



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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MEETING MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022
9:00AM

Place of Meeting: Virtual: Zoom

Meeting Materials can be found here: [CSPD \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/cspd)

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1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:

Diane Thorkildson, Chair

- Members: Diane Thorkildson, Stacy Alaribe, Pam Berek, Mechelle Merrill, Ophelia Simmons, Regina Daniel, Iliia Sandez, Charlene Frost, Pam Phillips
- Guests: Randall Owen, Dawn Lyons, Lisa Bonie, Dr. Elaine Brown, Steven Cohen, Heather, Crystal Wren, Carissa Russell, Jeff Duncan, Renee Portnell
- Staff: Cheyenne Pasquale, Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Deanna Smith

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. Comments will be limited to five 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.)

Dawn Lyons, Executive Director of the Nevada Statewide Independence Living Council

- Save the date for December 16th at 10am via zoom
- The Rehab Council in collaboration with SILC set up a presentation by Colorado Employment First
 - Anonymous letter sent regarding staffing crisis, at Desert Regional Center, due to
 - Unnecessary Terminations
 - Staff Bullying or targeting

- Retaliation against staff that express their concerns
- Staff quitting due to unfair working practices and abuse

Resulting inadequate support for the residents living on campus with DRC

- 6 to 1 patient to staff ratio rather than 2 to 1, which is recommended
- Discharging unqualified patients back into the community without a plan of care

3. Approval of Minutes of the August 11, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)

Diane Thorkildson, Chair

- Approved meeting minutes for August 11th, 2022

4. Discussion and Update regarding Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) Olmstead Planning Survey:

Randall Owen, PhD, Director, Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED)

- Full report by NCED is still being reviewed
- 170 people with lived experience with disability, older adults or family members have completed the survey
- 130 professionals whom of which work for the State, private practice and other ranges of professional environment, took the survey.
- 95% of people with lived experience and 98% of professionals believe that the Olmstead plans were great
- Less than half of people had ever heard of the Olmstead plan
- Only about 20% had read the Olmstead plan in detail
- On a grading scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being the worse and 4 being the best, with all surveys averaged out to 2.2

Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning, ADSD

- Kickoff meeting with SCI and ADSD Team to review scope of work and a plan for this project
- Kickoff meeting November 28th, 2022, with the steering committee
- Idea is to link the Olmstead plan with other divisions, such as DPBH, and intersect their Olmstead plan with the one our team is making

5. Discussion and Updates regarding ADSD approach to addressing the mental and behavioral health needs of ADSD consumers

Elaine Brown, PhD, FAAIDD, Chief Psychologist ADSD

- How Does ADSD support people with a dual diagnosis?
 - Every person that approaches ADSD for services, through developmental service within ADSD go through a process to explore factors such as -
 - What brings people through the door
 - What's important to and for people
 - Being familiar with the support
 - Health and well-being of that person, that family and what that person brings
 - Everyone meets with an intake person or service coordinator
 - Service coordinators are trained to provide resources around identifying and assessing the support needs of people
 - Trainings offered on a regular basis to providers
- How does ADSD support people overall and not just the disability
 - Through data gathered from public health estimates such as census data and national core indicators we recognize individual needs in addressing -
 - Medical Needs
 - Behavioral Health needs
 - Needs the person expresses

- Clinical teams and psychological services and delivery of services
- How does ASD help families and individuals seamlessly connect with behavioral health services?
 - Consultant clinical person who helps work with that individual or that family on how you access the community services that might meet their individual needs
 - Other contacts with direct behavioral health providers
- What is ASD's and CSPD's roll in working with DPBH and DCFS?
 - Provide support to CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers)
 - Advocacy
 - Provide Training to encourage professionals to be able to meet anybody's needs and know how to do that
 - Partnering with DCFS (Department of Child and Family Services) about the continuum of services for youth who have disabilities
 - Expanding in the home and community options for kids
 - Looking at more specialized treatment services for you with complex needs
 - Looking at what kind of support the family can benefit from regarding behavioral health, even without a specific behavioral health diagnosis up front
 - NCED, with the support of PBIS, has a contract with DCFS and ASD to provide comprehensive and interdisciplinary wrapped services around families of which have youth with dual diagnosis
 - The contract with ASD expands into adults with dual diagnosis who are at risk for placement disruption because of their challenging behavior
 - NCED has chosen to apply COVID relief funds towards health professionals that are willing and able to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - In the process of surveying practitioners throughout the state and holding interviews
 - Ultimately hoping to work with ASD, DCFS and DPBH to do workforce development trainings aimed towards provider capacity to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the mental health arena

6. Presentation and discussion regarding Colorado's Employment First program:
Cindy Swanson, MSW, CSPD member

- Presentation unexpectedly canceled
 - Colorado's Employment First Program will be back December 16th to do a presentation on partnership with the SILC on their employment first model
 - Will be a virtual training via zoom, meeting invite information to be sent out soon

7. Presentation and discussion regarding BDR's and other legislative activity on interest to the CSPD:
Eric Jimenez, Nevada State Treasurer's Office and CSPD member

- BDR 303, the Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Bill
 - Provide supportive living services and rent subsidies for people who are coming out of homelessness and may need extra support while integrating into the larger community
 - Same support is offered to those with disabilities

8. Discussion and Updates regarding ASD Combined Caseload Statistics (CLEO) report data
Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning, ASD or ASD staff

- CLEO Report
 - Slight Increase on most waiting lists
 - Waiver for frail elderly and waiver for persons with disabilities had the most significant increases on waiting lists from month to month
- Follow up questions
 - Is ASD tracking the children with managed care organization coverage that were taken off of the wait list to be tracked separately?
 - Who is tracking them?
 - Data that is being collected on those children who are with MCO's

- In regard to Nevada Early Intervention Services - How many children are getting at least one of the thirty eight services
 - Of those thirty-eight services through NEIS, are there any gaps that we just don't have providers to provide those services? What kind of services are experiencing gaps?
- Update on shift in how ATAP is defining waiting lists
 - Children being removed from waiting lists who are open to case management, even if they're not receiving other services

9. Review, Discuss and Approval Tentative Agenda Items for February 9, 2023, meeting: (For Possible Action)

Diane Thorkildson, Chair

- What is ADSD's plan in greater detail with the ARPA funds
- Discussion of possible organizing a legislative committee as a subcommittee
- Possible presentation on the various waivers that are run through ADSD, how they function, how people are eligible
- Possible presentation from System of Care
 - What it is
 - How it works

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- Letter from Sherwin Williams in Fernley willing to assist with job placement for people with disabilities
 - E-mail Teresa.Hanson@shervin.com for any referrals from our agency, committees etc.

11. Adjournment:

Diane Thorkildson, Chair

- Reminder that it's Medicare open enrollment through December 7th
 - For assistance with Medicare plans, Medicare assistance programs or MAP, offers free unbiased information
 - Call 1-800-307-4444

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