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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: November 17, 2023, 3:30 PM
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AGENDA

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order on November 17, 2023, at 3:31pm by Ms. Abbie Chalupnik

1. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Korri Ward (Chair)
Corey Nguyen (Vice Chair)
Anna Marie Binder
Nichole Muhoberac
Amy Walch

2. **Public Comment:**

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Public comments were made by Abbie Chalupnik on behalf of Lorrie Follet:

"Medicaid is in process of implementing SB191, which asks Medicaid to expand the age for ABA services within Medicaid. We will have a public workshop on January 2024 and a hearing February 2024. The dates are not yet set. All dates will be announced through the Medicaid listserve."

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held September 22, 2023

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

4. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approve Changes made to Goal One and 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 1.1:** is to Secure State and Federal Funding, Grants, and Other Resources to Ensure Adequate Service Delivery *Across the Lifespan for All Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Their Families.*

b. **Objective 1.2:** is to Expand Access to Health Insurance Benefits for ASD Services *Across the Lifespan for All Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Their Families.*

c. **Objective 1.3:** is to Expand Medicaid Coverage for ASD Services *Across the Lifespan for All Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Their Families.*

d. **Objective 1.4:** is to Establish a Self-Directed Care Option for *All Individuals Across the Lifespan for All Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Their Families.*

[Omit the words "for All Individuals"]

e. **Objective 2.1:** Promote and Legislatively Advocate for the Adoption of Policies and Funding Which Delivers Comprehensive Services to Ensure Optimal Outcomes for Young Children *and Extents Across the Lifespan for All Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Their Families.*

[Omit the words "and Extents" and replace with "that Extends"]

f. **Objective 2.2:** Promote and Legislatively Advocate for Policies and Funding Which Ensure Effective Education, Supports, and Transition Implementation. for School Aged Children *and Their Families.*

[Omit the "." after "Implementation"]

g. **Objective 2.3:** Promote and Legislatively Advocate for Policies and Funding Which Deliver Self-Directed, Person-Centered Services for Adults *with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Their Families.*

h. **Objective 2.4:** Promote and Legislatively Advocate for Policies and Funding *For All Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) That Adequately Meets the Needs of Individuals and Their Families* Living in Rural and Frontier Areas of the State.

i. **Objective 2.5:** Expand and Integrate Data Systems *Between* All State Departments and Stakeholders to Track Diagnosis, Treatment, Services, and *Outcomes Across the Lifespan for All Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Their Families,* to Improve Coordination of Care, and to Disseminate Information.

[Rephrase to "Expand and Integrate Data Systems Between All State Departments and Stakeholders to Improve Coordination of Care, Track Diagnosis, Treatment, Services, and Outcomes, and Disseminate Information Across the Lifespan of all Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Their Families.]

[Motion was made by Commissioner Nichole Muhoberac and seconded by Amy Walch to approve objectives 1.1 through 2.5. along with changes discussed]

5. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approve the 16 Item Provider Survey* and the Consumer Survey* From the 5-Year Strategic Plan for Circulation to the Public

Survey is on a Google platform

- *Seek other alternatives for those who may not have access or use Google from their device(s)*
- *Use language access to translate to Spanish.*
- *Ensure survey is ADA compliant.*

[Motion was made by Commissioner Amy Walch and seconded by Vice Chair Corey Nguyen to table Item #6 and to work on survey as mentioned in bullet points above.]

6. **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 Subcommittee Meetings

Chair Korri Ward

- *Would like to participate in the Funding and Insurance Committee*
- *Volunteered Ralph Sacrison*
 - *Interested in being part of the Funding and Insurance Committee*

Commissioner Anna Marie Binder

- *Chair for Funding and Insurance Committee*
- *Volunteered Dalia Gonzalez*
 - *Interested in Workforce Development Committee*
- *Volunteered Nancy Brune*
 - *Interested in the Workforce Development Committee*

Vice Chair Corey Nguyen

- *Chair of Workforce Development Committee*
- *Volunteered Omar Sanchez for Workforce Development Committee*
- *Volunteered Carleigh Sconyers for Workforce Development Committee*
- *Volunteered Johnshell Holliday for Workforce Development Committee*

Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac

- *Volunteered Robin Kincaid for Workforce Development Committee*
- *Volunteered Alan Gatts for Funding and Insurance Committee*

Commissioner Amy Walch

- *Volunteered Katrina Ojeda*

- o *Interested in either committee.*

[Motion to approve individuals listed above to be in the subcommittees and to reach out to the Guinn Center for strategic plan were made Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Commissioner Amy Walch.]

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

[Standing Item]

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

Update Bylaw to include comment to include attendance. Commissioner with two absences will be excused and a vote will take place to remove person.

Update website with approved Bylaws.

[Motion to approve changes were made by Commissioner Amy Walch and seconded by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac]

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

[Motion was made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Commissioner Amy Walch to have next meeting on December 15th at 3:30pm; have Chair Korri Ward draft a letter to be reviewed at next meeting prior to sending it to Governor Lombardo; Discuss Item #6 and #8; adding ATAP and NEIS; Olmstead presentations.]

10. **Public Comment:**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm

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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