



MINUTES
of the meeting of the
Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders - CASD Subcommittee Meeting Insurance
and Funding
March 2, 2022

The Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders – Subcommittee held a public meeting on March 2, 2022, beginning at 3:45 p.m. at the following locations:

3811 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 209 Las Vegas, Nevada
Teleconference meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting

1. Call to Order:

The meeting for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders Subcommittee-Insurance and Funding was called to order at by Subcommittee Chairman Kryk at 3:48pm.

2. Roll Call:

Members Present were Lenise Kryk Korri Ward, Jennifer Thomas, Melissa Almanza

A quorum was declared.

3. Public Comment:

Lori Follett Nevada Medicaid. Nevada Medicaid ABA dashboards are back up on our Medicaid website. Fiscal year state fiscal year 21 is posted and then next 2 quarters should be posted by the end of the March 2022. Ms. Follett dropped the link into the chat. Medicaid asked that this Subcommittee looks at it. It will handle most upcoming data requests.

4. Minutes Approval for February 9, 2022 Sub Committee Meeting.

Ms. Kryk discussed the subcommittee members adequate time for reviewing the February 9th 2022 Subcommittee minutes.

Ms. Chalupnik discussed minor grammatical edits to be bade to the February 9, 2022 minutes.

Ms. Almanza discussed reviewing February 9, 2022 minutes conferred with changing the spelling of her name correctly and making minor grammatical changes.

Ms. Thomas discussed reviewing February 9, 2022 minutes.

On motion by Subcommittee member Thomas, seconded by Subcommittee member Ms. Almanza, and approved with a unanimous vote.

5. For Information: Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) Updates.

Ms. Kryk reiterated that Samantha Jayme, ATAP Manager was present today and asked for clarification on who was to provide the information today to the subcommittee.

Ms. Chalupnik answered that it was okay for Ms. Kryk to provide ATAP updates in support of the Commission as a full public body.

Ms. Kryk provided ATAP updates and Ms. Jayme will provide correction if necessary. Ms. Kryk reported that there will be an Increase of supervision hours to obtain a closer practical field guideline ratio. A special provider consideration policy is in discussion to review the pros and cons of the distribution and other objectives.

Ms. Kryk shared adult services information with the Subcommittee. Additional supervision hours will be looked at to providing more medically necessary types of services to ensure the primary insurance payor is utilizing all insurance available, including Medicaid. This would allow families accessing Medicaid allow ATAP to really become the primary payor of last resort. This potentially allows ATAP to become part of the intake process to apply for Medicaid as an option. It is under discussion for ATAP to have potential funding available to increase those supervision hours for the straight ATAP funded families who do not have Medicaid and whose private insurance does not pay for ABA. ATAP then could adjust ratio guidelines based on reviewing the pros and cons of the Medicaid application process and increases in supervision hours.

Ms. Kryk discussed Medicaid provider waitlists. There is an issue with incoming and current providers taking on additional cases. It appears that families are veering away from Medicaid and not wanting to access that or apply due to a fear of potential 2 year wait list for their child. The waitlist times do not seem to be improving. A discussion of pros project that if there was additional were to become available, a shift waitlisted cases could take place rather that ATAP absorbing the cost to cover some materials, translation, and travel. ATAP would gratefully cover those which services that Medicaid and private insurance does not or other items up for discussion. Ms. Kryk discussed putting together a proposal based off the guidelines as a subcommittee to get approval bro bring to the full Commission for presentation to ATAP as a special consideration for families, Medicaid, and policy. Ms. Almanza discussed a compromise of potentially making the Medicaid application a requirement to offset asking for additional monies.

9. Possible Action: Assign Tasks to be Completed by Subcommittee Members Participating Subcommittee, in Preparation for Upcoming Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders Meeting.

Ms. Kryk indicated that Ms. Ward, was no longer on the Subcommittee call today. Ms. Chalupnik agreed. Therefore, Ms. Kryk asked if there is a need to present the idea as an of a proposal to the committee or because the subcommittee or could we vote on one of us, creating

that proposal to go to the full Commission to get approval or do we have to wait to ask permission to do the proposal? Ms. Chalupnik for the record clarified that this item is for information only to share information with the subcommittee members. Ms. Chalupnik is to contact the chair and the Co-chair of the full body Commission and get an item added to the next agenda for discussion. Ms. Kryk proposed adding number 9 to say assign tasks to be completed by subcommittee members participating in the subcommittee in preparation for the upcoming agenda to focus on the ATAP objectives and put a proposal together. Ms. Chalupnik agreed that this should be discussed in item 9.

Ms. Thomas indicated that there is a possibility that quorum could be lost and in the interest of time the subcommittee should move this to item 9 and get to items to be votes upon. Ms. Chalupnik agreed. Ms. Kryk moved this to item 8 and will start drafting a document for subcommittee review. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Almanza agreed to this for the record. Ms. Chalupnik clarified the acceptable options of the process under which the document draft must go through under Open Meeting Law/Roberts Rules of order and how it will be live edited before the subcommittee.

On motion to make a skeleton draft to send to Ms. Chalupnik for March 15th presentation to the full committee was made by Subcommittee member Almanza, seconded by Subcommittee member Ms. Thomas, and approved with a unanimous vote.

5. For Information: Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) Updates Continued.

Ms. Kryk clarified that the subcommittee was on task with ATAP objectives and regional centers would be present about rates. Ms. Almanza stated for the record that regional centers are in need of more providers due to extensive provider onboarding processes and noted that ATAP provides assistance with this in general. There is discussion of further exploration of information from the regional centers to be of a support in getting more provider's overtime. A subcommittee discussion will be had about get the regional centers to talk more about rates, cost of services and presenting information to the full Commission or not. Ms. Chalupnik clarified this item by suggesting to have one of the subcommittee members be assigned the task to reach out to a regional center person and including this as an agenda item for future talk to get this to the full Commission's attention. Ms. Chalupnik stated to send the information to send to relay it to Madame chair and Co-chair as an agenda item in the future. Therefore, Ms. Almanza and Ms. Thomas can reach out to regional centers binding that information and gathering it for when the Commission puts it on the agenda or regional center presentation. Ms. Almanza stated for the record that she has established connection with a regional center and volunteered for this task while asking if there are specific regional centers that need to be contacted. Ms. Thomas agreed to this. Ms. Chalupnik will assist in getting regional center information.

One motion to have Subcommittee member, Ms. Almanza, gather rate information from regional centers for future reporting to the full Commission was made by Subcommittee member Thomas and seconded by Subcommittee member Ms. Kryk and approved with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Kryk asked to move on to item number 9. Ms. Chalupnik stated yes that the chair has the Liberty to move for sake of possibly losing quorum. Ms. Kryk moved to item 6.

6. Possible Action: Assign Tasks to be Completed by Subcommittee Members Participating in the Insurance and Funding Subcommittee, in Preparation for Upcoming Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders Meeting.

Ms. Kryk informed the subcommittee that item is on the funding and insurance task updates discussion of the letter that was reviewed and legislator review by Commission. Ms. Kryk put together a letter and drafted it to be sent it over to the full Commission. This was discussed tabled for another timeline which coincides with Legislation. It will be discussed again before the full Commission again in April where it will be edited. In the meantime, the full commission was given a copy of the letter draft and the plan to discuss editing and distribution will take place in the future.

Ms. Kryk called for questions on this. The subcommittee had none.

Ms. Thomas brought up an issue about being informed about the CASD meetings and the Listserv. She dated that this issue would best be handled under public comment Ms. Chalupnik stated to address it with public comment but posed the question if Ms. Thomas would like to be added to the Listserv by Ms. Chalupnik or Ms. Almanza? Ms. Thomas requested to be added again for the record.

Ms. Kryk reiterated assigned tasks that a letter was drafted for potential distribution to legislators as an introduction to the full Commission. Ms. Thomas created a list of legislators and asked a question about extending it to the assembly for distribution to committee members. Ms. Chalupnik clarified that all information must be emailed to her to avoid open meeting law violations. Ms. Thomas will send over the lists to Ms. Chalupnik. Ms. Almanza asked Ms. Chalupnik for documents outlining open meeting law for self-education. Ms. Chalupnik will suggest to the full Commission to add this item as a future agenda item and potentially invite one of the Deputy Attorney General 's over to discuss open meeting law just a suggestion. Ms. Almanza agreed.

7. For Information: Discuss the CASD Current Community Strategic Plan, and CASD Preparation for Upcoming Strategic Report.

Ms. Kryk continued reiterating accomplished tasks of Ms. Almanza setting up meetings, and strategic future subcommittee plans of reviewing the 5-year strategic plan on the ASD website or a DSD website under the autism Commission under the reports to adjust the timelines of 2015 to 2020 to reflect current graces of time given due to the global pandemic. Ms. Kryk went on to detail the specifics of the subcommittees strategic plan to include gathering more information and objectives (a suggestive list of 10 objectives for the strategic plan) and discussing the next steps to accomplish the plan over time. The goal would be to present the strategic plans to the full Commission for guidance and focus. Moving forward, Ms. Kryk would like to start to discussions about the strategic plan to the Commission. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Almanza stated there was not time to review the current strategic plans but would like to add it to the agenda for

the next meeting. Ms. Kryk agreed to adding it to the next meeting so everyone has a chance to review the strategic plan.

8. For Information: Discuss Options for Improving Community Reimbursement Rates for Providers Working with Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Ms. Kryk discussed information options for improving community reimbursement rates for providers working with adults with autism spectrum and opened up to Ms. Ward who is not on the call to future explain. Ms. Almanza was tasked to reach out to the but did not have anything to add. Ms. Chalupnik did a roll call and confirmed Ms. Ward's absence. Ms. Kryk asked to table this item.

On motion to have item 8 tabled until the next subcommittee meeting was made by Subcommittee member Almanza and seconded by Subcommittee member Ms. Kryk. The motion was passed in a unanimous vote.

9. Possible Action: Assign Tasks to be Completed by Subcommittee Members Participating Subcommittee, in Preparation for Upcoming Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders Meeting Continued.

Ms. Kryk moved back to agenda item number 9 and continued with the assignment of tasks. Ms. Kryk will draft proposal regarding the supervision hour ratio for straight app plans. Ms. Almanza will connect with the role. Additional regional center information contacts will be given to Ms. Almanza from Ms. Chalupnik and will include a northern contact. Ms. Almanza added that the subcommittee will review the strategic plan.

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

Ms. Kryk discussed possible action items to add to approve agenda for the next agenda and discuss future or subcommittee meeting dates. Items included today's tabled item 8., strategic planning and objectives. Ms. Almanza added possible information and possible action regarding adult services updates or regional center updates or coordination of adult services and regional center updates.

Ms. Kryk discussed future date options. The subcommittee would like future dates scheduled far out on the calendar as a standing date like the full Commission, which meets on Tuesdays. The next Commission meeting is the 15th of April. It was discussed to meet Tuesday afternoon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. In choosing a future date, spring break will be considered and the subcommittee can pick a day of the week. Possible dates for March 2022 include 22nd or the 29th.

On motion to have the next the next subcommittee meeting on March 22, 2022 at 3:45pm was made by Subcommittee member Ms. Thomas. Ms. Almanza and seconded by Subcommittee member Ms. Kryk. The motion was passed in a unanimous vote.

One motion to have the next the next month subcommittee meeting on April 26, 2022 at 3:45pm was made by Subcommittee member Ms. Kryk. Ms. Almanza and seconded by Subcommittee member Ms. Kryk. The motion was passed in a unanimous vote.

11. Public Comment:

Ms. Almanza put in the chat a flyer on the Nevada Association of Behavior Analysis is having a event on April second. To register@nevadaaba.org.

Ms. Kryk mentioned not having any additional public comments and will move onto agenda item number 12, which is adjournment.

12 Adjournment

Ms. Kryk stated this is now agenda item number 12, which is to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kryk made a motion to adjourn today's subcommittee meeting. Ms. Almanza and seconded by Subcommittee member Ms. Kryk.

Adjournment was unanimously approved at 4:46 p.m.