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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: February 28, 2025, 3:30 PM

Location of Meeting: Virtual

Microsoft Teams:

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:**

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

Members Excused Absent: Corey Nguyen

Members Unexcused Absent:

Guests:

Staff: Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia & 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 [16941359]. 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.)
Presenter: Korri Ward, Chair

Public comment was provided by a member of the public regarding the investigation into the use of institutions for children with disabilities, which was revealed to have significant financial impacts. The member also introduced recommendations from the Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding intensive home therapy and wrap-around services, which are critical to supporting families and children with autism.

Anna Marie Binder informed the Commission that the state has entered into a 10-year settlement agreement with the DOJ regarding this issue and offered to share more details on the settlement and plans for implementation.

3. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the January 10, 2025 meeting.

Nicole Muhoberac motioned to approve and had a correction to the subcommittees and requested more information on the subjects. Linda Tran seconded with the added information. Members voted and the motion carried.

4. **For Information and Discussion:** 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.

Presented by: Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Community Engagement Manager

Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia provided an update on the transition of CASD to the Office of Community Living (OCL). She discussed the anticipated changes, updates to staff capabilities, and potential limitations that could affect future meetings and coordination.

5. **For Information and Discussion:** Workforce Development, Policy, and Resource Development Subcommittee Updates as it Relates to Topics for Consideration, Past Meetings, and Upcoming Meetings.

Corey Nguyen, Workforce Development

Subcommittee Chair

Corey Nguyen was absent.

Anna Marie Binder, Insurance and Funding

Subcommittee Chair

This subcommittee has met three times.

Nicole Muhoberac, Resource Development Subcommittee Chair

This subcommittee has not met.

Each Subcommittee Chair present, provided updates on past meetings and discussed potential upcoming topics of interest for the Commission's

consideration.

6. **For Information, Discussion, and Possible Action:** Review, Discuss, and Approve Position Statement(s) Carried Forward from the Workforce Development and Policy Subcommittee Meetings from Legislative Bills Related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).
Presenters: Corey Nguyen & Anna Marie Binder

No position statements were approved.

7. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Retaining the Scheduled Quarterly Dates for the Full Commission Meetings, with a Change to the Meeting Time. The New Time will be Determined by the Commission.
Presenter: Korri Ward, Chair

Discussion: The Commission discussed adjusting the meeting time for future quarterly meetings.

Samantha will send an email soliciting dates and times for future meetings. Commissioners need to reply as soon as possible, so that a schedule can be developed.

8. **For Review, Discussion and Possible Action:** Review and Discuss Legislative Updates Related to the 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature, Which Began 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.

Anna Marie Binder provided update for the following bills. Korri Ward and Nicole Muhoberac will write a letter in opposition to SB78 for review and voting at next meeting.

9. **For Information, Discussion, and Possible Action:** Review and Approve Tabled and Future Agenda Items; Discuss and Set Future Commission Meeting Dates and Times.

- CASD Five-Year Strategic Plan: Develop Definitive Plan of Action
Three survey summaries are to be used in the rewriting of the Strategic Plan. A timeline with tasked out items can be created. Staff will look into a more simplified template for the Commission to use to write the new Strategic Plan.
- Letter to the Governor
- Requested Presentation from Desert Parkway on their Autism Unit
- Presentation by Medicaid Regarding Coverage of Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and Applied Behavior Analysts (ABAs)
- Presentation by Clark County School District on the Hiring and Billing for Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and Applied Behavior Analysts (ABAs)
- Policy Subcommittee Report
- Workforce Development Subcommittee Report
- Discussion on Adjusting CASD Meeting Time and Potentially Changing the Meeting Day to Better Facilitate Focus and Advocacy

Anna Marie Binder motioned for Chair to work with Staff offline.

Korri to draft letter to Governor

All members to submit any bills of interest to staff regarding

Members will give staff contact info.

Linda Tran seconded. Members voted and the motion carried.

The next CASD full commission meeting dates:

Presented by: Korri Ward, Chair

- Friday, April 18th, at 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at: 1:30 pm

- Friday, June 20, 2025, at: 8:00 am
- Friday, August 15th, 2025, at: 1:30 pm
- Friday, December 12th, 2025, at: 1:30 pm

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Public comment was provided regarding intensive home therapy and the Olmsted Plan. Nicole Muhoberac suggested the use of Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) as a recommended therapeutic approach for at-risk youth, citing its evidence-based effectiveness. Additionally, Nicole shared her insights on the development of Nevada's Olmsted Plan and encouraged the Commission to explore it further.

11. **Adjournment:**
Presented by: Korri Ward, Chair
Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 1550 E College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89706, 1010 Ruby Vista Dr, Suite 104, Elko, Nevada 89801, 7150 Pollock Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89119, and 10375 Professional Circle, Reno, Nevada 89521. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at <https://adsd.nv.gov> and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>