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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: April 12, 2024, 3:30 PM

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Draft Minutes

1. **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order on April 12, 2024, at 3:32 pm by Diana Unaite

2. **Roll Call:**

Corey Nguyen (Vice Chair)
Korri Ward (Chair)
Anna Marie-Binder
Amy Coyne
Nicole Muhoberac

Linda Tran-Excused Absent

Guests:

Abbie Chalupnik
Sabrina Schnur
Christy Fuller
Vanessa Delgado-Acosta
Kelly Bagnall
Steven Anbro
Virginia Ramirez
Jennifer Frischmann
April McClure
Loren Gonzalez
Lori Follett
Diana Unaite
Autumn Blattman
Kelcy Meyer
Patricia Knight
Luke Dumarán
Naomi Kassai
Danielle Race
Megan Wickland
Gujuan Caver
Veronica Smith
Elyse Monroy-Marsala
Brigid Fronapfel
Linda Anderson
Nhoree Heath
Randi Melvin-Brown
Renee Portnell
Rique Robb
Samantha Jayme
Steven Anbro
Rebekah Sullivan-Moyer
Cydne Stephenson
Molly Halligan

3. **Public Comment:**

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No public comment.

4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held March 1, 2024

A motion to approve minutes from March 1, 2024 was made by Commissioner Nicole Muhoberac and seconded by Commissioner Amy Coyne.

5. **For Discussion Only:** Discussion About Caregivers Working as Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT) for Their Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder with the Nevada ABA Board (NVABA) and Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis (NABA).

Christy Fuller: She is a NABA analyst, she prepared a statement and will share with the Commission. There is a recent trend to recruit parents as RBTs for their children and then submit for reimbursement for those ABA treatment hours. There are differences in the billing codes for parents versus private providers.

Private pay services are not held to the same medical billing standards as CPT codes, but those persons providing the service and credential through the ACE are still required to abide by their relevant ethics code.

There are additional ethical concerns with that parental RBT model.

the BCD published a newsletter that addressed the topic of a parent serving as their child's RBT. The BCB states that parents participating as a part of their child's treatment, whether whether it be parent training, focused intervention or more comprehensive behavior change program to assist with generalization across environments, has long been valued and shown benefits.

Analysts are also ethically required to provide effective treatment and protect clients from harm and in a parental RBT model, the behavior analyst is unlikely to be able to consistently provide independent judgment for the most effective treatment possible.

The third reason ethical reason is that the behavior analysts are ethically required to be accurate in their documentation and billing.

Anyone practicing in Nevada, whether they reside here or not, must be licensed or registered with the Nevada Board of ABA as described by NRS 641D.

There was a possibility of submitting an opinion to the governor's office to revise or look at this knack to remove any barriers to who providing services, who are autism community.

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

Anna Marie Binder motioned to table six and seven. Amy Coyne seconded. Members voted, motion passed.

7. **For Discussion Only:** Workforce Development, Funding and Insurance, and Resource Development Subcommittee Updates as it Relates to Topics for Consideration, Past Meetings, and Upcoming Meetings.

This item was tabled.

8. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and Approve Agenda Items and Discuss Future

Update on the Olmstead Plan

Get provider surveys out

The next full Commission meeting will be on May 17, 2024 at 3:30 pm

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No public comment.

10. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm by Korri.

Autism Commission Members

Korri Ward (Chair): Parent of a child with autism who resides in a county with a population of <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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