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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: July 29, 2024, 3:30 PM

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Anna Marie Binder, Amy Coyne, Corey Nguyen, Linda Tran, Amy Walch, Korri Ward (Chair).

Members Excused Absent: Nicolee Muhoberac

Guests: Erica Brown, George Hernandez, Katelyn Miller, Samantha Jayme, Loren Gonzalez, Magdelana Ruiz, Fatima Taylor, Armando Leiva, Jennifer Frischmann, April St. James, Colleen Lawrence,

Staff: Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Wendy Thornley

3. Public Comment:

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Corri Ward: Commissioners are not on the website yet.

Amy Walch: Letters to the Governor need to be put on the reports page.

4. For Possible Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held June 17, 2024

Korri had two corrections: Spelling of her name needs to be corrected and under Item Number 5, needs "Council" changed to "Commission".

Amy Walch motioned to approve the draft minutes with two corrections.

Corey Nguyen seconded the motion.

Members voted and the motion carried.

5. For Information Only: Presentation by Moxy Up, a non-profit organization dedicated to guiding young people in improving areas necessary for their personal, professional, and social lives through positive mentoring and leadership practices, will emphasize its comprehensive services and supports for the autism community. Topics covered include education guidance, leadership development, positive socialization, tele-psychiatry services, and facilitating connections to vital social, medical, mental health, and substance use services within the community.

Colleen Lawrence, MSSSL, EJD

Director, Moxy Up

Colleen Lawrence: Shared her two-page handout, which is available on the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder's webpage on the Aging and Disability Services website: [Home \(nv.gov\)](#)

Moxy Up has been running since 2018 and provides youth mentoring services. They are located in Minden, Nevada and serve students who are members of the Douglas County School District.

Their website is: <https://moxyupmentoring.com/>

6. **For Information:** Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) Updates as it Relates to Current Caseload, Caseload Growth, Waitlist Elimination Progress, Referrals, Applied Behavior Analysis Profession Growth in Nevada, and Status of Active Providers.

This presentation demonstrates the outcomes reported on referrals, caseload, waitlist, and program type by the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) which are current through June 30, 2024.

The full presentation is also available on the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder's webpage on the Aging and Disability Services website: [Home \(nv.gov\)](#)

Monthly caseload for June 2024

80 new applications

1,063 active children, average age: 8.6 years old

37 total inactive children:

27 Straight ATAP – Average age of 6.4 years old

10 Service Coordination

Average wait time for all ATAP children (days from application start date to the date the child drops or becomes active):

58 Days

7. **For Information:** Presentation on existing resources, structure and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), for the workforce system as well as how Vocational Rehabilitation assesses people, funds training and incentives and negotiates with employers.

Armando Leiva, Employer Relations Specialist/Family Services Specialist, DWSS
Erica Brown, Business Account Manager, DETR Voc Rehab

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is both a federally and state funded agency which is a part of the Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation.

Their mission is to support Nevadans with documented disabilities in removing barriers to employment through counseling, guidance, training, and other

restorative services. They also conduct employer outreach to encourage businesses to create and enhance disability inclusion in their workplaces.

As a Business Account Manager Erica's role is to address misconceptions and unconscious bias about hiring people with disabilities, introduce hiring incentives, reasonable accommodations, facilitate disability awareness workshops, and other recruitment assistance.

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation provides career exploration, work skills hardening, and soft skills to their students between the age of 14 to 21 years old. Eligibility is based on enrollment in secondary or postsecondary institutions and the existence of an IEP or 504 plan.

Individuals with disabilities that are seeking help in obtaining, maintaining, and advancing in employment are encouraged to visit, www.vrnevada.nv.gov to apply for services.

8. **For Possible Action:** Discuss results of the Statewide Process and Progress of the English and Spanish Language Translation - 16 Item Provider Survey and the Consumer Survey, Outlined in the 5-Year Strategic Plan, * for Circulation to Individuals Across the State Living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (Consumers, Family Members, Care Providers, and Advocates).

Linda Tran: Sent the English versions of the survey summaries and data to Abbie. Asked Abbie to send the Spanish version to get it translated and then Linda Tran can put it all together.

Linda Tran motioned for Abbie Chalupnik to get the Spanish version translated.

Amy Walch seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion carried.

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

The next Autism Commission meeting will be on Friday, August 30th at 3:30 pm

- NEIS present and submit a report.
- Get results for agenda item 8
- BDR 62 discussion Senator Orenthal's bills.
- Expanding Autism services ABA
- Legislative updates
- Subcommittees

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Steven Cohen: Apologized for the interruption when he needed to leave the meeting. He would like to work with the Commission regarding legislative news.

Anna Binder: Knows Steven Cohen and will reach out to him regarding legislative news.

11. **Adjourn**

Amy Walch motioned to adjourn.

This meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

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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* **The 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://www.adsd.nv.gov/ADSD-Commission-strategic-plan-final-deliverable-12-24-14)

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