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# NEVADA COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – GENERAL MEETING

# **MEETING NOTICE**

**Date and Time of Meeting:** Wednesday, August 13, 2025

9:00 AM

# **DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Roll Call and Opening Statement:

Eric Wilcox, Chair

**Members:** Angee Pompa; Dolores Parrish; Eli Schwartz; Eric Wilcox, Ph.D., Chair; Catherine Nielsen, Vice Chair; Kimberly Bauer-Schaub, Ph.D.; Laura Fussell; Susan Beckett

Guests: Andy Firth, Beth Jones, Jennifer Montoya, Karina Acosta, Kim

Johnson, Lorraine Belt-Dolan,

CART Provider: Becky Van Auken

Interpreters: Sonya Stark & Lacey Voris

2. <u>Public Comment:</u> (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under the public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1 775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 850 845 488#. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person. People making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)

Steven Cohen: The DD Council's Five-Year Plan's public comment period is now open through September 22<sup>nd</sup> and then on August 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a formal listening session to solicit additional oral feedback.

**3.** <u>Discussion and Possible Action:</u> Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Draft Minutes of May 28, 2025, meeting.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Eli Schwartz motioned to approve the draft minutes. Kimberly Bauer-Schaub seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

**4.** For Information Only: Welcome and brief introduction of new Appointed Commissioners: Dr. Kimberly Bauer-Schaub Ph.D., Dolores Parrish, and Angee Pompa.

Eric Wilcox, Chair Obioma Officer, Executive Director

Each new member introduced themselves and asked which seats they were occupying on the Commission.

Dr. Kimberly Bauer-Schaub occupies the seat for a parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing aged 6 or below.

Dolores Parrish occupies the interpreting seat for the Commission.

Angie Pompa occupies the seat of persons who have knowledge of deaf services.

Catherine Nielsen: Thanked the new members for taking the opportunity to join and be a part of what the Commission is working on. She offered her time and Eric Wilcox's if the new members have any questions.

Eric Wilcox also welcomed the new members.

Obioma Officer: All three new members have finished their orientation.

**5.** <u>For Discussion and Possible Action:</u> NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing Annual Elections to discuss and possibly vote to elect the next Chair and Vice Chair of this Commission for FY26.

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

Each nominee introduced themselves and gave information regarding why they are seeking the office and their qualifications. Members voted via raising their hands on TEAMS.

Eric Wilcox was elected as Chair.

Catherine Nielsen was elected as Vice-Chair

6. For Information, Discussion, and Possible Action: Information and Discussion on the NEW Deaf and Hard of Hearing travelers' support program launched by the Harry Reid International Airport. Outcomes of the recent vetting of Las Vegas Deaf Seniors (LVDS). 1. Discussion and possible vote to approve of Letter(s) of Gratitude from the NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing on letterhead to Community Partners that aided in these efforts. 2. Discussion and possible vote to approve the list of Community Partners, to be developed during the meeting. See

article for additional details: <a href="https://www.8newsnow.com/news/local-news/las-vegas-airport-launches-new-program-to-support-hearing-impaired-travelers/">https://www.8newsnow.com/news/local-news/las-vegas-airport-launches-new-program-to-support-hearing-impaired-travelers/</a>.

Eric Wilcox, Chair Shelly Freed, LVDS Secretary Obioma Officer, Executive Director

Obioma Officer: About a year and a half ago, a collaboration began between the airport authority and a community advocate named Dolores Hauck, in response to ongoing concerns about accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing travelers.

# Key Issues Identified:

- 1. Misuse of Wheelchairs: Airlines were automatically assigning wheelchairs to deaf or hard of hearing individuals, even when not requested. This misallocation could deprive those who genuinely need them.
- 2. Misunderstanding of Needs: There was a lack of awareness that deafness is a communication need—not a physical one requiring mobility assistance.
- 3. Unnecessary Escorting: Airline staff were sometimes accompanying deaf individuals through the airport without it being requested, which is not required accommodation.

# Actions Taken:

- The team educated the airport and airlines about these issues in preparation for a large upcoming event (DeafNation), which would bring over 8,000 deaf individuals through the airport.
- They emphasized the importance of only providing accommodations when requested, to avoid misusing resources and creating additional burdens.

# Positive Outcomes:

- A collaborative meeting with DeafNation and the airport led to meaningful changes.
- An existing accessibility app (originally for blind and developmentally delayed users) was updated to include a third option: on-demand interpreters.
- Now, travelers can access free interpreter services via the app while at the airport.
- The Las Vegas Deaf community praised the app's effectiveness and ease of use.

# Overall Impact:

This effort led to improved awareness, better resource allocation, and enhanced accessibility through technology—demonstrating a successful partnership between the community and the airport system.

Overview of the New Accessibility App - Aira ASL

#### What It Is:

The access point is an app, not a physical device. Travelers use their own smartphones to download and access the app for free while at the airport.

# How It Works:

- When booking a flight, passengers can request accommodations (e.g., selecting "Deaf or Hard of Hearing").
- This triggers text notifications for key updates like gate changes and boarding times.
- Previously, selecting this option automatically triggered a wheelchair request, which was not appropriate or needed. This issue has now been addressed.

# Awareness & Promotion:

- The app was launched in July with a major promotional campaign.
- Information is now available on the airport's accessibility accommodations page and through social media.
- The airport has added closed captioning throughout the facility and visual communication cards to help staff interact more effectively with deaf and hard of hearing travelers.

# App Name:

The app is called Aira ASL (pronounced "Eye-rah"), specifically tailored for deaf and hard of hearing users

Letters of Recognition and Education

# Two letters were created:

1. For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community: Explains how to use the app, who was involved in its development, and expresses gratitude for the collaboration.

# 2. For Harry Reid International Airport:

A thank-you letter recognizing the airport's efforts to improve accessibility and serve the community with compassion.

# Purpose:

These letters aim to educate, celebrate progress, and encourage other airports and organizations to adopt similar accessibility solutions.

Laura Fussel motioned to approve and send the two letters to the airport. Eli Schwartz seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

7. <u>Presentation and Discussion:</u> Nevada Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Presentation on program updates and impact following cuts to Federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Perry Smith, EHDI Program Coordinator

Perry Smith: Overview of the EHDI Program

- Perry Smith is the Program Coordinator for Nevada's EHDI program, part of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- The program ensures all newborns are screened for hearing loss before leaving the hospital.
- EHDI does not perform the screenings directly but works with hospitals, midwives, and birthing centers to ensure compliance.
- If a baby fails the screening, EHDI helps families access pediatric audiologists and early intervention services.

# **Funding Sources**

- The program is 100% federally funded through:
  - CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
  - HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration)
- No state funding is provided.

# **Recent Funding Challenges**

- On April 1, the CDC EHDI program was unexpectedly discontinued due to federal workforce reductions.
- Nevada's EHDI program was informed it would continue receiving CDC funding only until June 30, 2025.
- In mid-June, they were notified of one additional year of CDC funding (through June 30, 2026).
- However, long-term funding remains uncertain, and many other states are in the same situation.

# **Current Status**

 The program is fully funded for one more year (CDC) and has three years remaining on its HRSA grant. • Despite the uncertainty, the program is operating normally, with work plans and partnerships in place.

**Important Clarifications** 

- Newborn hearing screenings will continue regardless of EHDI program funding, as they are considered medical best practice.
- Hospitals do not rely on EHDI funding for the screenings themselves—they are treated as standard medical procedures.

# **Budget Question**

- When asked about the program's annual budget, Perry explained that while he could provide dollar amounts, federal grants come with strict usage requirements, limiting flexibility in how funds are spent.
- Funding Details
- Current Annual Budget:
- CDC Grant: ~\$165,000
- HRSA Grant: ~\$235,000
- Total: ~\$400,000, used strictly for grant-required activities like data collection, analysis, reporting, and partnerships (e.g., with Hands & Voices).
- Restrictions: Federal grants come with strict usage guidelines, limiting flexibility for other initiatives the program might want to pursue.

# Sustainability & Future Funding

- The team has been working on a sustainability plan to explore alternative funding sources beyond federal grants.
- With CDC funding uncertain beyond June 2026, these efforts are becoming more urgent.

# Importance of the EHDI Program

- While newborn hearing screenings will continue as a medical best practice, the EHDI program ensures follow-through:
- Tracks screenings and follow-ups
- Coordinates referrals to audiologists

- Facilitates early intervention enrollment
- Without the program, there's a risk of fewer children receiving timely diagnoses and services, which could negatively impact language development and educational outcomes.
- National Benchmarks (1-3-6 Goals)
- Screening by 1 month
- Diagnosis by 3 months
- Enrollment in early intervention by 6 months
- The program aims to beat these benchmarks to improve language acquisition outcomes.

Perry Smith put his contact information into the chat: Perry Smith - EHDI Coordinator pgsmith@health.nv.gov

8. For Discussion and Possible Action: NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing Annual Report Review of Outcomes and discussion and possible vote to approve Executive Director's Recommendations. Recommendations include:

1. Prioritizing the top three community-identified needs, 2. Empowering subcommittees to begin advocacy efforts aligned with regional feedback. 3. Additionally, including the 2025/26 Engagement Conference should reflect these priorities and include legislative initiatives, with a focus on transparency, collaboration, and addressing unmet needs, including those of the DeafBlind community.

Obioma Officer, Executive Director

# Obioma Officer:

# **Purpose**

The report compiles community input and outlines formal recommendations for the Nevada Commission for Persons Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Although some actions are already underway, this process formalizes them for continued implementation and accountability.

# Recommendation #1: Community Inclusion & Legislative Advocacy

- Focus Areas:
  - ADA compliance and cultural competency in healthcare and public services.
  - Ongoing community engagement through town halls, roundtables, and awareness events.

- Legislative advocacy for a direct service model that reflects best practices from deaf-centered schools and facilities.
- Increased engagement from deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, and deaf-plus (dual-diagnosed) individuals in shaping policy and services.

# Goals:

- Improve training, policy development, and accountability in state and medical systems.
- Ensure inclusion in planning, education, and resource development.

# Recommendation #2 (from State Plan Recommendation #3): Interpreter Quality & Workforce Development

#### Focus Areas:

- Address the shortage of qualified interpreters (both hearing and deaf).
- Ensure interpreter services meet ADA compliance and state standards (NRS 656A110).

#### Action Items:

- Conduct a statewide survey to assess interpreter availability and identify root causes of shortages.
- Support pipeline development through:
  - Deaf camps and pre-employment programs (e.g., Vocational Rehabilitation).
  - Interpreter training programs (ITP/IPP) at CSN, Nevada State University, and UNR.
  - Mentorship programs like the ADSD Communication Access Services Mentor Program.
  - Recognition of ASL as a foreign language in high schools and charter schools.

#### Goal:

- Increase the number of certified hearing and deaf interpreters through early exposure, education, and mentorship.
- These recommendations are being presented for formal acceptance and approval.
- They will also be integrated into the 2025–2026 Engagement Conference in December.

Laura Fussel motioned to approve moving forward with continuing advocacy for legislative and policy advancements to increase ADA compliance and accountability statewide to ensure an increase in healthcare, hospitality, and services of communication access. Mental health services and healthcare network expansions, resourcing providers with

options and allyship, to support cultural norms and practice nationwide. Support for deaf and hard of hearing in nursing facilities, expanded deaf and hard of hearing health insurance coverage and hiring staff, interpreter access.

Dolores Parrish seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

- **9.** For Information and Discussion Only: Legislative Outcomes and discuss 2025 Engagement Conference "Deaf and Hard of hearing CommUNITY based Resourcing towards Legislative Gains" Objective and Initiative and the CommUNITY impact over the last 2 years.
  - a. Outcomes/Gains on Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Related Bills:

Eric Wilcox, Chair Obioma Officer, Executive Director

# Eli Schwartz:

- i. AB247 Overview **Died.** (No further action taken.)
- ii. <u>AB367 Overview</u> **Passed.** 1. This section and sections 41, 42 and 43 of this act become effective upon passage and approval. 2. Sections 1 to 40, inclusive, of this act become effective: (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and (b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.
- iii. AB368 Overview **Passed.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval. 2. Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, of this act become effective: (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and (b) On or before October 1, 2025, for all other purposes.
- iv. <u>AB395 Overview</u> **Died.** (No further action taken.)
- v. <u>SB78 Overview</u> **Died.** (No further action taken.)
- vi. <u>SB188 Overview</u> **Passed.** Effective October 1, 2025.
- vii. <u>SB192 Overview</u> **Died.** (No further action taken.)
- viii. <u>SB352 Overview</u> **Vetoed by the Governor.** (Return to 84<sup>th</sup> Session)
- ix. <u>SB400 Overview</u> **Passed.** Section 3 effective June 9, 2025. Section 1 effective July 1, 2025. Section 2 effective July 1, 2026.

The subcommittee met to review and revisit several bills from the previous legislative session, with the goal of preparing revised versions for the 84th Legislative Session.

# Key Bills Reviewed & Discussion Points

- 1. AB 247 Closed Captioning in Public Places
  - Originally intended to require clear captioning in public venues (e.g., bars, restaurants).
  - Misinterpreted by legislators as applying to government buildings, which added a fiscal note.
  - Plan: Revisit and revise to clarify intent and avoid fiscal impact.
- 2. AB 395 Sign Language Interpreters in Healthcare
  - Died due to fiscal concerns.
  - Plan: Rewrite to remove fiscal note and resubmit.
- 3. SB 192 Interpreter Access at Birth Centers
  - Died.
  - Plan: Combine with AB 395 for a stronger proposal.
  - Las Vegas Deaf Advocates will take the lead.
- 4. SB 400 Oversight Language Correction
  - Passed, but contains incorrect language assigning program oversight to "CAT."
  - Plan: Amend to remove or correct that language.
- 5. SB 352 Insurance Determination Bill
  - Vetoed by the Governor.
  - Plan: Consider revising and resubmitting.
- 6. SB 188 Healthcare Interpreter Access
  - Passed.
  - A medical summit is scheduled for August 28 to educate hospitals on implementation.
- 7. SB 78 Governor's Bill to Eliminate the Commission
  - Died.

#### 8. AB 367 & AB 368 -

- Passed.
- AB 367: Related to local voting access.
- AB 368: Related to healthcare and electronic monitoring devices in personal spaces.
- CAS (Communication Access Services):
  - Oversees the interpreter registry only, not educators.
  - Incorrect language in NRS will be corrected in future revisions.

Eric Wilcox motioned to approve the Legislative Subcommittee to pursue the legislative priorities. Elis Schwartz seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

b. 2025 Engagement Conference "Deaf and Hard of hearing CommUNITY based Resourcing towards Legislative Gains" Objective and Initiative:

Obioma Officer, Executive Director Eric Wilcox, Chair

Conference Objective: This conference is a Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Systems Navigation and Resource Development conference for stakeholders and Community Partners. This conference provides a safe space for gaining awareness of statewide resources, peer to peer resourcing, and legislative gains in the Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing CommUNITY. Expanding statewide awareness of Deaf and Hard of Hearing resources and systems navigation as a CommUNITY increases access, engagement, and advocacy statewide within our service provisions and legislative initiatives. These efforts highlight and bring recognition of recent legislative gains and the positive outcomes of CommUNITY focused advocacy through the Commission's ongoing efforts to fulfill the state plan of Access, Engagement, and Advocacy.

**Initiative:** The Nevada Commission for Person who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired is seeking to educate and empower individuals who are Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing on the state of Nevada's current resources and system navigation as it pertains to D/HH autonomy in the state of Nevada. This initiative is to promote D/HH communication access and support for the current gaps in knowledge and awareness of State, Non-Profit, and for-profit services and resources achieved through legislative gains. This initiative is to impact the legislative process for the 84<sup>th</sup> session in 2027 and aid in maintaining the momentum of CommUNITY engagement. As a

CommUNITY, we must know what we have, to get where we want to be. **Maximizing legislative gains through D/HH CommUNITY resourcing.** 

# **2025 Engagement Conference Summary**

**Dates & Location** 

- Scheduled for: December 13–14, 2025
- Location: To be determined
  - Organizers are seeking a low-cost or free venue (e.g., a state building) to reduce expenses and maximize community impact.
  - Last year's venue cost \$23,000, and accommodations already exceed \$13,000.

Conference Tracks

The conference will feature four focused tracks:

- 1. DeafBlind Resource Advocacy
- 2. Legislative Gain & Collaboration
- 3. Citizen Resources
- 4. Youth Resource Advocacy

Partners & Support

- Primary Sponsor: Nevada Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council)
  - Recognized for 3 years of continuous support
  - Instrumental in funding, legislative education, and community empowerment
- Las Vegas Deaf Seniors will also partner again this year, contributing to fundraising and event support

**Event Details** 

- Expected attendance: ~250 people
- Includes:
  - Two light meals
  - Vendor booths
  - Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attendees
- Eric Wilcox and Catherine Nielsen praised the conference's impact on legislative engagement, especially the success of Deaf Day at the Legislature.
- Noted that the conference has led to increased community visibility, new advocates, and greater legislative influence.
- **10.** <u>Presentation, Discussion, and For Possible Action:</u> Las Vegas Deaf Seniors (LVDS) Taskforce Updates and Deaf Medical Summit Collaboration August 28, 2025, Objective and Overview.

Kimberly Bauer-Schaub, Commissioner and Taskforce Commission Rep Obioma Officer, Executive Director

Kimberly Bauer-Schaub: Deaf Medical Summit & SB188 Update

• Dr. Kimberly Bauer-Schaub volunteered to represent the Commission at the Deaf Medical Summit.

#### Summit Details

- Date: August 28, 2025
- Purpose: Educate hospital leadership on the requirements and implications of Senate Bill 188 (SB188) before it takes effect on October 1, 2025.
- Approach: A top-down strategy to ensure leadership understands and implements the law effectively.

# About SB188

- Requires: Qualified interpreters must be provided to deaf and hard of hearing patients upon request.
- Prohibits:
  - Use of unqualified staff, family members, or children as interpreters (except in emergencies).
- Cost: Interpreter services must be provided at no cost to the patient.
- Enforcement: Hospitals and clinics may face penalties for non-compliance.
- The task force (including Las Vegas Deaf Seniors) is working with St. Rose Hospital leadership.
- Plans include:
  - Pop quizzes for hospital staff to assess knowledge of VRI (Video Remote Interpreting) equipment and interpreter access.
  - Walkthroughs to identify gaps in staff training and preparedness.
  - Panel discussions at the summit featuring community members sharing real-life experiences—both positive and negative.

# Goals of the Summit

- Foster collaboration between the deaf community and healthcare providers.
- Provide resources, training, and solutions to improve communication access.

- Create a safe, educational space for hospital leaders to learn and prepare.
- Lay the groundwork for this to become an annual event.
- Eli Schwartz shared that he attempted to contact Felipe Ortiz from the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to invite him to the upcoming event but has not received a response despite calling.
- Eli suggested that Catherine Nielsen might have a connection and could help facilitate the invitation.
- Catherine Nielsen confirmed she does have a contact and will coordinate with Obioma to send an official invitation and follow up to encourage RSVP.
- **11.** <u>For Possible Action:</u> Discussion and possible vote to approve recommendations regarding,
  - 1. Director & Chair reports: Members will receive this after the meeting.
  - 2. Budget updates: Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Summary
  - FY25 (July 1, 2024 June 30, 2025) officially closed on June 30.
  - As of July 9, there was a remaining balance of \$719, indicating the budget was not overspent.
  - The new fiscal year budget (FY26, starting July 1, 2025) is slightly higher, now totaling just over \$30,000.
  - A detailed budget report for the current fiscal year will be presented at the next general meeting.
    - 3. Commission Seat details: There are four seats available currently. Angie Pompa has filled a seat since last meeting.
    - 4. Community requests:
    - 5. Communication Access Services Report:

Jennifer Montoya: Gave a description of how interpreter requests are handled by CAS. There are currently four positions, two are filled, one in North Reno and one in Las Vegas. Requests for CAS interpreters are reviewed for availability, any possible ethical conflicts, and travel needs.

- 6. Partner engagements:
- 7. Upcoming outreach:

Town Halls will be in the North on October  $10^{th}$ , Rurals in Laughlin on October  $20^{th}$ , a collaboration event in the South, will be on the  $21^{st}$  and  $22^{nd}$ , as well as the Las Vegas Town Hall.

Eric Wilcox, Chair Catherine Nielsen, Vice Chair Obioma Officer, Executive Director **12.** <u>For Possible Action:</u> To review, discussion and possible vote to approve recommendations presented by each subcommittee as detailed in their respective reports, all reports are accessible in the meeting materials.

Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Chair of Accessibility Subcommittee

She was voted in as the Chair of that subcommittee and there is nothing new to bring to the Commission.

Jaime Vitale, Chair of Interpreter Subcommittee

There is no report at this time.

Obioma Officer: Jaime Vitale is the Chair but there is no report for the Commission.

Eli Schwartz, Chair of Legislative Subcommittee

Eric Wilcox motioned to approve the Legislative Subcommittee ongoing work to revive the concepts that were not approved in the last Legislative session. Susan Beckett seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

Laura motioned to move forward with the Engagement Conference.

Catherine Nielsen seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

Eric Wilcox, Chair of Education Subcommittee

Survey on Deaf Education

The subcommittee discussed the implementation details of a previously approved survey targeting:

- Educators
- Students
- Stakeholders in public education for deaf and hard of hearing students in Nevada
- Timeline:
- Survey will go live in October
- Data collection will run through October-November 2025

LEAD-K Law (SB-203) Implementation

- The subcommittee expressed concern over the lack of progress by the Nevada Department of Education in implementing SB-203 (LEAD-K), passed several sessions ago.
- Although initial work began, key requirements remain unfulfilled.

Eric motioned to send a letter to the Nevada Department of Education requesting an update on LEAD-K implantation and engagement with the Education Subcommittee via public meeting or offline discussion.

Dolores seconded. The members voted and the motion carried.

- Obioma Officer, Executive Director: Jamie Vitali will be stepping down from his position.
- Dolores Parrish will take over as the new lead of the subcommittee.

Survey Implementation

- Dolores will be responsible for applying the educator and student survey, as previously discussed.
- This action aligns with the Executive Director's recommendation and will be included in the annual report.
- **13.** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible vote to approve of Tentative Agenda Items for Next meeting November 12, 2025.

Eric Wilcox, Chair

Presentation by NATRC

Possible presentation by NERC

Other items may be suggested to Obioma Officer or Eric Wilcox.

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Jenn Montoya: The CAS program will be providing a presentation for the deaf community and the users of interpreting services with RID. It will involve ethical practices for the ethical Practices System. The Reno one will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> and then one will be in Las Vegas to better understand the ethics within the interpreting field and the system that holds the interpreters accountable. There will be food provided at this presentation.

- Autumn Blattman: Project Goal:
  - To streamline training and develop a consensus-based curriculum for personal care attendants (PCAs).

Survey Outreach

- A survey is currently circulating to gather input from:
  - Personal care agency owners
  - Personal care attendants
  - Individuals receiving PCA services
  - Family members or advocates of those receiving services
- Request:
  - Autumn encourages wide distribution of the survey.
  - If you or someone you know fits one of these roles, contact Autumn.
  - She will share the survey link with Wendy to distribute to the group.

# 15. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm

# AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 1550 E. College Parkway, Carson City, NV. 89706. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at ADSD (nv.gov) and Nevada Public Notices website at https://notice.nv.gov