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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – INSURANCE AND FUNDING

Date and Time of Meeting: January 24, 2025, 11:00 AM

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Draft Minutes

1. **Roll Call (Wendy):**

Members' Present: Anna Marie Binder, Stephanie Chung, Eve Eriksson, Dora Schwartz, Steven Cohen, Dalia Gonzalez

Members Excused Absent: Ralph Sacrison, Allen Glatts

Members Unexcused Absent: D.J. McGee, Katrina Ojeda, Meghan Brescia-Burns

Guests: Abbie Chalupnik, Rachael Metz, Samantha Jayme, Fatima Taylor, Sarah Horsman,

Staff: Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia 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 [221 090 796 333]. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comments 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.)

Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia: Reminded for people to spell their name when introducing themselves.

Anna Marie Binder: Welcomed Samantha D'Ambrosio and Wendy Thornley.

3. **For Possible Action:** Review and approval of the meeting minutes from the December 6, 2024, and January 3, 2025, Subcommittee meetings.

Steven Cohen made a motion to approve both sets of draft minutes with any corrections as needed. Eve Eriksson seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

4. **For Information and Discussion:** Medicaid budget updates and potential changes to Medicaid age capitation, specifically as it relates to the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) treatment in Nevada. This discussion will also consider any potential implications following the Governor's State of the State Address. Updates provided by Samantha Jayme, ATAP, and Sheri Gaunt, Behavioral Health Benefits Coverage.

Samantha Jayme: This would need to be a statute change....

Steven Cohen: Would we need to formalize a request for analytics or does the

Steven Cohen: The inclusion of data is a requirement of the twice a year letter to the Governor.....

Samantha Jayme: ATAP serve kids with Medicaid and can share their data...

Steven Cohen: AB6, asked Samantha Jayme

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Anna Marie Binder: Katie Beckett Program....

Steven Cohen: What education occurs around the modeling of ABA...

Anna Marie Binder:

5. **For Possible Action:** Review and discussion of position statements to be carried forward to the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD) related to current or upcoming legislative bills on ASD. The members of this body may also consider a motion to officially change the Subcommittee's name to the "Policy Subcommittee".

Anna Marie Binder: The Developmental Disabilities Council's policy subcommittee is meeting on January 30th, at 9:00 am.

Steven Cohen motioned to officially change the Subcommittee's name to the Policy Subcommittee, for Eve Eriksson to submit a summary of her experiences with diagnosis issues at the next meeting, and for Steven to email concerns regarding AB 42 to Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia.

Eve Eriksson seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Presentation regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 6, which establishes the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Treatment Assistance Program within the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) of the Department of Health and Human Services. Presented by the ADSD Legislative Liaison.

Samantha Jayme: The Assembly on Health and Human Services...

Anna Marie Binder and Steven Cohen will be present in person for those presentations.

7. **For Information and Discussion:** Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Community Engagement Manager, will provide an update on Senate Bill 78 (SB78), which revises provisions related to the operation of boards, commissions, councils, and similar bodies. The discussion will focus on how SB78 impacts the CASD including the official divisional approaches during the legislative session, procedures for contacting officials responsible for addressing related questions, and any other pertinent updates.

This agenda item is to be moved to the full Commission's agenda instead of this subcommittee.

8. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Review of the draft letter to the Nevada Legislature concerning legislative bills related to ASD, with a focus on SB78. The Subcommittee will discuss the outcome of the presentation of the letter to the full Commission and may approve the letter and the next steps for outreach to the Nevada Legislature.

This item is to be moved to the full Council meeting.

9. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Discussion regarding the current status of the CASD Community Strategic Plan. This includes updates on tentative proposals brought forth to the main commission, the potential steps still needing to be addressed, task assignments, and deadlines for action.
This item was tabled. Members will review the current Strategic Plan before the next meeting and bring actionable steps suggestions.
10. **For Information and Discussion:** Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia will provide information regarding the transition of the CASD to the Office of Community Living (OCL) as of January 10th, 2025. This discussion will include anticipated changes, updates, support staff capabilities and limitations, and how this affects scheduling for future meetings.
11. **Public Comment:**
Abbie Chalupnik: The creation of a third subcommittee (Resource Development Subcommittee), will need to be taken to the next full Commission meeting.
12. Next meeting date and agenda items: **Adjournment:**
Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm