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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

<i>Name of Organization:</i>	Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Legislative Subcommittee
<i>Date and Time of Meeting:</i>	Thursday, January 5, 2023 10:00AM
<i>Place of Meeting:</i>	Virtual: Zoom Meeting Materials can be found here: Home (nv.gov)

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1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:
Eli Schwartz, Chair

Members: Eli Schwartz, Jay Cafferata, Beth Jones, Maureen Fradianni

Accommodations: Jamie Jaramillo; interpreter, Elizabeth Ulloa; interpreter, Becky Van Auken; captioner

Staff: Obioma Officer; Executive Director, Nikki Haag; Community Engagement Manager, Lorraine Belt-Dolan; Administrative Assistant

Guests: Cheyenne Pasquale, Susan Beckett, Dr. David Kelsey, Laura Fink, Lance Ledet
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.)
 - Dr. David Kelsey had some concerns about the laws relating to interpreters in the state of NV 656 A specifically, there are two different concerns, there is an assessment that you can take as an interpreter called an EIPA, that focuses on interpreters that work in K-12 settings. Then we have a national certification called NIC, given by RID, this is a generalist certification. And the K-12 doesn't cover any of the generalist situations it's a hundred percent different in the way it assesses interpreters. The law we have now in my opinion, mixes the two together, and I feel that if you have a K-12 interpreter who has an EIPA they should be in that setting but not over in a community setting because that's now what they are trained to do.
3. Approval of Minutes of the October 6, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)
Eli Schwartz, Chair

- Beth Jones moved to approve the minutes as written, Maureen Fradianni seconded, motion carried.

4. Commission Directive Topic(s): Updates and Planning Discussion for Deaf Day at Legislature 2023, April 10th. (For Possible Action)

Eli Schwartz, Chair

Beth Jones, Subcommittee Member

- Deaf Day at Legislature 2023, April 10, 2023 (For Possible Action)
 - Community Preparation for Legislature (For Possible Action)
 - We have been scheduled for April 10, 2023, for a room and breakfast and Deaf day at the assembly where we can have members of the community sitting on the assembly floor.
 - We are aware this is the day after Easter, many schools have this day off and we are hoping to get more participation due to that.
 - There is a flyer that has been made by Beth Jones and can be used for advertising. Beth Jones made a motion to approve the flyer for use, Jay Cafferata seconded, motion carried.
 - There is also a donation letter that needs to be finalized before we can send it out as the commission cannot accept funds we are asking for in-kind donations and for those who do want to donate financially Nevada Hands & Voices will collect those.
 - The reason for the donation letter is that we want as many families as possible to attend Deaf Day at the Legislature and that may mean providing transportation, lodging, food, etc. for the day We would also like to have T-shirts made for everyone that attends to bring more awareness, and we have scheduled a breakfast at the capital so that we can meet and greet with legislators.
 1. Discuss strategies and verbiage to be used when appearing in front of Nevada Legislators to support the bills.
 1. Eli would like to get a script written that would help people feel more comfortable talking to their representatives. Obioma reminded everyone that the Deaf and hard of hearing community are visual people and so we will get this to them in ASL/video, or written however they feel most comfortable.
 2. Eli and Obioma will work on this and consult with Jay.
 2. Discuss and demonstrate how to use Nelis. (<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS>).
 1. You can click the above link to go to Nelis to track bills and Beth mentioned that the Nevada Governor's Council on developmental disabilities made an accessible video on how to use Nelis we have supplied the link for you below.
 2. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION – Nevada Governor's Council on developmental disabilities (nevadaddcouncil.org) - scroll down and you'll see the YouTube link that Beth was discussing. <https://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/legislative-information/>
 3. Discuss and demonstrate the Legislative Calendar.
 1. The video linked above will also show how to use the legislative calendar.

5. Community Concern Topic(s): No Current concerns submitted.

- We want to let the community know that they can email the commission at NVDeafCommission@adsd.nv.gov to let the commission know of community concerns that can then be placed on the agenda.

6. Executive Director Directive(s)/Maintenance Needs

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

Eli Schwartz, Chair
Susan Beckett – Community Member
Cheyenne Pasquale, ADSD Chief I, Planning

- BDRs currently supported by the Commission and up for Proposal to the Legislature
 - i. Discussion and Updates on AB165 which makes various Changes to state-issued identification, submitted 8/1/2022.
 - a. This is BDR165 not AB165 the clarification is that it has not become an assembly bill yet and has not been assigned to a committee in the legislator.
 - b. Susan Beckett reached out to Shannon Billbray-Axlerod and talked to her about concerns the public had brought up dealing with the police and the solution they came up with is to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles and add a capital D for Deaf individuals, capitals HH for hard of hearing and capitals SI for speech impaired to their automobile registration so that emergency personal would have that information upon approaching a vehicle and it could alleviate some of the communication issues.
 - ii. Discussion and Updates on AB563 which revises provisions governing services to persons with disabilities, submitted 12/05/2022.
 - a. This is BDR563 not AB563 the clarification is that it has not become an assembly bill yet and has not been assigned to a committee in the legislator.
 - b. This BDR came out of conversation on how to make the commission better, more aware of the community and we realized we were missing a seat for an interpreter or someone very familiar with interpreter laws. Eli brought this to assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May and she let him know that there was a BDR for us and while Eli was traveling in Egypt, Obioma and Steven Cohen worked on the verbiage for the BDR.
 - iii. Discussion and Updates on SB43 which makes various changes relating to services for aging persons and persons with disabilities (BDR 38-219).
 - a. This is a clean-up of NRS 427A, the cleanup language is broadening the purpose of the state plan for persons who are Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired which is in line with eh efforts that the commission has already undertaken in their state plan.
 - b. The commission could recommend amendments to this Senate Bill as part of the clean-up process.
- 7. Discussion and Approval of Recommendations to the Commission related to items brought forth in this meeting: (For Possible Action)
Eli Schwartz, Chair
 - No recommendations at this time.
- 8. Review, Discuss Tentative Agenda Items for April 6, 2023, meeting at 10 AM:
Eli Schwartz, Chair
 - Deaf Day at the legislature
 - BDR's
 - Possibly hiring a lobbyist
 - Learn how to amend a bill
- 9. 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.)
 - No Public Comment.

10. Adjournment: 11:43 am
Eli Schwartz, Chair

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