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## Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD)

### RESCHEDULED

### MEETING MINUTES

**Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9:00am**

**Location of Meeting: Zoom ([Zoom.us](https://zoom.us))**

#### 1. **Roll Call:**

- **Members:** Charlene Frost, Cindi Swanson, Diane Thorkildson, Iliia Sandez, Kimberly Glass, Max Lowe, Pam Phillips, Regina Daniel
- **Guests and Staff:** Shannon Sprout, Sabrina Schnur, Shauna Brennan, Belz & Case Government Affairs, Toni Clay, Gujuan Caver, M. Nelson, Sam D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Steve Black, Deanna Smith, Ophelia Simmons, Autumn Blattman, Lori Lutu, Ariel Williams, Kelcy Meyer, Dawn Lyons, Robin Kincaid, Steven Cohen, John Rosenlund, Doralee Martinez, Stephanie Crowne, Renee Portnell,
- **Captioner:** Becky Van Auken

#### 2. **Public Comment:**

- Written public comment submitted by Steven Cohen: The adult system for people with autism is severely (emphasis added) fractured in our State. What steps does the Commission plan to take ahead of the Legislative Session? There are two remaining quarterly meetings in which to discuss this topic, after today, seeing as how it can't be a late addition under OML. I have my flight booked to temporarily move up to Carson for Session and am exploring lodging accommodations within hopeful walking distance of the building at this time. Individually or as a small group, I always welcome the opportunity to assist in collaborating with other advocates to bring forward common sense solutions. In the interest of full disclosure, I have Madame Chair to thank, alongside the remaining key LEND faculty members, for further developing my advocacy skills. As the first self-advocate trainee in NV LEND history during the '17-'18 Program Year, our project team examined these fractures. This upcoming Session appears to be my 6th regular session, and, unfortunately, will be my last in NV, unless, as a community, we put aside our personal and/or

partisan differences and work together. Regular olive branches are provided, primarily by the Feds, but NV simply has had a siloed approach for most of my time near and/or in Building, mostly from the South. By working together, we can create systemic change, but we need to stop acting like elementary school children on a playground, or we will either maintain the status quo, or regress, depending upon the matters at hand. Staff note: If folks identify themselves, as I filter out perceived junk, now that I'm no longer working (this will be my on-record expansion), at least for the time being, I've adopted a 4 to 1:30 schedule for advocacy, seeing as how some flows through from D.C. This should not deter folks from reaching out beyond these hours; however, I simply am unable to sacrifice in full my own important to-do list at this time, and may refer more complicated stuff out to partners, such as authorized NPOs (e.g., NV PEP, NDALC, SNCIL, etc.). However, in some cases, urgent matters are on the table, and, for example, it appears as if Minerva from SNCIL is currently booking for July.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my below contact info with any questions. Sincerely, Steven Cohen, Alumni, Lee Business School (BSBA - Accounting) '16

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of meeting minutes from November 9th, 2023, and February 15, 2024.
  - Max Lowe motioned to approve meeting minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - Char Frost seconded the motion.
  - Meeting minutes approved unanimously.
4. **Presentation and Discussion:** Desert Regional Center (DRC) to provide an overview of DRC services, including information related to person-centered planning and DRC's relationship with various community-based services and agencies.
  - Presentation can be found at [Home \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov)
  - Works closely with community partners on the County side.
    - a) Clark County Department of Family Services.
    - b) Justice system for juveniles and adults.
    - c) Programs for under developmental services, or the mental health side of services.
  - Collaborating with school districts
  - The eligibility review committee meets once a week but can, in emergency cases, process a case outside of the committee.
5. **For Information and Discussion:** Discussion and Update regarding ADSD Olmstead Plan implementation.
  - Tabled until the next meeting.
6. **For Information and Discussion:** Discussion and Update regarding ADSD Combined Master Caseload Statistics Report.
  - Tabled until the next meeting.

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** ADSD Language Access Plan and Receive Feedback.
    - ADSD Language Access Plan can be accessed at: [Home \(nv.gov\)](#)
  8. **For Discussion:** Tentative agenda items for next meeting
    - Any suggestions can be e-mailed to Wendy Thornley at [wthornley@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:wthornley@adsd.nv.gov)
  9. **Public Comment:**
    - Doralee Martinez states that the Language Access Report is not accessible for those who are visually impaired, along with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) forms on the website are not accessible either. She encourages ADSD to make sure to take care of everyone with disabilities. Plain text is important as colorful text can be hard to make accessible.
  10. **Adjournment (For Possible Action):** 11:10am
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**NOTE:**

**AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 3208 Goni Road, Building I, Suite 181, Carson City, NV. 89706. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at [www.adsd.nv.gov](http://www.adsd.nv.gov) and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>