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<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, October 6, 2022 10:00AM
<i>Place of Meeting:</i>	Virtual: Zoom Meeting Materials can be found here: Home (nv.gov)

NOTE: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

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1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:
Obioma Officer, Executive Director
Members: Jay Cafferata, Beth Jones, Maureen Fradianni
Accommodations: Jamie Jaramillo; interpreter, Tory Jaramillo; interpreter, Becky Van Auken; captioner
Staff: Obioma Officer; Executive Director, Lisa Torres; Community Engagement Manager, Lorraine Belt-Dolan; Administrative Assistant
Guests: Doralee Martinez, Lisa Bonie, NNCIL
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.)
 - No Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)
Obioma Officer, Executive Director
 - Beth Jones moved to approve the minutes, Jay Cafferata seconded, motion carried.
4. Commission Directive Topic(s):
Obioma Officer, Executive Director
 - Planning discussion and set tentative date for Deaf Day at Legislature 2023 (For Possible Action)
 - i. Tentative date was suggested for March 1, 2023, it is not currently on the calendar of events for the legislature. We do not want to schedule on a Friday as many of

the legislators who are outside of the Carson City area leave for the weekend and there are no sessions scheduled. The sooner we can get on the calendar the better.

- ii. Jay Cafferata made a motion to move the date and tentatively schedule with the legislature including breakfast for April 10, 2023. Beth Jones, seconded, motion carried. Jay Cafferata will be putting the request in to the legislature.
 - iii. Subcommittee Volunteers
 1. We need volunteers for this event, does anyone have people that could help. Maureen suggested NVAD as a resource. We could potentially have a lot of volunteers once we have a clear idea what we need, beforehand and during the event. We need a planning team, what's the budget, where is the money coming from, who could help with this planning team. Nevada Hands and Voices, Nevada Black Deaf Advocates, AG Bell.
 2. Jay Cafferata, Beth Jones, and Maureen Fradianni volunteered to help lead that team.
 - iv. Commission request for temporary Outreach Committee to plan Deaf Day at Legislature (i.e., Budget, etc.)
 1. We decided we did not need a temporary Outreach Committee from the commission.
 - v. SB318 Addendum Updates on Language Used-BDR Needed (For Possible Action)
 1. The office of New Americans is looking to go back and change some of the parameters or accountability that had gaps in the original language of the SB318.
 2. It looks like we are waiting for a new legislature member to be seated to draft the BDR for this.
5. Community Concern Topic(s) if any presented from previous meeting needing address (if not already addressed in Commission Directive): (For Possible Action)
Obioma Officer, Executive Director
- BDR for the Assistive Technology needs of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community (bed shakers, baby crier, doorbells, etc.)
 - i. There is a need in the community, this is important if we want to raise independent children especially bed shaker alarms, and a fire alarm system would be nice.
 - ii. There is a grant and a grantee out there who used to offer these assistive technology pieces but now cannot offer them due to the wording and they are only able to offer telecommunications equipment.
 - iii. The question was raised why this is no longer covered by the TDD surcharge, and the fire department used to provide the fire alarm equipment.
 - iv. The community does not have a main hub anymore and therefore doesn't know that for instance the fire department provides fire alarm systems.
 - v. Can we go to agency's like DETR for bed shakers to get people out of bed for work, what about ADSD for the families, who would be our contacts at ADSD to get things like this done. Fatima Taylor should be a good contact at ADSD/NEIS.
 - vi. Beth Jones made a motion to move forward with a BDR with community partners to fund the assistive technology equipment that is currently not being covered by ADSD, Jay Cafferata seconded, and motion carried.
6. Executive Director Directive(s)/Maintenance Needs
Obioma Officer, Executive Director
- a. Discuss, Make Recommendation of reclassification of Commission seats: (For Possible Action)
 - i. BDR Needed
 - ii. Increase seat quantity to 13 with possible fiscal impact and/or reclassify without additional fees
 - a. Modify: Parent of a Deaf or Hard of Hearing child to expand the age range to 0-18, consolidating both seats
 - b. Add: In replacement of additional parent seat – add Person who is an active Sign Language interpreter with proficient experience and knowledge of K-12, Post-Secondary, and Adult Interpreting Services

- c. Modify: Deaf and Hard of hearing seat reclassified to Oral Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community Member
- d. Add: Signing Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community Member
- e. Add: Deaf/Hard of Hearing Professional whose expertise is in the field of Deaf Culture and or American Sign Language Linguistics
 - Maureen brought up the Deaf-blind community and a possible seat for them.
 - Beth Jones would like to make sure we have enough representation for families on the commission.
 - Jay asked if we had representation of the Deaf plus community, those who are Deaf and have another disability.
 - If we add two seats, we must consider the fiscal/financial part of it. We could not add those two seats and just reclassify the current seats without the financial burden.
 - Jay suggested that if we are asking to expand to 13 that we ask for 15 seats instead, adding in Deaf plus and a professional that possibly has to do with employment or economic development. Perhaps the governor's office of economic development. Or possibly a seat for the Department of corrections because our incarcerated deaf members are being denied interpreters.

7. Discussion and Approval of Recommendations to the Commission related to items brought forth in this meeting: (For Possible Action)

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- Beth Jones, we will need to make a recommendation of financial assistance with a budget for deaf day at the legislature for the date of April 10, 2023.
- Jay recommends that the commission reach out to the lieutenant governor's office or to the economic development agency to the state to seek out a partnership with them including capacity building for interpreters and other service providers for the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

8. Review, Discuss Tentative Agenda Items for January 5, 2023, meeting at 10 AM (tentative date and time):

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

- Modification of seats
- Deaf Day at the legislature planning
- Additional supports in terms of where we can find the assistive technology like the bed shakers
- Is there anyone else we need to reach out to regarding BDR's that are not sponsored by this committee but bring the awareness to the community of items that touch the community. Invite persons who are working on BDR's as guest speakers to the next meeting.

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- Dora Martinez wants to be a partner in this, she is a blind mom that does a lot of advocacies for everybody with a disability. She was fighting with the council
- Lorraine Belt-Dolan read Dora Martinez's comment she emailed the commission, Dear Candidates, I'm wondering something! IF the disability community is the largest minority group in the Country, why haven't you sought out our vote? Why haven't you talked about our issues? We as a minority have great strength and power, but you never seek our opinions. I think you are missing a whole group of people that can help you win. There was a promise made that all news media briefings will

have ASL Interpreters, what happened to that? And in some States, they are trying to suppress our vote. Candidates, you talk about Inclusion for all, but still, we are left out! Why do you think so low of us, yet we still have a vote? I hope one of the candidates will hear my plea. I am only one, but one of many.

10. Adjournment: 10:15 am

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

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