



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION  
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## DRAT MEETING MINUTES

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

*Date and Time of  
Meeting:* Thursday, August 11, 2022  
9:00AM

*Place of Meeting:* Virtual: Zoom

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

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### NOTE:

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### 1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:

Diane Thorkildson, Chair

- Members: Diane Thorkildson, Stacy Alaribe, Pam Berek, Charlene Frost, Cindi Swanson, Pam Phillips
- Guests: Deanna Smith, Renee Portnell, Katie Rosachi, Steven Cohen, Cissy Garic, Vanessa Dunn, Dawn Lyons, Carrie Greely, Linda Anderson, V Delgado-Acosta, Sarah Zita, Nevada Pep, John Rosenlund, Robin Kincaid, Adrienne Navarro, Jack Mayes, Jessica Adams, Sheila Garner. Becky Van Auken, Captioner
- Staff: Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Lisa Torres

### 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.)

- Cindi Swanson – Families and people are not being educated enough about public benefits offered. Colorado passed legislation for training people with disabilities and workforce investment.
- Pam Berek - Bridge Link is now an official nonprofit organization; their goal is to address employment issues as well as targeting quality of life with caregiver relief. Bridge Link is still looking for a location and grant funding.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)

Diane Thorkildson, Chair

- Pam Berek motioned to approve the minutes, Cindi Swanson seconded, motion carried.

4. Discussion and presentation regarding the Collaborative Pathways Program:

Kathryn Rosaschi, Clinical Program Manager, DCFS

- Collaborative Pathways is made up of several teams that work together to come up with a plan of care for the family and working on financial means to implement the plan.
  - Administrative Team – Collecting, reviewing, and reporting data to the Director of DHHS, annually.
  - Child and Family Team – Family driven child center collaborative service focusing on strengths and needs of the youth and families based on developmentally appropriate, parents, service professionals, care takers and other individuals identified as being integral to the youth’s environment of a mental health rehabilitation.
  - Consensus Unit – Includes the Director of DHHS, key division administrators and directors of child welfare agencies with decision making authority; including the ability to allocate funding, resources and assuring that a care plan is executed at the child and family clinical team level.
  - Implementation Team – Develop the means of which the care plan is implemented, which includes two secure funding for implementation of the care plan.
- Referrals are reviewed for approval or denial within 5 days, with reasoning for denials and appropriate resources given.
  - Criteria for approved referrals consist of: Youth must be admitted to a hospital or mental health facility, have not been subject to abuse or neglect and the youth is at risk of relinquishment of custody to an agency which provides child welfare services or private entity solely for youth to receive services.
  - DCFS does consider youth that are or have recently been in a detention facility. If there’s been abuse or neglect circumstances such as how long ago was the abuse or neglect and is the youth still in the care or would be in the care of the party doing the abuse or neglect.
- Program on hold while administers workout a collaboration with residential centers, hospitals, and different community sources that services can also be outsourced to while being overseen by DCFS.
- Pam Berek asked how soon they were planning to start the program and the answer was that they are hopeful to have a contract in place by the end of the year.
- Katie Rosachi’s contact information: krosaschi@dcfs.nv.gov

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

Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning, ADSD

- Lisa Torres, stepped in for Cheyenne today. UNR survey has been closed and they are compiling the final report.
- Contracted with social entrepreneurs, SEI and organizing the committees.
- Social entrepreneurs are looking to develop a steering committee with a representative from each of the ADSD advisory boards, councils, and commissions; something for the commissioners to think about joining.
- Steering committee will be the driving force for the Olmstead plan and working with SEI to provide feedback on the goals, objectives, and process of the program planning throughout the project.
  - Cindi Swanson and Diane Thorkildson volunteered to be on the Steering committee.
- We are hoping to have one of the UNR data collection group to give more information at our next meeting.

6. Discussion and Updates regarding the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) CLEO report  
Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning, ADSD or ADSD staff

- Sarah Zita with ATAP
  - ATAP helps with the funding of services for families with Autism social skills programming and therapy.
  - Service coordination plans available for Kids that have Medicaid, if eligible for the service coordination piece.
- The current CLEO report is not accurate as far as how many kids are on the waiting list. This list includes those children that are in referral.
  - Referral is just the initial opening of the application and yet to determine eligibility.
  - This number will be reported separately during the next fiscal year.
- Information on FAS is being communicated to the public at different community events
  - No handouts available currently
  - Have not come across a child with only a FAS diagnosis yet and not sure the child would qualify for services (still a lot of grey area.)
- Sara Zita's contact information: [sgzita@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:sgzita@adsd.nv.gov)

7. Discussion and Updates regarding ASD CLEO report data

Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning, ASD or ASD staff

- Community-Based waiver has a one year long waiting list due to staff shortages
- Senior RX program (SRX) and Disability RX program
  - Covers premium up to \$37 a month
  - Program cases have decreased from over 5,000 individuals in 2017 to under 500 individuals currently, due to changes in Medicare part D
  - Evaluating programs to better utilize funds and support the needs of more individuals
- For information about the Assistive Technology for Independent Living program please contact:
  - John Rosenlund: [jrosenlund@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:jrosenlund@adsd.nv.gov) or
  - CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada  
7910 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89506  
(775) 829-2273 - Main, Ext 108  
(866) 206-5242 - Toll Free - [bdonnelly@carechest.com](mailto:bdonnelly@carechest.com)
- Assistive Technology for Independent Living program for southern Nevada Southern Nevada:
  - CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada  
5550 West Flamingo Road, Ste A3 Las Vegas 89103  
(702) 335-4241 - Main  
(866) 206-5242 - Toll Free - [ilprogram@carechest.com](mailto:ilprogram@carechest.com)

8. Discussion and Updates regarding ASD approach to addressing the mental and behavioral health needs of ASD consumers

Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning, ASD or ASD staff

- Tabled to a future meeting

9. Review, Discuss and Approval Tentative Agenda Items for November 10, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)

Diane Thorkildson, Chair

- Discussion with ATAP about the legislative SB217 regarding working with the FASD children.
- Further discussion about what the legislative intent behind the inclusion or maybe not of FASD in terms of ATAP services.
- Employment First legislative proposal that would include educating families about public benefits.
- Updates on BDR's for the upcoming legislative session.

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- Lisa Torres - We will be doing an all-board member training on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and we will be covering several topics if you did not get your invitation, please contact Lisa Torres at [Ltorres@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:Ltorres@adsd.nv.gov)
- John Rosenlund – hats off to Cindi for raising her hand and advocating for more than the bare minimum

11. Adjournment: 10:38 AM

Diane Thorkildson, Chair

### **Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:**

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