



MEETING MINUTES

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

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Roll Call:

Eli Schwartz, Chair

Members: Jeff Beardsley, Eric Wilcox, Susan Beckett, Laura Fink, Maureen Fradianni, Summer Wright,

Staff: Khianti Thomas, Cheyenne Pasquale

Guest: Betty Hammond, Dawn Lyons, Dora Martinez, Jack Mayes, Antionette Lewis

Interpreter/CART: Michelle Halvorsen, Connie Jo Hutchinson, Becky Van Auken

1. Public Comment:

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stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- No public comment

2. **Continuation of Discussion and Approval of Legislative Activities from 1.14.2021 meeting (For Possible Action)**

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Extended discussion regarding legislative activities from the previous meeting. The Commission decided to go with the suggestions made by Laura. Eric made the motion, Laura seconded. All were in favor.

3. **Review Discuss and Approve Testimony for (AB14, AB35, AB62, AB63, SB5, SB70, SB56, SB76) (For Possible Action)**

Eli Schwartz, Chair

AB14: Revises provisions relating to emergency management.

AB35: Revises provisions governing certain programs to assist senior citizens and persons with disabilities with costs relating to health care.

AB38: Revises provisions relating to career and technical education and work-based learning.

AB62: Revises provisions relating to the Nevada ABLE Savings Program. (BDR 38-397)

AB63: Makes various changes relating to the financial administration of local governments.

SB5: Makes changes relating to telehealth. (BDR 40-416)

SB56: Revises provisions governing insurance coverage of behavioral health services. (BDR 57-124)

SB70: Revises provisions governing mental health. (BDR 39-418)

SB76: Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-297)

- The Commission had a productive discussion regarding each bill and made the following edits to the language below:
 - AB414 - Relevance statement is okay. Would like to add language related to CDI and appropriate accommodations in emergency preparedness.
 - AB35 - broaden the definition of disability to physical, sensory, emotional, or intellectual disability.
 - SB5-Telehealth should be accessible to deaf and hard of hearing patients, which includes access to providers who are knowledgeable in the service to deaf and hard of hearing community...add Deaf Blind and funds for.
 - SB56-ensure services are accessible (similar to SB5).
 - SB 70-Training should be provided to ensure cultural sensitivity of the deaf and hard of hearing community; also, accessible, effective communication within the mental health facilities.
 - AB63-more impact for our testimony from AB14, relevance good to go otherwise.
 - AB38- Education subcommittee might want to watch this issue over time but will not remain on the watchlist for this session.
 - SB76- continue to watch to see if SB203 subcommittee comes up in discussions.

- Laura made a motion to approve the current watch list and added recommendations for testimony. Susan seconds the motion, all in favor.

4. **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations of Strategic Plan (For Possible Action)**

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Commission members briefly recapped the conversation from last meeting regarding the strategic plan. Susan motioned for the document to be approved with the latest edits. Jeff second the motion. All were in favor.

5. **Discussion and Approval if Commission will endorse Vaccine Letter for Interpreters (For Possible Action)**

Khianti Thomas, Executive Director

- Khianti suggested that the Interpreting community, perhaps NVRID (Nevada Chapter of RID) should write the letter and the Commission will be happy to endorse it upon review. Ultimately, after brief discussion the commission decided to approve the suggestion. Jeff made the first motion; Laura seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. **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.)

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Betty Hammond shared with the Commission some resources/ point of contacts that we can reach out to regarding emergency management and mental health. She also expressed her thoughts relating to the vaccine letter for interpreters and agreed interpreters should write the letter. Lastly, Betty requested that any information regarding interpreters be mailed to the entire interpreter registry by ADSD
- Summer shared the state board of education accepted the recommendations made by the SB203 subcommittee

7. **Adjournment:**

Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Meeting adjourned 10:29

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