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

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

**Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, August 16, 2024  
4:00 PM**

**Location of Meeting: ZOOM**

### AGENDA

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

Members: Jaime Vitale, Alina Duncan, Ehren Dei, Dr. David Kelsey, Kim Johnson

Guests: Lance Ledet

Accommodations: Becky Van Auken, Captioner; Stephanie Gardner, Interpreter; Elizabeth, Interpreter.

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

2. **Public Comment:**

- Obioma Officer we will have a town hall tour, Elko will be on October 1, Reno on October 3, and Las Vegas will be October 22. ADSD will be hosting a NOFO discussion from 6-7 and the town hall will be from 7-9 so 3 hours.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the June 5, 2024, Meeting.

- Dr David Kelsey made a motion to approve the minutes, Jaime Vitale seconded the motion and motion carried.

4. **For Information Only:** Discuss roles of the Subcommittee members.

- We wanted to make sure that there is a balance within the subcommittee and each seat has a different role assigned to it.
- Theres the consumer side, a seat for educators of interpreters, an interpreter that serves K-12, a seat for diversity, meaning LGBTQIA+

and/or BIPOC and a seat for the NVRID, and a seat for the CAS team as well.

- The purpose and importance of having the diversity is to have people bring all their lens/skills to the table. You may be assigned a certain role but with your background have many skills and viewpoints that you can bring to the discussion.

5. **For Possible action:** Chapter 656A Sign Language Interpreter Regulations and Concerns Related to Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA), Contradictions in NAC 656A.240, and the Role of Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID)-Certified Interpreters in Educational Settings, review and make recommendations to the Commission for further action on NAC 656A.240 revisions.

- Alina Duncan made a motion to develop a survey in partnership with CAS and any other organizations in the field of interpretation, for distribution in the State of Nevada. Jaime Vitale Seconded the motion, motion carried.
- It was suggested that the registry make a video in ASL and post it so that people can see how step-by-step to make a formal grievance.

6. **For Information Only:** Understanding Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) interpreters' issues in the community.

Alina Duncan, Subcommittee member  
Obioma Officer, Executive Director

- Tabled till next meeting

7. **For Information Only:** American Sign Language Interpreter Shortage Survey Town Hall Meeting Hosted by Arizona Deaf Commission Outcomes/Insight Nationwide - Discussion to further seek Nevada solutions in alignment with National efforts and examples.

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

8. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting November 15, 2024.

Jaime Vitale, Chair

- Item #6 for next meeting.
- Discussion/check in on making a video in ASL for the registry and how to make a complaint.
- Survey results of research.
- Continue discussion of 656A.

9. **Public Comment:**

- Obioma Officer the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities is having town halls there will be 7 in person and 3 on Zoom. The in-person will be held in Fallon, Carson City, Reno, Pahrump, Mesquite,

Las Vegas, and Elko. They are providing interpreters at every meeting, so you don't have to ask.

10. **Adjournment (For Possible Action): 5:17 PM**

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**Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:**

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