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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: September 22, 2023, 3:00 PM

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order on September 22, 2023 at 3:02pm by Ms. Chalupnik

2. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Corey Nguyen (Vice Chair)
 Nicole Muhoberac
 Amy Coyne
 Linda Tran
 Anna Marie Binder

3. **Public Comment:**

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[No public comment(s)]

4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held August 28, 2023

[A motion to approve minutes was made by Vice Chair Corey Nguyen and seconded by Commissioner Anna Marie Binder.]

5. **For Possible Action:** Review and Discuss Goal Two of the 5-Year Strategic Plan*: Ways to Maximize Public and Private Funding Sources to Support the Full Scope of Services Needed for All Nevadans with ASD

- a. Objective 2.1: Promote and Legislatively Advocate for the Adoption of Policies and Funding Which Delivers Comprehensive Services for Young Children to Ensure Optimal Outcomes.
 - Goal 2.1.1 states “Advocate for immediate eligibility of and connection to comprehensive treatment and services for children based upon a failed ASD screening.”
 - Rephrase to have it appropriately state children who are at risk of ASD, based on any ASD screening, to receive services as soon as possible.

- “Advocate for immediate eligibility of and connection to comprehensive treatment and services for children based upon the results of an ASD screening indicating risk for ASD.”
- b. Objective 2.2: Promote and Legislatively Advocate for Policies and Funding Which Ensure Effective Education, Supports, and Transition Implementation. for School Aged Children.
- c. Objective 2.3: Promote and Legislatively Advocate for Policies and Funding Which Deliver Self-Directed, Person-Centered Services for Adults.
- d. Objective 2.4: Promote and Legislatively Advocate for Policies and Funding Which Adequately Meet the Needs of Individuals with ASD Living in Rural and Frontier Areas of the State.
 - Glossary does not delineate counties that are part of the Frontier Area.
 - Commissioners would like to include Tribal.
 - Commissioner Linda Tran will research true definition of Frontier Area and will be updated for the next meeting.
- e. Objective 2.5: Expand and Integrate Data Systems Among all State Departments and Stakeholders to Track Diagnosis, Treatment, Services, and Outcomes for Individuals Living with ASD to Improve Coordination of Care, and to Disseminate Information.

[Objectives 2.1 – 2.3, Have “Young Children”, “School Aged Children”, and “Adults” mirror the specific ages stated in the federal guidelines (0-3, 3-21, 21 and over).]

[All objectives will stay consistent to address all ASD individuals and families to effectively meet needs.]

[A motion to approve changes on Goal 2 objectives was made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Vice Chair Corey Nguyen]

6. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approve the 16 Item Survey* and the Consumer Survey* From the 5-Year Strategic Plan for Circulation to the Public
 - Question 1, add Caregiver to reflect “Parent/Caregiver”
 - This will not only apply just to parents, but also to grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. who take care of individuals with autism.
 - Delineate age categories on survey.
 - Questions 2 and 3 should have same age groupings.

- Can not be diagnosed with Autism if less than 3 years old.
- Question 5, gender needs to be inclusive.
- Commissioner Linda Tran will edit questions to avoid confusion as to who the survey is about/filling out the survey.

[A motion to have Commissioner Linda Tran to complete changes to survey was made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Commissioner Amy Coyne.]

7. **For Discussion Only:** Workforce Development Subcommittee Updates, Funding and Insurance Subcommittee Updates, and Resource Development Subcommittee

[Standing Item]

8. **For Possible Action:** Review and 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

- Commissioner Anna Marie Binder discussed subcommittee roles with Steven Cohen who also suggested Julie Ostrovsky

9. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approve the Proposed Additions or Changes to the Commission Bylaws

10. **For Discussion Only:** Discuss Potential Recommendations for the Commission to Review with the Olmstead Planning Committee in October

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

[A motion for subcommittees to convene in the month of October to address Goals 1 and 2 from the strategic plan and for the full body committee to reconvene in the month of November to follow up with the subcommittee and begin work on Goals 3 and 4 was made by Commissioner Anna Marie Binder and seconded by Commissioner Amy Coyne.]

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Public comment was made by Commissioner Nichole Muhoberac:

“For the record, I just wanted to really thank Linda Tran for all of her super hard work and dedication on this survey and taking all our feedback like I just really wanted to take a moment to acknowledge all of the time and energy you're putting into this and how much we appreciate you, Linda.”

13. **Adjourn (For Possible Action)**

Rest of agenda items will be tabled for next meeting.

Chair Corey Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm on 9/22/2023.

Autism Commission Members

Korri Ward (Chair), parent of a child with autism who resides in a county with a population of less than 100,000.

Corey Nguyen (Vice Chair), member who is a behavior analyst.

Anna Marie-Binder, representative of the public at large.

Amy Walch, parent of a person with an autism spectrum disorder who is over 12 years of age.

Amy Coyne, representative of school districts in this State (Clark County).

Nicole Muhoberac, parent of a child with autism who is under 5 years of age.

Linda Tran, representative of school districts in this State (Washoe County).

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*The Current 5-year strategic Plan can be located on the Commission for Autism Spectrum Disorders web page: [ADSD Commission strategic plan final deliverable 12-24-14 \(nv.gov\)](http://ADSDCommissionstrategicplanfinaldeliverable12-24-14(nv.gov))

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