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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: September 20, 2024, 3:30 PM

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

Microsoft Teams

Physical Location: **1161 S Valley View Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89102**

Draft Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

Called to Order at 3:30 PM

2. **Roll Call**

Members: Nicole Muhoberac, Linda Tran, Amy Coyne, Amy Walch, Corey Nguyen, Korri Ward.

Guests: Diana Unaite, Sabrina Schnur, Belz & Case Government Affairs – Scribe by Rewatch, Rique Robb, Sarah Horsman, Samantha Jayme, Stephanie Vrsnik, Ralph Sacrison, Katelyn Miller, Zontonnia Moore, Katie Pfister, Lorraine Belt-Dolan.

3. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held August 30, 2024

- Amy Walch made a motion to approve the minutes, Corey Nguyen

seconded, motion carried.

5. **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.
 - Samantha Jayme shared a PowerPoint presentation that can be found here: [SFY25 August 2024 ATAP Presentation \(nv.gov\)](#)
6. **For Possible Action:** Discuss the Impact of the Following Bills and Possibly Vote to Approve a Position Statement in Support of:
 - Senator Ohrenschall's BDR 62; the Proposed Expansion of the Jurisdiction of Certain Specialty Courts for Juveniles to Include Children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Other Neurodevelopmental Disorders
 - Senator Baileys Detention Alternative for Autistic Youth (DAAY) Court Supports and Structures of the Current Programming the Workforce Development and Capacity in Nevada.
 - Nicole Muhoberac made a motion to table this item, Corey Nguyen seconded, and the motion carried.
7. **For Information:** Review and Discuss Legislative Updates for the 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature that will begin on February 3, 2025; as it Relates Individuals Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Living in Nevada.
 - BDR 53: Requires School Districts to Coordinate with Certain Providers of Services for Enrolled Pupils with Autism Who Have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
 - BDR 62: Senator Ohrenschall's Subject: Likely expansion of DAAY Court to cover 17, 364 (or school district-age out adults, as the present jurisdictional composition may be written)
 - BDR 106: Senator Dondero Loop Subject: Revises Provisions to Autism Placeholder, per written discussion with sponsor
 - BDR 118: Senator Ohrenschall's Revises Provisions Related to Autism
 - To help RBT's to have their services become billable sooner if they are Nationally certified and pending registration in the state of Nevada. There is a huge backlog and it's taking months to become certified or licensed in the state.
 - Currently it is often a financial barrier and a lot of hoops to jump through and takes time, while the RBT's are waiting to get started and get paid and this is hoping to make this easier for them.

- BDR 199: Assemblywoman Gonzalez Subject: Changes to Speech-Language, et al Board
- BDR 38-287: Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services Creates the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance Program
- BDR 13-470: Nevada Supreme Court Revises provisions relating to guardianship.
- BDR 34-461: Clark County School District Revises provisions relating to recruitment, retention and development of teachers and other educational personnel.
- BDR 34-462: Clark County School District Revises provisions relating to bullying.
- BDR 13-470: Nevada Supreme Court Revises provisions relating to guardianship.
- BDR 14-474: Nevada Supreme Court Revises provisions relating to specialty courts.
- BDR 38-479: State Treasurer Revises provisions relating to persons with disabilities.

8. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approve the Results From the Key Informant Interview Questions, Provider Survey, and Consumer Survey for Inclusion in the 5-year Strategic Plan. *

- Linda Tran shared the Summary of Results for the consumer survey and did clarify that the Spanish responses did not seem to translate very well so those will need worked on. This can be found in the meeting materials here: [Consumer Survey - Summary of Results \(nv.gov\)](#)
- Linda Tran shared the Summary of Results for the Provider Survey and was able to get the Spanish results added to this survey. This can be found in the meeting materials here: [Provider Survey - Summary of Results \(nv.gov\)](#)
- Linda Tran made a motion to approve the consumer survey results summary report and the Provider survey results summary report with updates on the two graphs that breaks down the number of clients served and those on waiting list. Nicole Muhoberac seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

- Key Informant survey.
- Devising a plan for the subcommittees.
- Outcome data from ATAP and NEIS for writing the Governor's letter.
- Revisit the BDR's.

- Regional Centers impact of the budget cuts potentially reducing adult services.
- Corey Nguyen made a motion to approve the agenda items for next meeting. Amy Walch seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Corey Nguyen made a motion to have the next meeting on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 3:30 pm, Nicole Muhoberac seconded the motion, motion carried.

10. **Public Comment:**

- Ralph Sacrison, Linda Thank you very much, I was delighted to see that analysis of the surveys. And Corey Nguyen yes, it's about time to contact the subcommittee and I would tend to think earlier the better because there's always going to be something that takes more time. On my business side and Professional involvement sides which is all engineering, mining, geology, nonsense. Once you start getting involved with Legislative Council Bureau and whatnot and everything else its really better to have your muck cars loaded up before you approach them. Thank you very much for this meeting.

11. **Adjourn 5:02 PM**

- Nicole Muhoberac made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 PM, motion carried.

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).

Agenda Posted at the Following Locations as Required by Law:

Nevada Early Intervention Services at 1161 S Valley View Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89102 and Aging and Disability Services Division at 3208 Goni Road, Building I, Suite 181, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at www.adsd.nv.gov and Nevada Public Notice website at Home - Nevada Public Notices Website - NV.gov

* **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://adsd.nv.gov)