



MEETING MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday July 15, 2021, | 9:00 am

Virtual Meeting Information: [Join Zoom Meeting Online](#)

Telephone Option: 1-253-215-8782 (Tacoma)

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1. Roll Call

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Members attended: Cheyenne Pasquale, Sandra LaPalm, Jeff Beardsley, Maureen Fradianni, Eli Schwartz, Summer Wright, Eric Wilcox, Susan Beckett, Laura Fink, Ryan Feldman
- Members Absent: Rusty Shaffer
- Attending ADSD Staff: Adrienne Navarro, Kalen Beck, Sal Fiorentino, Jennifer Montoya, Kristi Martin, Carole Hanley, Octavio Posada
- Guest: Laura Thompson, Beth Jones, Linda Anderson
- CART /Interpreters: Becky Van Auken, Dawn Duran, Stephanie Hart

2. Public Comment:

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- Susan Beckett will be attending the Association of Late Deafened Adults Conference in New York in October.

3. Approval of Minutes of the May 13, 2021, meeting:

(For Possible Action)

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Laura Fink moved to approve the minutes, Eli Schwartz second the motion, all approved.

4. Report and Discussion from Director and Chair reports:

Cheyenne Pasquale, Interim Executive Director

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Cheyenne Pasquale is the acting Interim Deaf Commission Director until a replacement is found to take Khianti Thomas's place.
- Membership updates: Welcome to our newest member Ryan Feldman.
- The position for a person who is an educator remains vacant, an application has been submitted to the Governor's office, but an appointment has not been made.
- The Executive Director position has been submitted to the HR department and is going through the approval process. Once approved the posting will go out nationally.
- New Open meeting Laws allowing virtual meetings if requirements are met.
- September's meeting to be via ZOOM with November's meeting to potentially have two physical locations.
- The Deaf Can workshop has been postponed. Susan Beckett will follow up and schedule a meeting for the Outreach Committee.
- Circle back to the collaboration of partners to discuss deaf rights within the next few weeks.
- Cheyenne will be following up with Sean Maholan to discuss partnerships related to cultural sensitivity trainings for law enforcement.
- Immunize Nevada is working on establishing accessible Covid-19 vaccination clinics for the deaf and hard of hearing.
- Media Letters were sent out to all television networks and the Governor's office with only one response from Nevada News Makers stating they use closed captioning.
- Khianti reached out to the Office of Inclusive Education to urge development of the language benchmark guidelines for parents and educator. No response has been received yet.

5. Report, Discussion and Approval of CAS Program updates (For Possible Action)

Salvatore Fiorentino, CAS Program Director, Aging and Disability Services Division

- Relay Nevada and the collaboration with T-Mobile have done 72 presentations via webinar and will meet the 78 requirements for 2021.
- Television commercials for CapTel have been done and marketed in Nevada.
- Postings on social media have been receiving an increase in traffic/likes.
- T-Mobile is hiring for an open position.
- ADSD has a youth's specialist, adult specialist an assistive technology member and an ASL instructor providing temporary service to the community while our partners get ready to start providing services.
- The transition of services to the new partners is expected to begin October 1, 2021.
- The partners are University of Reno (UNR) - Telecommunications equipment and assistive technology distribution. Nevada Hands and Voices - access to services funding for children up to the age of 21. Nevada Care Connection - access to services funding for adults over 21. Nevada Hands and Voices - partial funding for language acquisition to fund deaf guide programs. Applications for ASL instruction are still being reviewed.
- To be added to the Communication Access Services (CAS) mailing list please submit your email address to the CAS department. [Communication Access Services Program - Mailing List \(office.com\)](mailto:cas@office.com)
- CAS has begun evaluating language acquisition services and the role in Nevada of intervention services in the Department of Education.
- State interpreters are still providing services for the Governor's press conferences along with mentoring services throughout the State of Nevada.
- Mentoring services are provided to Nevada residence that need to focus on immediately developing their skills. Two of the three applicants on the wait list have been enrolled into the program.

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- One workshop was done in May and recently one was done introducing new training collaboration processes that will allow them to practice their skills.
- This month's training is part two of the workshop smooth talk which is interpreting from ASL to English. 69 participants have enrolled in the class and the next two sessions are completely full.
- Senate Bill (SB) 179 passed in the recent Legislative session and changes are effective July 1, 2021.
- Those who do not meet the new requirements have provisional opportunities until July 2026 to be able to advance their skills and stay on the registry.
- CAS will be holding a public workshop to gather feedback from the community and prepare and update the NAC terms in the law. The workshop will be held on July 29, 2021, at 2:00 pm. https://adsd.nv.gov/Meetings/Meeting_Notices/

6. Presentation/ Update on the Resource Website:

Cheyenne Pasquale, Interim Executive Director

- The deaf and hard of hearing section of the resource guide that has been build out on the Nevada Care Connection website [Resource Guides | Nevada Care Connection](#) is just general resources. If you go to the deaf friendly provider section [Deaf Friendly Providers | Nevada Care Connection](#) you will find a section on communication etiquette, and a what you should know about interpreting. Other items that are not developed yet are things like where to find a job, where to go to find help with hearing loss and more.
- More specific information on how to navigate services
- Register ADA complaints nvcc@adsd.nv.gov.

7. Discuss, Review and Approve Thank You Letter for Senator Spearman (For Possible Action)

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Jeff Beardsley motioned to approve the letter with minor revisions, Laura Fink second the motion, all approved.

8. Discuss, Review and Approve State Plan for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired Population (For Possible Action)

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Cheyenne Pasquale, Interim Executive Director

- No substantial updates have been done to the Strategic Plan, the most recent version is posted with the May meeting materials
- This State plan will focus more on policies and programming instead of direct services
- The original State Plan was drafted as a 5-year plan, a recommendation has been made to change it to a 2-year plan that would coincide with the work and advocacy that is done with state agencies and legislature which helps drive the interim session priorities.
- Recommendation to hold a public meeting to get community feedback and make edits accordingly and have it on Septembers Agenda for Approval.
- If a Recommendation has not been accomplished in a two-year time frame it would stay on as a Recommendation.
- If a Recommendation has been met, then it would go into an Appendix as retired.
- A suggested was made to leave the top level of the goals or structure of the Strategic Plan and make the changes to the objectives or task that are under the goals.
- Commission consensus is a desire to keep a 5-year plan but have set legislative priorities.
- Summer Wright, Eric Wilcox, Laura Fink & Susan Beckett volunteered to form subcommittee to seek public feedback.
- Laura Fink motion to approve, Summer Wright second the motion all approved

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9. Discuss, Review and Approve Interim Session Priorities (For Possible Action)

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Cheyenne Pasquale, Interim Executive Director

- The intent of an Interim Session is to help priorities documents to help define what the priorities for advocacy are going to be.
- The priorities should align with the State Plan.
- Diversity on the Commission could come by encouraging community members to join the subcommittees. With recruiting community members to join the subcommittees then it may not be as difficult to fill vacancies as they arise.
- Recruitment efforts for vacancies should be inclusive of all populations to increase diversity.
- Recruitment is more of an outreach engagement for the Commission not a priority for the legislature.
- Remove #2, Condense #3,5, & 6, #4 see language related to pursuing a Deaf School again.
- Laura Fink moved that the agenda item be tabled until the subcommittee was formed, and an edited version was ready to be brought forward. Summer Wright second the motion, all approved.
- Laura Fink, Summer Wright, Eric Wilcox, Susan Beckett & Maureen Fradianni form this subcommittee and others can join the public meeting as they wish

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- No public comments made

11. September Agenda items:

- CAS Updates
- State Plan
- Interim Priorities
- Governor's Report

12. Adjournment:

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