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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: October 18, 2024, 3:30 PM

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

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

Guests: Samantha Jayme, George Hernandez (Chaired the meeting on behalf of Abbie Chalupnik), Steven Cohen, Diana Unaite,

3. **Public Comment:**

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Anna Marie Binder: Read her public statement out loud.

That says statistics and studies that provide insight into the prevalence of autism. Alcohol syndrome and other neurological disabilities among incarcerated populations. And here's some relevant points. So number one is ASD autism spectrum disorder. A 2012 study estimated that approximately 4% of inmates. In state and federal prisons are on an autism spectrum. This figure may not be fully fully captured. The prevalence as many individuals may undergo undiagnosed or misdiagnosed.

#2 fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

Of ASD research indicates that individuals with FASD are overrepresented in the criminal justice system.

Some studies suggest that the prevalence of FASD among incarcerated individuals may be as high as 10 to 23%, depending on the population study.

This is significantly higher than the general population #3 was general neurological disabilities, a report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics indicates that a substantial percentage of incarcerated individuals have a form of mental health disorder. While specific statistics for neurological disabilities like ADHD or learning disabilities may not be as readily available.

Studies suggest that individuals with these conditions are at a higher risk of involvement in the criminal justice system and the number four was mental health disorders, which according to NIMH is approximately 64% of individuals in state prisons and 54% federal prisons.

And as you all know, mental health disorders can include a range of neurological and psychological conditions.

So these just highlight the importance of specialized programs within the criminal justice system to address the unique needs of individuals with autism.

FAS and other neurological disabilities.

Thank you.

4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting held September 20, 2024
Nicole Muhoberac motioned to approve. Corey Nguyen seconded. Members voted and the 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: Presented a slide show presentation.

Anna Marie Binder: CCSD is having their family fair and ATAP will be there. ATAP has various trainings from fifteen minutes to an hour and a half.

Anna Marie Binder: Asked about an engagement flyer for this commission to share. UNLV has a series of flyers in six different languages.

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

Abbie Chalupnik: Had already sent the Position Statement to the group that Anna Marie Binder had sent before.

George Hernandez: Read the Position Statement out loud.

George Hernandez edited the letter live in the meeting. Korri Ward will be signing the letter.

Amy Walch motioned to approve the letter to Senator Ohrenschall with Korri's edits. Nicole Muhoberac seconded the motion. Members voted and the motion carried.

- Senator Baileys Detention Alternative for Autistic Youth (DAAY) Court Supports and Structures of the Current Programming the Workforce Development and Capacity in Nevada.

George Hernandez: Ms. Bailey's detention alternative for autistic Youth Day court, established in 2018, has been a pioneering program in Nevada designed to divert children on the autism spectrum from the criminal justice system.

7. **For Possible Action:** Review and Discuss the Impacts of the Following Bills and Legislative Updates for the 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature that will Begin on February 3, 2025; as they Relate 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
 - 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.

This item was tabled.

8. **For Possible Action:** Approve Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities, Review and Approve Upcoming Subcommittee Meeting Dates, Public Entities and/or Members to be Contacted to Participate in Each Subcommittee, in Preparation for

the 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature That Will begin on February 3, 2025, and the Upcoming 5-Year Strategic Plan*

Subcommittees could possibly take place on the same day.

Anna Marie Binder: Will get a date from her subcommittee members.

Abbie Chalupnik: Offered times on November 15th and the 22nd. She also suggested Monday, the 18th and the 25th.

Corey Nguyen motioned to have Abbie to send out a Doodle Poll. Amy Walch seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

9. **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: Gave a presentation. Abbie had sent this to commissioners earlier the day of this meeting.

Corey Nguyen motioned to have another meeting with just this one agenda item for November first at 3:30 pm. Nicole Muhoberac seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

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

The next meeting will be on Friday, December 13th at 3:30 pm.

- Approve the Governor's letter
- Tabled agenda item seven
- Hear from the subcommittees and the BDR list
- NEIS information with outcomes regarding kids going into the school district and into ATAP

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Anna Marie Binder: There will be a truck pull to benefit to benefit Special Olympics in Las Vegas. It will be at Cowabunga Bay at 1:50 pm.

12. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 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://ADSD Commission strategic plan final deliverable 12-24-14 (nv.gov))