

Legislative Subcommittee BDR Brainstorming Session ES/OO – to be presented to Subcommittee for further consideration and discussion.

1. Commission BDRS

a. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

i. Have someone with ASL working at Nevada Care Connection or at grantee Service Provider

ii. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Funding – CAS Program Oversight/Funds

1. Revise the interpreter laws as the new one went in effect on 4/1/23

2. New law has prevented from potential CDI within Nevada

iii. To enhance communication accessibility and services for D/HH

iv. Fair Distribution of resources

b. Language Access Plan Revisions

i. To strengthen Nevada's enforcement of the ADA and IDEA provision: to pursue justice and state oversight

ii. Support language access plans

1. There's a misunderstanding that ASL is not English, but is its own language

iii. T-coils and/or Bluetooth systems are needed in government buildings and other public places – may be addressed by HLAASNC (Contact L. Ledet).

c. Voting and Voting access in polling places

i. ASL Anywhere

d. Further Discussion with CP

- i. To reclassify ED of NVCDHH to????
 - 1. Precludes advancement
 - 2. Fund should come out of General Fund
 - ii. Increase funding to NVCDHH to \$75,000
- 2. Supported BDRs
 - a. LVDS BDR Initiatives – Letter of Support for all LVDS Initiatives.
 - i. Interpreters
 - 1. Access in medical and legal situations
 - 2. Educational Interpreters
 - ii. Update the language since TTY is obsolete – address the training needs statewide that VRS is the current mode of telecommunication and should be recognized as a valid means of communication and access.
 - iii. Deaf Assisted Nursing Home
 - iv. Media needing more captions.
 - b. EDHI BDR Initiative
 - i. CMV Virus and its relationship to deaf and HH prevalence and incidence. To add to newborn panel
 - c. HLAASNC (Contact L. Ledet to Confirm)
 - i. Hearing Devices for early access to language
- 3. Advocacy
 - a. Education initiatives for Teacher of the Deaf recruitment and retention
- 4. Future BDR Concepts
 - a. Add additional seat to NVCDHH to the total to 13 – address budgetary needs first.