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Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Subcommittee Accessibility

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

**Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2023
10:00 AM**

Location of Meeting: ZOOM

AGENDA

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

Members: Laura Fink, Thom Duva, Lee Bullock

Guests: Heather Lafferty, Samantha Orellana, Kristy Fritzler

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

Accommodations: Becky Van Auken, Captioner; Sabrina Torres, Interpreter; Leilani Solomon, Interpreter.

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of draft Minutes of the September 5, 2023, meeting.

- Laura Fink made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Thom Duva seconded, motion carried.

4. **For Possible Action:** Nominations, Elections, and/or reappointment of subcommittee members and chair.

- Lee Bullock has applied for an open seat on the subcommittee, he is involved in the community and has seen a lack of access for the community and would like to see more access.
- Laura Fink made a motion to propose that Lee Bullock join the subcommittee, Thom Duva seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Lee Bullock is a new member of the Accessibility Subcommittee.

- If you, as the public, would like to join we have two seats available.

5. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and approval of any recommendations related to Accessibility Subcommittee Goals and Needs based on the State Plan that need legislative attention:

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- Recommendation #1 – Inclusion of the Community
- Recommendation # 2 – Government Accessibility
 - Having the ability to access accessibility when entering government buildings.
- Recommendation # 4 – Emergency Response and Management
 - Creating a plan of action to help those with a hearing disability when a disaster strikes.
 - Having shelters with available accessibility,
- Recommendation #5 – Healthcare Access
 - Address the lack of resources in hospitals, doctor’s offices, and emergency rooms.
 - Better WIFI that can accommodate VRI in all rooms.
- Pay attention to surroundings what can be brought back to the Commission to advocate for?
- What changes to legislation are needed?
- What states can Nevada learn from?
- Monitors do all buildings have closed caption available.
- Requirements for stronger private Wi-Fi availability throughout government, hospital, and doctor’s offices are needed.
- Address the airports’ lack of accessibility.
- Research other states such as Arizona and east coast state provide accessibility.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Presentation by Disaster Emergency Management (DEM) team

- Heather Lafferty, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion/Access and Functional Needs (DEI/AFM) Coordinator gave a presentation that can be accessed here: [NV DEM Presentation](#).

7. **For Possible Action:** Approval of tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting, March 5, 2024.

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

- Communication Access Plans as it relates to HR and access planning.
- Training for Public Service officers on how to interact with a Deaf and Hard of hearing person/collaboration with Heather and DEM.
- Please email Obioma with any other agenda item ideas.

8. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

9. **Adjournment (For Possible Action): 11:23 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, ADSD at 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 \(nv.gov\)](http://Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired (nv.gov))

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