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Nevada Commission for Persons that are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Employment Subcommittee

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

**Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, March 29, 2024
11:30 AM**

Location of Meeting: ZOOM
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AGENDA

1. **Roll Call and Opening Statement:**

Members: Laura Fussell, Michelle Albrecht

Guests: Carolyn Carr, Kristy Fritzler.

Accommodations: Tory Jaramillo, Interpreter; Jamie Jaramillo, Interpreter;
Becky Van Auken, Captioner.

Staff: Obioma Officer, Executive Director; Lorraine Belt-Dolan,
Administrative Assistant III.

2. **Public Comment:**

- Carolyn Carr of Senator Jacky Rosen's office regional representative, in the senators' offices they can help constituents with a variety of issues pertaining to federal agencies such as Social Security Administration, small business administration, department of state, IRS. If you have a concern with a federal agency, you can reach out to their office. They are also able to assist with grants, congressional letters of support, they often use letters in webinars.
- Laura Fussell let us know that the Commission is going to be hosting 3 Townhalls. The first is April 9th in Ely, NV, then April 16th in Reno and then April 25th in Las Vegas. In addition to that, the second town hall that's hosted in Reno will have a DNO, Deaf Night Out, and a Deaf social night on the 17th.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the December 5, 2023, meeting.
 - Michelle Albrecht moved to approve the minutes, Laura Fussell seconded, motion carried.
4. **For Possible Action:** Review the response from asking for the Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation agency plan. Review with Model State Plan recommendations.
 - a) Model State Plan 2022 – Deaf Professionals Network – Council of State Administrations of Vocational Rehabilitation
<https://www.csavr.org/deafmsp> .
 - a. Due to the commission not meeting until earlier this week and approving this request at that meeting, we do not have a copy of the state plan yet. We are hoping to have that prior to our next meeting.
5. **For Possible Action:** Review The response to the letter of recommendation to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) and next steps.
 - At our last meeting we drafted a letter to be sent to DETR on commission letterhead, and the commission meeting was this week, and they did approve the use of the letterhead but due to it being this week, Laura has not had a chance to send the letter yet and to get a response.
6. **For Possible Action:** Approval of tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting, June 11, 2024.
 - Review the response from the Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation agency plan and review with the Model State Plan recommendations.
 - Review the response from the letter to DETR.
 - Possible presentation for Unemployment on their new system and understanding what Deaf and hard of hearing job seekers need to know about unemployment.
7. **Public Comment:**
 - Carolyn Carr thank you for the invitation to the Deaf Night out and send it via email, Molly Rose Lewis may be the one that attends in the North.
 - Obioma reiterated that we have 3 town halls in Ely, NV, Reno, NV, Las Vegas, NV.
 - Laura Fussell added to the chat the link to the townhall events.
https://adsd.nv.gov/Boards/NCPWADHHSI/Meetings/2024/Townhall_Events/
 - Obioma Officer mentioned that community members have brought to her attention that they have a challenge with DETR not getting enough access for work. So, they have closed their accounts with DETR and are looking for other resource options for work as a Deaf and hard of hearing person.

If anyone on the team could consider developing a resource list of options for Deaf and hard of hearing people in the state of Nevada that would be great.

8. **Adjournment (For Possible Action): 11:49 AM**

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

NOTE:

- Supporting documents referenced above in the “for possible action” items may be requested from Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Commission Administrative Support, ASD at Lorrainebelt@adsd.nv.gov and is/will be available at the meeting locations and ASD website at [Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired \(nv.gov\)](http://Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired (nv.gov))

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