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## MEETING MINUTES

*Name of Organization:* Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition

*Date and Time of Meeting:* Monday, February 14, 2022  
10:00AM

*Place of Meeting:* Virtual:

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**NOTE:** Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

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1. Roll Call & Welcome:  
Molly Walt, Chair
  - Members: Rachel Jelenic, Cory Lutz, Jennifer Palmer, Molly Walt, Kathleen Doyle, Amy Dewitt-Smith, Justin Lester Hansen, Deidre Hillyard-Manley, Cheryl Dinnell
  - Members Absent: David Nichols, Sharifa Wahab
  - Guest: Riley Franco, Barry Gold, Valerie Balen, Kendra Gipson, Luiza Benisano, Tori Diego, Jana Borden, Yazmin Orozco, Carole Hanley
2. Public Comment:  
Molly Walt, Chair
  - Happy Birthdays were extended to members with January and February birthdays.
3. Introduction of Board Members:  
Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director
  - Jennifer Palmer
  - Deidre Manley with DCFS
4. Review and Approve Draft Minutes from November 16, 2021, Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) meeting (For Possible Action):  
Molly Walt, Chair
  - Cory Lutz motioned to approve the minutes, Amy Dewitt-Smith second the motion, all approved.

5. Presentation from the Division of Child and Family Services on Advance Respite Care supports for Youth and Families:

Shannon Hill, Health Program Manager II

- Several Care Coordinators are trained in Focus/High Fidelity Wraparound.
- Training some rural communities Social Workers in the Focus.
- The Facilitator or Care Coordinator sends a completed referral for to the System of Care (SOC) email [SOC@dcsf.nv.gov](mailto:SOC@dcsf.nv.gov) or they can contact Deidre Manley at (702) 432-4055.
- An initial 30-day care plan that includes respite care is required; respite care must be listed as a need.
- Caregivers can be a friend, family member or provider.
- After the System of Care (SOC) team reviews the application documents they will submit the application to GT Independence. Additional paperwork may be required.
- University of Nevada Reno (UNR) partner with SOC's to gather required respite data to better understand the needs of youth and families.
- Interviews are done by phone every 6 months. Questions only reflect the family's experiences with respite care.
- A \$20 gift card is provided for taking part in the data collection.
- The respite grant is \$400.00 a month for a 90-day period, funds do not roll out of the 90 days.
- Nevada is trying to develop a respite care provider list.
- One grant ends October of 2022 with one year on another grant.

6. Presentation from Nevada Aging & Disability Services Division on the Lifespan Respite Care grant and ARCH Pilot Program

Yazmin Orozco, Program Coordinator

- The Lifespan Respite Grant has allocated emergency funding for caregivers. The self-directed voucher started in November of 2021.
- The current balance is \$11,629.85 with the focus going to Northern Nevada and rural areas.
- The first annual Caregiving in Nevada report will be published soon (March 2022).
- Started to collect data from the caregiver satisfaction survey.
- Discussions with partners on how to develop a data set that is streamlined.
- Currently part of the Nevada Respite training pilot project is supported by the Care Association of Wisconsin, the National Respite Networking Resources Center, and the National Academy for state health policy.
- Currently recruiting and promoting the training that is free, for educational core certifications.
- The statewide self-paced 10 course certification can be used by provider agencies.

7. Presentation and Discussion and Approval regarding social media (For Possible Action):

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director

- The coalition has a Facebook (FB) and YouTube channel.
- Campaigns may have videos, pictures, or links.
- Videos do the best with likes and shares.
- The [nvcaregivingrelief.org](http://nvcaregivingrelief.org) web site does better when ads run. With no funding, things have slowed down but users per session holding ground with those that are visiting.
- There is a need for new content to help increase the outreach awareness.
- One video is under contract that will address reasons caregivers refuse respite involvement that will be posted when completed.

8. Discuss, Review and Approve Recommendations to be included in the State Plan for Caregiver Support and Respite Services (For Possible Action)

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director

- 2022 is to gather and disseminate information regarding family caregiver supports.
- Some ways to accomplish the task is to gather information from family caregivers, generate reports on respite programs from funded partners, and possibly address hospital discharge planning.

- Raise awareness of issues with other State Councils and Commissions and Legislative Interim Committees.
  - Align goals with the RAISE Family Council priorities on family caregivers, physical, emotional, and financial wellbeing.
  - Expand on awareness outreach and education.
  - Increase public awareness and recognition of the diverse needs and challenges.
  - Identify what support is needed to make caregivers aware of support that is available. Engaging them through evidence supported and culturally sensitive caregiver assessments.
  - Cory Lutz motioned to approve the draft data collection plan, Amy Dewitt-Smith second the motion, all approved.
9. Discuss, Review and Approve regarding Legislative Awareness (For Possible Action):  
Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director
- Concerns brought forward on transitioning the Coalition into a statutory body.
  - With the Coalition having an outside fiscal partner Healthy Communities that can accept donations on behalf of the coalition, this would allow fund raising activities to continue.
  - The Coalition is limited on how they support Legislation by writing letters of support but is unable to encourage others to promote what NLRCC supports.
  - Amy Dewitt-Smith motioned to take off the NRS aspect and table the discussion and support empowering Cheryl Dinnell to represent the Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition at the Interim Sessions meetings. Rachel Jelenic second the motion, all approved.
10. Discuss Tentative Agenda Items for April 18, 2022, meeting:  
Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director
- Community Based Care Service Providers (CBC) presentation on caregiver support program
  - Lifespan Respite updates- Yazmin Orozco
  - ADHD workforce development activities
  - VA supports presentation
11. Public Comment:  
Cory Lutz, Vice Chair
- The Build Back Better bill ran into a challenge and AARP is still fighting to get the cost of prescription drugs lowered and a \$35.00 cap on insulin. AARP strongly advises the public to ask their Congress representatives to keep talking about prescription drug cost.
12. Adjournment: 11:38am  
Cory Lutz, Vice Chair

**Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:**

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