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MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Date and Time of Meeting: June 28, 2018
12:00 p.m.

Carson City: Aging and Disability Service Division
3427 Goni Rd. #102
Carson City, NV 89706

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Dr. Mario Gaspar de Alba called the meeting for the Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders to order at 12:11 p.m.

Members Present: Samantha Jayme, Sarah Dean, Jamie Hutchison, Gwynne Partos, Dr. Mario Gaspar de Alba, Julie Ostrovsky, Tiffany Ellis

A quorum was declared.

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)

Ms. Ostrovsky advised that her and Ms. Partos were on the call this morning with CSPD and they did approve an Autism Sub-Committee. Ms. Ostrovsky is unsure what it will look like going forward, but she wanted to let our Commission know as well. It will be moving forward with a bill draft to make the Commission statue and she's hoping we can work hand in hand, both groups, if the law goes through. The Governor will need to reauthorize us before December. Some of the discussion is losing a Commission who has authority over monitoring and making recommendations for Autism programs, monitoring

Medicaid, monitoring ATAP and other things. Ms. Ostrovsky advised that there was discussion not only with Commission members, but from members of the Community.

Ms. Partos stated that she was not able to participate in the Town Hall, but understands that there is a large community of support for continuing to have the Autism Commission. Ms. Partos mentioned that she was satisfied that people on the CSPD are supportive of Autism and agrees to be a part of an Autism Sub-committee. Ms. Partos feels strongly to move forward with our unique Commission for a variety of reasons.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from the April 24, 2018 Meeting (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Partos made a motion to accept the minutes as they were written.
Ms. Dean seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. **Discussion and Approve on Final Report to the Governor's Office (For Possible Action)**

Dr. Gaspar del Alba stated that he tried to do the Letter different this time around by given all Commission members access to the letter through Google Document. He heard back from a few members. Dr. Gaspar del Alba asked if there are any questions or changes that should be made.

Ms. Partos thinks it was very well written, very thoughtful and she really appreciated the attention to some of the challenges we've had and how they were described. Ms. Partos commented on the last paragraph in terms to the next step. She wants to make sure we are not watering it down.

Ms. Ostrovsky made some suggestions on how to reword the section and all members agreed on it.

Dr. Gaspar del Alba revised the letter to what was suggested.

Dr Gaspar del Alba mentioned that he has not received updated numbers from NEIS, so he just left the previous numbers in the letter. Dr. Gaspar del Alba mentioned two options for the letter: Either wait for Fatima to email over the new numbers and plug it in later today or just remove NEIS numbers completely.

Ms. Partos would like the NEIS numbers in the letter and approves Dr. Gaspar del Alba to plug in the numbers once received.

Ms. Ostrovsky made a motion to approve the Final Report to the Governor. Ms. Partos seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. **Confirm Dates for Future Commission Meetings (For Possible Action)**

The Commission decided to meet on July 19th at 4:00 p.m.

6. **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)

There was no Public Comment

7. **Adjournment**

Dr. Gaspar de Alba adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.