



MINUTES
of the meeting of the
Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders
April 26, 2022

The Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders held a public meeting on April 26, 2022, beginning at 3:45 p.m. at the following locations:

3811 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 209 Las Vegas, Nevada
Teleconference meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting

1. Call to Order:

The meeting for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders was called to order at by Commissioner Lozano at 3:52pm.

2. Roll Call:

Members present were Commissioners Trisha Lozano, Korri Ward, Julie Ostrovsky, Lenise Kryk, and James Howells.

A quorum was declared.

3. Public Comment:

No public comment.

4. For Possible Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held March 15, 2022

Commissioner Ward requested changes on page four, paragraph four to change the word there's. Ms. Ward stated that under number 9 she was asking for an update on the supported living assistance in home and community-based waiver thank you money.

Motion made by Commissioner Ward to approve minutes with corrections, seconded by Commissioner Kryk, and approved with a unanimous vote, the minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes was approved. Motion passes.

5. For Information: Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) Updates

Ms. Jayme discussed legislative audit information. Ms. Jayme stated there were not many changes from the last update. She stated they are seeing an average of 80 referrals coming in each month, with a spike of 87 last month and the legislative audit was on the 22nd and all recommendations

were approved. She stated additional information is listed on their website for diagnosing providers in the North and South as well as “what to expect” information. Ms. Jayme stated that as soon as a child is deemed eligible, they can be assigned to a Developmental Specialist right away. Ms. Jayme stated this doesn’t mean that they will have a provider, but the Developmental Specialist can assist the family in finding one. ATAP has had providers reach out to get the list as well, and they have been working on outreach to diagnosing providers to help families. The presentation is listed on the website. There were no questions.

Ms. Browne announced that Commissioner Ostrovsky had been admitted to the meeting.

6. For Information: Discuss ATAP Budget and the Commissions Objectives as it Relates to Insurance Assistance Distribution, Policy on Supervision, and Impacts of SB96, – (An Act Relating to Disability Services; Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek an Increase to Certain Reimbursement Rates Under the Medicaid Program and the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) for a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT); and Providing Other Matters Properly Relating Thereto), to the ATAP Budget

This agenda item was tabled to move on to the next agenda item 7.

7. For Possible Action: Make Recommendations and Approve the Draft Proposal as it Relates to Supervision Hours and Rates for ABA Services for the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP)

Commissioner Kryk mentioned the draft ATAP Plan Allotment proposal that the subcommittee put together. She stated this document is based on the guidelines Council of Autism Service Providers (CASP) documents that she had sent out to the commission members previously.

Commissioner Ostrovsky questioned if the material presented was proposed and requested was a wish list based on guidelines in hoped of future discussion. Commission Kryk replied this is intended to be a proposal to ATAP.

Commissioner Kryk is proposing to request 25 supervision hours for the Comprehensive plan instead of 18. She stated currently ATAP requires 7 hours of parent supervision and 18 hours from the provider, but research will support over 25 hours. She stated this change is closer to what is evidence based and needed to support their progress. Commissioner Kryk stated in the Comprehensive plan parents are getting one hour per month of parent training and required to do 7 hours per week. She stated parents may need more hours than a Register Behavior Technician (RBT) and is suggesting 6 hours per month of training for parents.

Chairperson Lozano questioned where the presented numbers and data information came from. Commissioner Kryk shared that although she was unsure of the latest updates, the information was from Association of Behavior Analyst International (ABAI), 2nd edition 2020 copyright, pages 48 or 49. Commissioner Kryk shared where to find research information from the ABAI.

Information on the Council of Autism Service Providers was shared and Commissioner Kryk asked the commission for approval to send the proposal to ATAP.

Motion was made to explore the presented information that was submitted by the subcommittee with ATAP by Commissioner Ostrovsky, seconded by Commissioner Howells. Motion passes

8. For Possible Action: Review and Approve Draft Letter to Nevada State Legislators on behalf of the Commission as if Relates to Commission Objectives and Statistics on Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Commissioner Kryk presented the letter drafted to be presented to legislators and community that would introduce the Commission.

Commissioner Ostrovsky questioned if the commission could reach out to candidates. Ms. Frischmann stated it would be okay to send the letter. Chairperson Lozano questioned how the letter it is determined who would get the letter. Commissioner Kryk reiterated that the subcommittee drafted a list of potential legislators.

Commissioner Kryk and Commissioner Ostrovsky both stated the letter does need some edits prior to sending it out. Commissioner Ostrovsky stated although she has not reviewed the document, she wants to ensure it stated who the Commission is representing so families know who to contact as a resource. Ms. Chalupnik assisted with live edits of the letter. Changes included: adding reminder notes to add bullets of key legislation, discussing who the commission with the inclusion of mandates supporting the commission and who it represents. Commissioner Ward would like to add adult paragraph verbiage to include the number of Nevada school clients and adults receiving services from the regional centers. Chairperson Lozano stated the regional centers do not report numbers in this way and clarified that the subcommittee should finalize draft changes and submit those to Ms. Chalupnik. Ms. Chalupnik will send the letter out to the commission members to review and the commission members to send edits.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ostrovsky to review and edit the letter in the subcommittee and have the edits to Ms. Chalupnik by May 9th for finalization at the next commission meeting on May 24th, seconded by Commissioner Ward. Motion Passes.

9. For Possible Action: Approve 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 the Upcoming Strategic Report

Ms. Chalupnik asked for a working email for a subcommittee member Gwen Johnson to schedule the Workforce and Development Subcommittee meeting on May 11th. Ms. Frischmann provided the correct email in the chat to the commission.

10. For Possible Action: Review of the Current Community Strategic Report, to Include Discussion of Resources, and Finances in Preparation for Upcoming Strategic Report

The document that Chairperson Lozano sent out was reviewed. A discussion of presented report documents generated concerns due to blank entries in agency lists. Chairperson Lozano called on the commission to give input on additional agencies and noted the possible need for a change in the benchmarks. Commissioner Ostrovsky asked if they were allowed to turn to private providers who can talk about the success or challenges; Ms. Frischmann stated that was okay. Commissioner Kryk questioned which objectives fall into which subcommittee. Chairperson Lozano suggested the subcommittees review the objectives and benchmarks in upcoming meeting to agree upon which ones will be assigned the subcommittees. Commissioner Ostrovsky stated that between the three

subcommittees and eight sub-subcommittees the items could be addressed and what is remaining can be assigned to members that are not an active participant in the subcommittees. Commissioner Kryk stated the subcommittees can add it to their agenda and work on it over several meetings. This could be discussed before the commission at the May 24th meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kryk to use subcommittee meetings explore Madame chairs' suggestion, seconded by Commissioner Ward. Motion passes

11. For Information: Workforce Development Subcommittee Updates and Funding and Insurance Subcommittee Updates

Commissioner Kryk provided update for the Funding and Insurance Subcommittee stating they are working on the draft for ATAP requests, community reimbursements for adults, and scheduled ATAP proposals.

12. For Possible Action: Discuss and Approve Agenda Items and Discuss Future Commission Meeting Dates

Commissioner Ward suggested including Behavioral Health speak on juvenile justice data and treatment received, programming, provided treatment, judge options and decision procedures statewide. Commissioner Ward would like Rural Regional Center as a future presenter to report on the number of providers opening and closing and Medicaid feedback sessions. Ms. Frischmann suggested ID waiver and Megan Wickland giving input on listening sessions for the next meeting which may assist the commission in drafting a letter.

Chairperson Lozano recommends continuing to add to agenda item number 8 and continue to work on agenda item number 10.

Chairperson Lozano proposed the next meeting date for May 24th at 3:45 pm.

Motion to accept the agenda items and proposed meeting date was made by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Ostrovsky and approved with a unanimous vote. Motion passes

13. Public Comment:

(No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments).

No public comment currently.

14. Adjourn

Motion was made Commissioner Ward to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ostrovsky. Motion passes. Adjournment was unanimously approved at 5:06 p.m