

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: August 17, 2021 3:30 p.m.

Location of Meeting:

Teleconference:

Aging and Disability Services Division

Microsoft Teams Meeting

OR

Physical Location: 3811 W. Charleston Blvd.

Suite 209

Las Vegas, NV 89108

Members Present: Trisha Lozano, Lenise Kryk, Korri Ward

A quorum was not declared.

Public Comment

Ms. Ward made a comment that she is very concerned about the employment of Supportive Living Assistance and the current rate. No one is applying for her son's position, and it is causing problems, more statewide than personal. In support group meetings that Ms. Ward attends, the only people that are present are the ones who have adult children living at home. Ms. Ward is the only one present with services. Ms. Ward believes this is more than a rate problem. There's not enough incentive to give employees right now for Supportive Living Assistance or even the Personnel Care Attendants, which is ran through Medicaid and not third party. Ms. Ward is interested in self directed services which would put the parents back in charge.

Ms. Kryk made a comment that she is concerned with not having quorum today, which it is no one's fault. She recalls that someone mentioned last time that Dr. Capurro was going to be transitioning into a Medicaid position and it is unsure if this may be the reason why she is not here. Or, if she is still going to be involved with the commission and how will that work, since this is affecting the commission's quorum. Ms. Kryk mentioned that if they did not have this position, then they could have had quorum today. Either way, this is a concern and will need to be addressed and handled.