



MEETING MINUTES

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

Outreach Subcommittee

Date and Time of Meeting: Friday October 23, 2020 | 12:00 pm

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

Members Present:

Maureen Fradianni, Susan Beckett, Jeff Beardsley, Catherine Nielsen

Guest: Laura Fink, Beth Jones, Tim Smalley

Staff/ Interpreters/ CART

Khianti Thomas, Kala Winkelmann- Interpreter, Kabroski Ledbetter- Interpreter Becky- Caption

2. Public Comment:

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Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Catherine shared an update relating to the upcoming voting video that was created by the Deaf Commission, NV Developmental Disability Council (DD Council) and the NV Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The video is set to be ready soon to share with everyone.

3. Approval of the September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes: (For Possible Action)

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Susan motioned to have the meeting minutes approved. Maureen second the motion.

4. Discussion and Approval of Elected Outreach Subcommittee Chair (For Possible Action)

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Susan is elected the new chair of the Outreach Subcommittee meeting. Maureen made the first motion, and Susan second the motion.

5. Presentation and Discussion on Emergency Preparedness/911 text to speech

Seth Coleman, Henderson Police Department

- Seth Coleman was not present at the meeting; this agenda item was tabled for another meeting.

6. Presentation and Discussion on CEU/Credentialing

Susan Beckett, Member of the Commission

- Susan shared a comprehensive overview of the CEU/Credentialing process, it was suggested that that we can look into providing CEU's for License Clinical Social workers and Marriage Family Therapist.
- The CEU's can be provided as an incentive for clinicians/ professionals to attend our workshops. Also, educate them on how to assist and support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Especially mental health professionals.
- We may want to reach out and collaborate with Deaf Centers of Nevada or other organizations to inquire if they would be interested in working towards helping us provide CEU's.
- Hands & Voices has a national project called fostering joy and it provides resources to parents and professionals about raising Deaf children more information is available if needed.

7. Presentation and Discussion on Peer Mentoring Framework

Beth Jones, Nevada Hands and Voices

- Overview of NV Hands & Voices and programs they provide to families
- Direct referrals are from the Nevada Early Hearing Detection and Intervention EHDI program.
- Establish family learning outcomes to help with parent to parent support activities which have been developed evidence-based parent to parent support framework.
- Jeff raised a question: what types of resources are provided to help families of children with multiple disabilities? Beth responded that do provide resources and pair families with similar backgrounds

- Maureen raised a question: does NV Hands & Voices have any resources for mental health services? Beth responded that they do have resources specifically the fostering joy program
- Especially with COVID they have created Facebook groups for parents to express their feelings and receive support from one another.

8. Discussion and Approval of Town Hall Events (For Possible Action)

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- 4 topics based off the strategic planned were shared (Legislative Workshop, Mental Health, Deaf Can, Communication Access) Deaf Can will be a workshop focusing on Deaf Rights and learning about Self Advocacy
- Concern regarding Townhall events during COVID- all events will be held virtually via zoom
- DD council has a grant called digital divide that helps address accessibility issues as it relates to people having internet services. They also have connections with about 20 host sites that could assist with providing web conferences
- Reviewed and discussed the Legislative Process workshop PowerPoint. It was suggested that we invite interpreters to join the workshop but emphasize that the workshop is primarily for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.
- Catherine shared she teaches a partners and policy making that cover's a lot of information that we're looking to include in our workshop. Participants are able to sign up for 1 session as opposed to all 8.
- Jeff volunteered to assist Khianti with the upcoming legislative workshop, Khianti also reached out to Jack Mayes from the Nevada Disability Advocacy Law Center (NDALC) and Jennifer Richards from the Elder's Right program to see if they would be interested in partnering as well.
- Add a workshop that targets parents-educating them on the IEP process.
- Jeff motioned to accept the four topics for workshops (Legislative, Mental Health, Deaf Can, and Communication Access). Maureen second the motion.
- Discussion of Townhall ideas- bring the community together to discuss what has been working for them, what has not. Specifically discuss how COVID has impacted them and how the Commission can assist them during this time.

9. Discussion and Approval of Healthcare Brochure to Present to The Deaf Commission for Final Approval (For Possible Action)

Catherine Nielsen, Member of the Commission

- Discussion and approval had to be tabled for next meeting.

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

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Additional workshops
- Townhall Events
- Healthcare brochure.

- Final agenda items will be determined by the chair.

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- No comment

12. **Adjournment:**

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Meeting adjourned at 2:06

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