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## Nevada Commission for Persons Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Education Subcommittee

### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

*Date and Time of Meeting:* Tuesday, July 30, 2024  
4:00 PM

*Place of Meeting:* Virtual: Zoom

### AGENDA

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

Members: Eric Wilcox, Dr. David Kelsey, Dr. Felicia Rutledge

Guests: Lance Ledet, Fatima Taylor, Sarah Horsman, Carolyn Carr

Accommodations: Naomi Rosen, Interpreter; Vincent Sandoval, Interpreter; Becky Van Auken, Captioner.

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

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the March 26, 2024, meeting.

- Dr David Kelsey made a motion to approve the minutes, motion carried.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:** Brief Overview of the Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) program and response to the letter from the Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

- NEIS gave a presentation which can be found here: [Nevada Early Intervention Services \(nv.gov\)](#)

5. **For Possible Action:** Develop a draft of a survey on education for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the State of Nevada, and possible barriers to education. To bring forward to the Commission for approval.

- Dr. Felicia Rutledge will start compiling a list of questions and send them over to Obioma in the next two weeks. Then we will pass it to Dr. David Kelsey who will add to it and send it back to Obioma and finally it will pass to Eric Wilcox.
6. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting, September 17, 2024.
- Revisit items 4 and 5 from this meeting.
  - Have Lance Ledet come and give an update on the funding for the Deaf School.
7. **Public Comment:**
- Dr Felicia Rutledge this weekend my company Felicia Rutledge consulting will be hosting an event Innovators of the Galaxy AB designed workshop specifically to think about what we want, what we envision the future of Nevada being and that specifically relates to our youth and our adults who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, our individuals who are Deaf allies who support us, because we know often when we're developing futures, individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or differently abled are often side lined from those state and national plans. So, for August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> we'll be hosting an event in the South at 701 East Bridger Avenue, unit 750, Las Vegas, NV 89101 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. This is a time where we come together, we design, we envision, what that future will look like so that we can create just and equitable thriving futures and really take some time to reflect on our unique roles as leasers in Nevada. This will also help us push forward policy, recommendations, as well as leading from the seats we're in. It is an opportunity for one, you to gain valuable strategies to connect with self, for us to sit in community and vision together, creatively design and co-create for changes and we're open to RSVPs at this moment.
8. **Adjournment: 5:17 PM**

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## **Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:**

### **NOTE:**

- Supporting public material provided to Commission members for this meeting may be requested from Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Commission Administrative Support, ADSD at [lorrainebelt@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:lorrainebelt@adsd.nv.gov) and is/will be available at the meeting locations and ADSD website at [Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/who-are-deaf-hard-of-hearing-or-speech-impaired)

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