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<i>Name of Organization:</i>	Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Subcommittee Accessibility
<i>Date and Time of Meeting:</i>	Wednesday, January 19, 2022 11:00AM
<i>Place of Meeting:</i>	Virtual: Zoom

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1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:

Susan Beckett, Chair

- Members: Susan Beckett, Laura Fink, Cheyenne Pasquale
- Guests: Sandra LaPalm, Jeffrey Beardsley, Dora Martinez, Dawn Lyons, Lance Ledet, Carlos Ramirez, Becky Van-Auken (Captioner), Tory Jarmillo (Interpreter), Bronwynn Shew (Interpreter), Lorraine Belt-Dolan (staff)

2. 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.)

- Dawn Lyons of the Statewide Independent Living Council announced that the ACLU is currently suing Clark County detention center for not having interpreters for the Deaf inmates.
- Dora Martinez wants all boards and commissions at ADSD to use a standard meeting announcement, preferably like the SILC does their meeting announcements.

3. Discussion of Historical Creation of the Communication Accessibility Committee: (Informational)

Susan Beckett, Chair

- This is a brand-new subcommittee of the Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The subcommittee was created in response to the needs outlined in the Strategic Plan. So far there are two members Susan Beckett, the chair and Laura Fink the vice-chair, one of these inaugural meeting's agenda items is to populate the rest of the committee.

4. Discussion and Approval of Communication Accessibility Committee Goals and Needs Based on Strategic Plan: (For Possible Action)

Susan Beckett, Chair

- The first recommendation in the strategic plan is inclusion of the community and once we get a director on of the communication accessibility benchmarks would be inclusion in the community. We would assist the director as needed in that first recommendation.
- The second recommendation is government accessibility and one place we can look at is DETR unemployment is still having issues with access for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. It is suggested that the accessibility subcommittee drafts a letter to the unemployment division and take that to the Commission for approval
- In addition, with the legislative interim session committees getting started, it has been an area with a consistent challenge in accessibility of meetings. The legislature does have a new webpage that describes their current effort to ensure accessibility. Suggestion is to look at that information and determine if there are any recommendations that we need to make to the legislature, which would then be taken to the full commission for approval.
- All state contracts for ASL and CART services have expired and that means that right now no state agency can request interpreter services. We would like to make a recommendation to the full commission that there needs to be a change, there cannot be a drop in access to accommodations, ever.
- The third recommendation is quality interpreters, and we have down handle as needed and not having access is an urgent need to be addressed.
- The fourth recommendation is emergency response and management. Communication accessibly benchmarks would be partnerships with emergency response groups and entities, training, ideas, and updates of policies and procedures to include target populations.
- The fifth recommendation is healthcare access, communication accessibility benchmarks would include partnerships with healthcare workers with the director, training, ideas and updates of policies and procedures to include target populations.
- The sixth recommendation is language development, and it is felt that this needs to be handled mostly by the education committee more so than the accessibility committee.
- The seventh recommendation is postsecondary education and again this is more of an education committee issue.
- The eighth recommendation is WIOA partnerships and communication accessibility benchmarks we handle those issues as they arrive and work with the director and the education committee.
- Laura Fink made a motion to submit these recommendations and goals to the full commission for approval, Susan seconded, and motion passed.

5. Discussion and Approval of Members for Communication Accessibility Committee: (For Possible Action)

Susan Beckett, Chair

- Ace Patrick, Lance Ledet and Sandra LaPalm volunteered to finish populating the committee.
- Laura Fink moved that we nominate the three persons to be official members of the subcommittee. Susan Beckett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Review, Discuss and Approval of next meeting date: (For Possible Action)

Susan Beckett, Chair

- Cheyenne Pasquale as the interim director will be setting a subcommittee meeting schedule for the year and has not had a chance to do that yet, we will let the committee members and public know when that schedule has been set.

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- No Public Comment

8. Adjournment: 11:44 am

Susan Beckett, Chair

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