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**Draft Minutes**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD)

Date and Time of Meeting: February 13, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

Videoconference Location: Aging and Disability Services (ADSD)  
3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132  
Conference Room H  
Carson City, NV 89706

Videoconference Location: Desert Regional Center  
1391 S. Jones Blvd.  
Training Room  
Las Vegas, NV 89146

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**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Members Present: Diane Thorkildson, Regina Daniel, Dora Uchel, Kelli Venci-Gonzales

Members Excused Absent: David Daviton, Shelley Hendren, Jeff Duncan

Members Absent: Char Frost,

Guests: Eli Schwartz, Stacey Alaribe, Lisa Bonie, Crystal Wren, Randi Humes, Laura Fink

Interpreters: None requested

CART: Becky Van Auken

Staff: Dawn Lyons, 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. Public comment at the beginning and end of the agenda may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson. Members of the public may comment on matters not appearing on this agenda or may offer comment on specific agenda items. Comments may be discussed by the Board, but no action may be taken. The matter may be placed on a future agenda for action)

Lisa Bonie stated that the State Plan For Independent Living is in development currently and there is going to be a public meeting to review the final draft of the document. That will be posted once in Las Vegas and at the same time in Reno.

Dawn stated that it would be on March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. The final draft will be available.

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2019 (For Possible Action)**  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Dora motioned to approve the draft minutes. Kelly seconded. The motion carried.

4. **Updates Regarding the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired**  
Eli Schwartz, Guest Commission Chairperson

Eli stated that Relay Nevada, CapTel caption services has hired a new outreach specialist for Las Vegas. Her name is Kimberly Fernandez. Obioma Officer is the new executive director for Deaf Centers of Nevada. Regarding the LEAD-K, Will Jenson have met with Senator Spearman and the legislative counsel bureau regarding a bill requirement using special education advisory for from a CPAC subcommittee. Two members of the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing are also on that subcommittee.

He also stated that the implementation of SB203 will only cover hearing aids, not implants, BAHA, ear molds or batteries. A relationship between the state and the hearing aid manufacturer needs to be established. The Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing is developing a grant to support the program. Only children under the age of 13 and under the 400 percent of Poverty level are eligible for this program. There are an estimated 30 children who will need hearing aids during the first year and it will cost 45 to 50 thousand dollars to fund the first year.

He stated that the search for an executive director for the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing is on-going, and the commission hopes to announce a hire in March.

5. **Discussion About Letter to the Governor Regarding Supported Legislation as relayed by the CSPD Legislative Subcommittee**  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

This subcommittee has not met. It was decided that Kelli would take over as the chair of the subcommittee and they would meet. Dora Uchel would like to take part and they will contact Char to remain being a member. They will work with Dawn and Wendy regarding meeting set up.

6. Discussion and Approval of Letter to be Sent to Governor Sisolak Regarding Guidance on a Subcommittee for Integrated Employment (For Possible Action)  
Regina Daniel, Subcommittee Chair

Regina stated that the subcommittee met and agreed to move the letter forward as drafted. She stated that she personally, would like to include records of success. Dawn will send out a report from the DD Council on successes they have had. The letter will be approved at the next meeting as a meeting agenda item.

7. Discussion Regarding Questions About the Nevada Early Intervention Services from the ADSD Caseload Evaluation Organization Report (CLEO)  
Randi Humes, Management Analyst II, ADSD

Randi stated that, Regarding waiting lists, children who are defined as waiting for services at the time that the CLEO report is generated. Data entry timelines contribute to these reported numbers. When the prior month's data is looked at, it is often fewer children who are waiting. Currently, there is a slight shortage of speech therapists available to the state. Most programs are constantly recruiting for additional providers and trying to manage the providers that they do have, on staff. Delays in delivery of services are often due to parent or caregiver delays.

8. Discuss Recommendations and Applicants for New Members to Fill Five Current Commission Vacancies  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Dawn stated that both Stacy Alaribe and Steven Cohen have put in applications and have not received appointments yet. She has been in touch with the director's office and is still waiting for an update. There are still three open vacancies for voting members. She stated that the commission's makeup is 11 voting members of which six must be either persons with disabilities or parents or family members of individuals with disabilities. All commissions and councils have had issues with getting appointments done in a timely manner.

9. Discussion and Make Possible Determination of Issues and Agenda Items to be Considered or Deliberated at the Next Meeting (For Possible Action)  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Move forward agenda items No. 5 and 6 to hear what the subcommittees have done since this meeting

Community Based waivers from the CLEO report  
Membership

10. Confirm Date for Future Meeting  
Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

The next meeting date is scheduled for May 14, 2020 at 9:00 am.

- 11. Public Comment (May Include General Announcements by Commissioners)** (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. Public comment at the beginning and end of the agenda may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson. Members of the public may comment on matters not appearing on this agenda or may offer comment on specific agenda items. Comments may be discussed by the Board, but no action may be taken. The matter may be placed on a future agenda for action)

Diane stated that she is on the board of directors of Amplify Life, a smaller nonprofit in the North that provides services to people with disabilities, and they are partnering with Sierra Regional Center to do a large Valentine's Day dance on the day after this meeting.

**12. Adjournment**

Diane Thorkildson, Vice-Chair

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am.

**Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities Members**

David Daviton (Chair), Dora Uchel, Charlene Frost,  
Shelley Hendren, Kelly Venci-Gonzalez, Regina Daniel, Diane Thorkildson (Vice-Chair)

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1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801
5. Nevada Community Enrichment Program, 6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Ste. L200 Las Vegas, NV 89146
6. Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 6039 El Dora Street H-8, Las Vegas, NV 89101
7. Disability Resource Center, So. E. Greg St., Suite 102 Sparks, NV 89431
8. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89706
9. Desert Regional Center, 1391 South Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146
10. Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Reno, NV 89431
11. Rural Regional Center, 1665 Old Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706
12. Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
13. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
14. Early Intervention Services, 2667 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512

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