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

Date and Time of Meeting: January 3, 2025, 10:00 AM

Location of Meeting: Hybrid (Virtual, In-person)
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OR

Physical Location: 1161 S Valley View Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Date Published: December 27, 2024

Minutes

1. **Roll Call:**

In attendance: Abbie Chalupnik, Anna Marie Binder, Dora Schwartz, Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Eve Eriksson, Fatima Taylor, Katrina Ojeda, Kim Adams, Loren Gonzalez, Meghan Burns, Rachael Metz, Ralph Sacrison, Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Samantha Jayme, Sarah Horsman, Sheri Gaunt, Steven Cohen, Catherine Nielson, Carole Hanley

2. **Public Comment:** No Public comment made.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2024.
- Tabled until the next meeting.

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.

- For questions on programs contact Sheri Gaunt ABAservices@DHCFP.nv.gov
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) added treatment in the form of services.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) last approved an amendment in 2019.
- Senate Bill (SB) 191 from the 2023 Legislative session requires the Division to increase coverage that allows benefits to Medicaid recipients of all ages that meet the requirements.
- The State Plan changes were approved in April 2024 under other license providers.
- Medicaid budget updates will be available after the State of the State Address.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Discussion of the "Bill-Tracker-for-Legislative-Year-2025" Spreadsheet Provided by the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and Review of Current Position or Advocacy Activities to Identify Possible Collaborations.

- They do not Lobby, but they do provide education on what would happen if a Bill would or would not pass.
- More subject matter experts that have experience with autism and how the measures would impact families or individuals are needed.
- [LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION - Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)
- Registration has opened for Autism Awareness Day at the Legislator on March 3rd & 4th

6. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss, and Approve Position Statement(s) to be Carried Forward to the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD) from Legislative Bills Related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

- Suggestion to change the subcommittee name to Policy Subcommittee

7. **For Information:** Discussion with the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) Regarding the Fiscal Impact, Logistical Impact, of AB6: 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.

- Changes to the program must be done through the Nevada Revised Statute.
- In the 2023 Legislative session they passed for the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) not for ADSD.
- Any changes in the age increase will still need to be changed in the statute.
- AB6 has no fiscal note but may change during this Legislative session.
- This AB6 is expected to be reviewed early in the process and updates will be shared.

8. **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. SB78: Revises Provisions Relating to Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Bodies.
 - Cory was tasked to create a letter to bring forward to the full commission during the last full commission meeting.
9. **For Possible Action:** Review and Make Recommendations on Ways to Support the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD) Current Community Strategic Plan.
 - Discussion of potentially creating a monthly newsletter.
 - Getting a social media account was discussed and needs to be investigated.
 - Ralph Sacrison motioned to take the conversation to the full Commission and get directions on renaming the subcommittee and the newsletter.
 - Steven Cohen second the motion
 - All approved
10. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and Approve Agenda Items and Discuss Future Commission Meeting Dates.
 - Discussion to meet additionally during the Legislative session
 - Keep the following as standing items on future agenda's 1,2,6,8,9 & 10.
 - Updates from Policy Subcommittee from the DD Council
 - Steven Cohen motioned to approve the agenda items for the next meeting.
 - Ralph Sacrison second the motion
 - Revision to have February's meeting on Friday the 21st at 10:00am
 - All approved
11. **Public Comment:**
 - Anna Binder mentioned that stated that Elsie Montoya's department Belz and Case does lobby for bills and is doing an advocacy versus lobbying training on 1/16/2025.
 - Nevada Now is also holding a training on 1/14/2025 at 3:00pm.
 - Steven Cohen one of Nevada's Councilmen collaborated with the CAA Executive Director and some BDR's were identified as being relevant to this Commission.
12. **Adjournment (For Possible Action):** 12:31pm

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

NOTE:

- The following complete link for the meeting is included below:
- Supporting documents referenced above in the "for possible action" items may be requested from Abbie Chalupnik, Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders Administrative Support, ADSD at achalupnik@adsd.nv.gov and is/will be available at the meeting locations and ADSD website at [Autism \(nv.gov\)](http://Autism(nv.gov)).

* The 2025 Legislative Bill Tracker can be Located at [Bill-Tracker-for-Legislative-Year-2025.xlsx](#)

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. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at www.adsd.nv.gov and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>