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

Date and Time of Meeting: December 6, 2024, 9:00 AM

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Anna Marie Binder, Dora Schwartz, Ralph Sacrison,
Members Unexcused Absent: Alan Glass and Dahlia Gonzalez, Stephanie

Guests: Steven Cohen, Loren Gonzalez, Sheri Gaunt, Lori Follett, Sarah Horsman,
Samantha Jayme, Rachael Metz,

Staff: Abbie Chalupnik, 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 [55539266]. 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.)

No public comment.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2024.

Draft minutes are not available yet.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:** Discussion on Medicaid Budget Updates and Medicaid Age Capitation for any Potential Changes as it Relates to, the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Treatment in Nevada.

This item was tabled.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Nevada Early Intervention Service (NEIS), Discuss Early Intervention Services as it Relates to Upcoming Legislation H.R. 7808 to Amend Title XIX of the Public Health Service Act to Provide for Prevention and Early Intervention Services Under the Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services Program.

Sara Horsman: NEIS receives a small portion of federal funding from the IDEA Part C Office. Each state receives a federal grant each year for the provision of Early Intervention Services right now. 12% of that goes to one budget category of direct services. NEIS has an ongoing Memo of Understanding (MOU), with the IDEA Part C Office in which those funds must be agreed upon and if there's

any transfer of money directly into their budget account that goes through the Finance Committee.

With the combination of state programs and community providers, between 3,800 to 4,000 infants and toddlers are given services.

When children exit Early Intervention, they are usually transferred to school districts.

6. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss, and Make Recommendations for Draft Letters to the Nevada Legislature and on Legislative Bills Related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

- a. 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.
Drafted by Steven Cohen.

It was suggested that Mr. Cohen, to add in his letter that services be available for a lifetime instead of age 26. Also, that the word "treatment" be replaced with "affirming techniques".

Other recommendations will go into another letter.

Steven Cohen motioned that Commission members are authorized to work together and or with staff consistent with the terms of Open Meeting Law to ultimately refer to the best-case letter to the full Commission for signature and distribution.

Ralph Sacrison seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

- b. 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.

This item was tabled.

- c. BDR53: Requires School Districts to Coordinate with Certain Providers of Services for Enrolled Pupils with Autism Who Have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

d.

Ralph Sacrison motioned for the group to work on a letter for submission regarding BDR 53, addressing the child's needs and timely, reasonable assistance provided at the school during the day. To take into account a daily schedule, the balance of family's time. Steven Cohen seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

- e. SB78: Revises Provisions Relating to Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Bodies.

This item was tabled.

7. **For Possible Action:** Review and Make Recommendations on Ways to Support the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD) Current Community Strategic Plan.

Steven Cohen motioned to invite the Developmental Disability Council leadership to present at either the next Insurance and Funding subcommittee or the next full Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder meeting. Also, to discuss with the full Council about making relationships with other boards and councils throughout the state to support legislative advocacy work. Also, look at the spreadsheet of legislative bills that are being monitored by the Developmental Disability Council, splitting the task between Anna Marie Binder, Steven Cohen, Megan Burns, and Dora Schwartz. These individuals will draft letters or bills for discussion for the January 3rd meeting no later than close of business on December 16th.

Ralph Sacrison seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

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Steven Cohen: Besides the standing agenda items for the next meeting, the presentation on AB6 and tabled items, he would like a discussion surrounding FA11F and the proposed updates to 3700, which is the ABA section of manual agenda item 4.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm

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