description of the action to be taken. If it's only a

discussion it should be an information item. If it is an action item, it will need action terms like “approve, decide, etc.”

Ms. Ostrovsky thinks it may be a good idea to work with a non-profit or UNLV to facilitate a final report. Or even try for a grant.

Ms. Frischmann stated they can do all the above. She also suggested for the commission to reach out to the Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities to see what resources they have. As a member of this council, Ms. Frischmann can reach out.

Ms. Ward believes it would be a good idea to go through the entire report and instead of rewriting everything, cross out the things that need updated and work on the things/objectives that the commission haven’t been able to achieve.

Ms. Kryk agrees that it would be a great way to tackle that.

Ms. Lozano reminded everyone where the strategic report is located on the commission website, under reports.

The commission members worked together and started to discuss and go over the Strategic Report from 2015.

The commission members would like to start retrieving data from the following to include in their report: Regional Centers, DETR, Voc. Rehab, NEIS, ATAP

Ms. Frischmann clarified that the Regional Centers do not have autism as a primary diagnosis. To qualify for Regional Centers services, their primary diagnosis must be ID or DD and sometimes the autism diagnosis is second. Autism itself is not necessarily a qualifying diagnosis to receive services from Regional Centers That being said, there is no good data to break that out to see how many people with autism are being treated. Ms. Frischmann believes that Vocational Rehab is the same and asked the commission to please be aware when asking for micro level data.

The commission members think it may be a good idea to edit the benchmarks and plug in dates or “ongoing”.

Discuss and Approve Agenda Items and Discuss Future Commission Meeting Dates

The commission members agreed on the following agenda items:

- As a commission: Review of the goals and benchmarks on current Strategic Report, possible recommendations to adjusting areas.
As subcommittees: Dig deeper with the goals and benchmarks. What reports are needed for the report.

The commission members would like to include approve, discuss, and decide to this agenda item but can not come up with the proper wording.

Ms. Frischmann advised that the members do not need to come up with the verbiage yet. The minutes will be reviewed so it accurately reflects to what the commission members want. Ms. Lozano will review before final approval.

Ms. Kryk made a motion to include the following on the next agenda: As a commission: Review of the goals and benchmarks on current Strategic Report, possible recommendations to adjusting areas. As subcommittees: Dig deeper with the goals and benchmarks. What reports are needed for the report, etc. Ms. Ostrovsky seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Presentation from Department of Education
- Medicaid
- ATAP
- Subcommittee updates

Ms. Lozano suggested for all members to looks over the goals and benchmarks prior as she believes it would be valuable.

Ms. Ostrovsky asked how many commission members can be on a subcommittee?

Ms. Frischmann stated a sub commission is more than one.

Ms. Gratrix and Ms. Ostrovsky would like to join a subcommittee to assist with the Strategic Report and asked how to go about it.

Ms. Frischmann thinks they can volunteer but cannot make a motion to have them as permanent subcommittee member.

Ms. Ostrovsky thinks they will need to form another subcommittee for adults and would like to see how they can get this started or even having it under the Insurance and Funding subcommittee.

Ms. Kryk made a motion to have their next meetings on **August 17, 2021, at 3:30pm** and **September 14, 2021 @ 3:30pm**. Ms. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Subcommittee Updates Addressing the Lifespan of People Diagnosed with Autism

- **Workforce Development Subcommittee**
No updates.
- **Funding and Insurance Subcommittee**
No updates.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

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

Ms. Lozano adjourned the meeting at 5:12 pm.

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