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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS MEETING

Date and Time of Meeting: June 20, 2025, **8:00 AM**

Location of Meeting: Virtual Only, No In-person location.

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Roll Call:

Presenter: Wendy Thornley

Members: Corey Nguyen, Ana Marie Binder, Amy Walch

Members Excused Absent: Korri Ward

Members Unexcused Absent: Nicole Muhoberac

Guests: Steven Cohen, Sabrina Schnur, Allen Glatts, Amanda Palmer, De Yates, Ja Drake, Loren Gonzalez, Stephanie Vrsnik, Yeni Medina

Staff: Autumn Blattman & 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 [520 569 738# #]. 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
Steven Cohen: Bill 8589: This bill was vetoed.
SB-497: Known as the rate freeze bill.
Bill 589: The only bill that was vetoed among those that would most directly affect the Commission and/or the Early Intervention (EI) community.
3. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025, meeting.
Presenter: Korri Ward, Chair
Anna Marie Binder motioned to approve the minutes with minor changes.
Meghan Brascia-Burns seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.
4. **For Information and Possible Action:** Review of Letter of Gratitude for Amy Coyne, vote on approval and transmittal of letter to Amy Coyne. Presenter: Korri Ward, Chair
This item was tabled.
5. **For Information:** Update on CASD Bylaws and public record requirements to post bylaws. Presenter: Autumn Blattman
Autumn Blattman: Asked the Commission members to review the By-Laws that are currently on the website.
This item was tabled until more members can be present.
6. **For Information:** Review and Discuss Legislative Updates Related to the 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature. Discuss impact of legislation and budgets on people and families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
Presenter: Korri Ward and Commissioners

SB 380/BDR 118: Seeks to provide law enforcement training concerning ASD. Authorizes a certified registered behavior analyst, applying for registration as a registered behavior technician, to engage in the supervised practice of applied behavior analysis under certain conditions.

Will go into effect on October 1, 2025.

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

Did not pass.

SB140/BDR 62: Expands the jurisdiction of certain specialty courts for juveniles to include children with fetal alcohol syndrome and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

Will go into effect on October 1, 2025

SB174/BDR53: Requires School Districts to Coordinate with Certain Providers of Services for Enrolled Pupils with Autism Who Have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Did not pass. This bill would have required school districts to coordinate with certain providers and services for enrolled pupils with autism who have an IEP.

SB 257/BDR 106: Seeks to provide better diagnostic criteria for ASD.

Affective January 1st of 2026.

Will be effective January 1, 2026. This bill allows children suspected of having ASD to access diagnostic evaluations in a timely manner.

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.

Signed into law.

AB586 Makes supplemental appropriations to the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services for an unanticipated shortfall related to costs associated with certain provider payments.

Passed and signed into law.

SB8 Revises provisions relating to services provided by the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Passed and signed into law.

SB396 Makes various changes relating to education. Did not pass. The Commission may decide to continue looking at this bill.

Did not pass. This bill will be worked on further in the interim.

7. **For Possible Action:** Workforce Subcommittee update including translation of Workforce Survey and listserv support. Possible vote to permit next steps for the Workforce Subcommittee for Strategic Plan development. Presenter: Corey Nguyen
Korri Ward is working with state entities to get the survey sent out and to work with the language access Coordinator to translate the survey into Spanish. Anna Marie motioned for the Workforce Subcommittee to move forward with sending out the survey in English and Spanish. Amy Walch seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.
8. **For Possible Action:** Resource Subcommittee update including possibly assigning members and voting to approve subcommittee tasks and agenda items. Presented by Nicole Muhoberac
This item was tabled.
9. **For Information Only:** Status of the Funding and Insurance Subcommittee. Presented by Korri Ward
The Funding and Insurance Subcommittee has been sunsetted. When the Chair deems that the work is necessary, a new funding and insurance subcommittee will be formed.
10. **For Possible Action:** Review of Letter to the Governor. Letter to be edited and voted on for transmittal to the Governor. The Governor's letter follows the requirements of NRS 427A.8802. We will advise and make recommendations to the Governor regarding the needs of persons with autism spectrum disorders and their families and the availability, delivery and coordination of services for such persons in Nevada.
Presented by Korri Ward
Anna Marie Binder motioned to approve the letter and for members to send suggestions to Chair Ward and Wendy Thornley. Amy Walch seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.
11. **For Possible Action:** Review Analysis of 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Vote to approve assignments for research and writing tasks to members. Presented by Korri Ward
This item was tabled.
12. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approve Tabled and Future Agenda Items; Review Future Commission Meeting Dates and Times.
Tabled items, 4, 5, 8, 9, & 11

Remainder of the 2025 Autism Commission and Subcommittees Meeting Dates and Times

July 7/18/25: (1:00pm-3:00pm) Resource Subcommittee

August 8/15/25: (1:30pm-3:30pm) Full Commission

September 9/19/25: (1:00pm-3:00pm) Workforce Subcommittee

October 10/17/25: (8:00am-10:00am) Full Commission

November 11/21/25: (1:00pm-3:00pm) Resource Subcommittee

December 12/5/25: (1:30pm-3:30pm) Full Commission

Presented by: Korri Ward, Chair

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Presented by: Korri Ward, Chair

Steven Cohen: The DD Council's five-year plan is currently up for public comment and that opportunity will end July 24th.

14. **Adjournment:**

Presented by: Korri Ward, Chair

Meeting adjourned at: 8:57am

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