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## NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

**Date and Time of Meeting:** January 10, 2025, 3:30 PM

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

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**Las Vegas, NV 89102**

**Date Published:** January 6, 2025

# MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Nicole Muhoberac, Linda Tran, Amy Coyne, Amy Walch, Corey Nguyen, Anna Marie Binder, Korri Ward,

Members Excused Absent:

Members Unexcused Absent:

Guests: Samantha D'Ambrosio Garcia, Steven Cohen, Kim Adams, Sarah Horsman, Lori Lutu, George Hernandez, Laura Fussell, Catherine Nielsen, Fatima Taylor, Betsy Newman, Sheila Garner, Lindsey Wood-Lopez

Staff: Abbie Chalupnik and 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.)

Nicole Muhoberac: Families for Effective Autism Treatment, in Southern Nevada, have the A Games which supports the people with autism, their siblings and families. There are opportunities to be a vendor or to sponsor a table or team.

Catherine Nielsen: Two comments; On January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, the Developmental Disabilities Council for Nevada will have a townhall to gather information on areas of emphasis and needs for the state. This Council will also have their Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day and training at the Legislature. The training will take place on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the legislative advocacy day will take place on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The Developmental Disabilities Council will be providing travel funds for those wishing to attend.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting October 18, 2024, and December 13, 2024.

Anna Marie Binder motioned to approve both sets of draft minutes. Corey Nguyen seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

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

5. **For Possible Action:** Possible Name Change for Funding and Insurance Subcommittee

This item was tabled.

6. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss, and Approve Position Statement(s) Carried Forward from the Workforce Development and Funding and Insurance Meeting from Legislative Bills Related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

This item was tabled

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** Discussion of the "Bill-Tracker-for-Legislative-Year-2025" Spreadsheet Provided by the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and Review of Current Position or Advocacy Activities to Identify Possible Collaborations.

The Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities is tracking anything that is related to the disability community councils and coalitions, and state agencies. On their website, ([nevadaddcouncil.org](http://nevadaddcouncil.org)), there is a tab for legislative information. The Bill Tracker sheet is on there and is updated regularly. They are currently tracking approximately 300 bills. Any ideas for educating or advocating at the legislature can be directed to the DD Council.

8. **Presentation and Discussion:** Presentation from Clark County School District Regarding A Pilot Program That Hired Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) to Provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Within the School District.

Amy Coyne stated that there was no representative from Clark County School District to give the presentation but asked what this board would like to have in a presentation regarding this. The following items were requested:

How Clark County hires and bills for the Board-Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs), and how to build the Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs). Also, what are the ages that the employees are working with.

An overview of the pilot program. What grade levels are participating in the pilot program. How many schools are participating in the pilot program. How long has the pilot program been in place. What is the return of success in the pilot program for mitigating student behavior and class disruptions.

9. **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.

The group discussed and revised the draft survey in real time.

Anna Marie Binder motioned to approve the revised Applied Analyst (ABA) Provider Survey from the Workforce Development Meeting, held December 6, 2024 implementing comments made. Linda Tran seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

10. **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 Related Positions Statements.

- BDR 62 Expands the jurisdiction of certain specialty courts for juveniles to include children with fetal alcohol syndrome and other neurodevelopmental disorders.
- BDR 106 Revises Provisions Relating to Autism.
- BDR 118 Revises provisions relating to autism.
- 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.
- 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.
- BDR53: Requires School Districts to Coordinate with Certain Providers of Services for Enrolled Pupils with Autism Who Have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- SB78: Revises Provisions Relating to Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Bodies.

This item was tabled.

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

- Standing items
- Tabled items 10, 6, 5, and 4.
- Requested presentations from Desert Parkway presentation on their autism unit.
- Presentation by Medicaid regarding coverage of Board Certified Behavior Analysts and Applied Behavior Analysts.
- Presentation by Clark County School District regarding the hiring and

billing for Board Certified Behavior Analysts and Applied Behavior Analysts.

- Insurance and Funding Subcommittee report
- Workforce Development Subcommittee report

The next CASD full commission meeting will be Friday, February 28th, 3:30pm

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Abbie Chalupnik: Apologized for the tardiness of minutes. She mentioned that there are not very many support staff. Thanked the Commission for allowing her to facilitate the Commission's meetings and looks forward to attending as a guest.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm

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