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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: December 13, 2024, 3:30 PM

Location of Meeting: Hybrid (Virtual, In-person)

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Date Published: December 9, 2024

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Korri Ward, Corey Nguyen, Anna Marie-Binder, Nicole Muhoberac, Linda Tran

Members Excused Absent: Amy Walch, Amy Coyne

Guests: Fatima Taylor, Jessica Roew, Autumn Blattman, Eve Eriksson, Katelyn Miller, Lori Lutu, Ralph Sacrison, Nina McCartney, Renee Portnell, Samantha Jayme, Sarah Horsman, Stephanie Vrsnik, Katie Pfister, Vanessa Delgado-Acosta,

Staff: Abbie Chalupnik, Wendy Thornley

2. **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. To provide public comment telephonically, dial [1(775)-321-6111]. When prompted to provide the Meeting ID, enter [832794904]. 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.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting November 1, 2024.

Nicole Muhoberac motioned to approve the draft minutes. Anna Marie Binder seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

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

Anna Marie Binder: The CADD Funding and Insurance Subcommittee has met twice. One letter they are working on, was reviewed and two more will be reviewed at the next meeting. Subcommittee members are reviewing Bill Draft Requests and bills that surround funding and insurance. The next letters that will be drafted will be regarding policy and funding.

Corey Nguyen: The CASD Workforce Development Subcommittee has had one meeting. They reviewed each objective to figure out action items. They discussed barriers that practitioners run into when they are trying to enter the workforce whether that be an RBT or a BCABA or BCBA, the state has different things that need to be accomplished in addition to the national certification.

5. **For Possible Action:** Review and Discuss Possible Vote to Approve the Applied Behavior Analyst (ABA) Provider Survey from the Workforce Development Meeting, Held December 6, 2024.

Nicole Muhoberac motioned to table this agenda item. Corey Nguyen seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

6. **For Possible Action:** Review and Discuss Legislative Updates Regarding the 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature that will Begin on February 3, 2025. Discuss the Impact of the Following Bills and Possible Vote to Approve the Position Statement to Representative Stacy-Brown-May from the Insurance and Funding Subcommittee Meeting Held December 6, 2024.

- AB6: Establishes the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance Program within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services. This has been addressed, and Anna Marie Binder sent the letter to Abbie Chalupnik and the Commission reviewed it.
- SB8: An Act Relating to Disability Services; Revising the Categories of Persons Who Receive Certain Services from the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

This item was tabled.

- BDR53: Requires School Districts to Coordinate with Certain Providers of Services for Enrolled Pupils with Autism Who Have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Currently, this has not moved over to be a bill. There is no current formal additional text currently. A letter from the Commission is being worked on.

- SB78: Revises Provisions Relating to Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Bodies.

Steven Cohen: The LCB Digest portion dealing with this has not been released.

Nicole Muhoberac motioned to table AB6 and SB8 and to revisit BDR53 and for Korri and Nicole to work with Abbie to develop a letter under SB78. Anna Marie Binder seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

7. **For Possible Action:** Make Recommendations and Approve the Letter to the Governor's Office as Required in Article III of the Commission Bylaws*.

Anna Marie Binder motioned to approve the December 13th letter to the Governor. Nicole Muhoberac seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

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

The next Autism Commission meeting will be on January 10, 2025, at 3:30 pm.

Agenda items for next meeting: Minutes

Tabled Agenda Item Number 5

Tabled Agenda Item Number 6 (BDRs 62, 106, 118)

Presentation by Desert Parkway on Behavioral Hospital

Gathering the data statewide of the autism programs and what their funding source is, whether it's federal, state, grant, ARPA, where's the fiscal cliffs, and where do we need to be putting in work to advocate to keep programs running or not

Clark County School District presentation on about their BCBA hiring pilot program

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Anna Marie Binder: Sent Abbie Chalupnik an email that was needed for a deadline.

Nicole Muhoberac: The Commission's website is now updated.

10. **Adjournment (For Possible Action):**

Meeting adjourned at: 5:14 pm.

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