



Meeting Minutes

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission for Persons Who are Deaf
and Hard of Hearing:
Outreach Subcommittee

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday September 8, 2020 | 11:00 pm

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1. **Welcome:** Roll Call and Introductions:
Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

Subcommittee Members:

Maureen Fradianni, Jeff Beardsley, Susan Beckett

Staff:

Khianti Thomas, Cheyenne Pasquale, Dawn Lyons

Guest:

Catherine Nielsen

CART & Interpreters

Becky Van Auken - captioner

Kay Ledbetter - interpreter

Mark Riddle - interpreter

2. Public Comment:

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Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- No Public Comment

3. Discussion and Approval of elected Outreach Subcommittee Chair

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Approved, Catherine accepted role of Chair.

4. Discussion of Strategic plan goals assigned to the outreach subcommittee

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Discuss and review activities to develop a plan of action and determine priorities
- Goal #1: Outreach and training to mental health providers to increase awareness and understanding of the culture and rights of the Deaf and hard of hearing community.
- Question raised: Are you providing training to mental health providers?
Response: The commission would be doing this activity either in partnership with other individuals or there would be specific commission members, or it could be something that we would task Khianti with as the Executive Director
- Deaf Counseling Center
- Gain information and develop a plan to work with state licensing board on an annual basis to determine the requirements to possibly provide continuing education credits to licensed professionals.
- Coordinate training opportunities with the Deaf Centers of Nevada and other stakeholders to conduct workshops and town halls for the target population.
- Collaborate with Partners in Policy Making program to provide Legislative Training.
- Research and identify a best practice framework to offer family to family and peer mentors.
- Creating/providing presentations to Nevada businesses to introduce communication access options and encourage their use in serving the target population.

5. Report and Discussion on Outreach and Training Services Available through the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities:

Catherine Nielsen, Member of the Commission

- The Developmental Disability Council has a paid zoom account they are willing to allow the commission to use to support webinar trainings and other meetings.
- Policymaking course provides leadership training, information on policy making, and services available to enact change.
- There are a little over 27,000 graduates of this class over the entire United States.

- 60k was approved to provide informational materials to the public on many different topics.
- Accessibility training is provided.
- Rough draft of the healthcare pamphlet should be available next week.

6. Discussion and Possible Determination an Outreach Plan to Meet the Goals in the Strategic Plan for Recommendation to the Commission on Services for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: (For Possible Action)

- Partner with Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) to promote Partners in Policymaking class to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. The Deaf Commission could help support accommodations or supplies needed for the class. (side note: this would cover several activities that are assigned to the outreach subcommittee). Motion made by Catherine Nielsen, and second by Susan Beckett. All approve.
- Prioritize Deaf and Hard of Hearing cultural awareness training to mental health providers, working with partners such as Deaf Centers of Nevada and the State Licensing Board. Offer workshops through Zoom or other virtual methods. Motion made by Catherine Nielsen, and second by Jeff Beardsley. All approve.
- Conduct Legislative Overview training and awareness to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, including parents of children prior to the beginning of the Legislative session.(starts...beginning of February, promote Advocacy day at Legislature). Catherine Nielsen made the motion, and Khianti second the motion. All approved.

7. Discussion and Approval of Commission PowerPoint to Present to The Deaf Commission for Final Approval (For Possible Action)

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Discussion to make a few minor edits to the presentation, the subcommittee then moved to have this item approved and presented to the full Deaf Commission pending the edits.

8. Discussion and Approval items to be considered at the next meeting: (For Possible Action)

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Members will email the executive director items they wish to have on the next meeting agenda

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- Dawn Lyons shared she was appreciative of the subcommittee for allowing them to ask questions and be a part of the discussion.
- Catherine Nielsen shared the DD council 5-year state plan is now out for public comment

10. Adjournment:

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Meeting adjourned at 12:57pm

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