



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION  
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## MEETING MINUTES

*Name of Organization:* Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition

*Date and Time of Meeting:* Monday, August 15, 2022  
10:00AM

*Place of Meeting:* Microsoft Teams meeting

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**NOTE:** Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the Commission administrative support with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.

1. Roll Call & Welcome:  
Molly Walt, Chair

- Members: David Nichols, Rachel Jelenic, Sharifa Wahab, Cory Lutz, Molly Walt, Kathleen Doyle, Amy Dewitt-Smith, Deidre Hillyard-Manley
- Staff: Cheryl Dinnell, Carole Hanley, Lisa Torres, Yazmin Orozco, Annemarie Culp, Deanna Smith
- Guests: Venessa Dunn, Korine Viehweg, Riley Franco, Jana Borden, Judy New, Linda Anderson, Barbara Westcott, Brandy Runge-Rundell, Maricela Gutierrez, Mark Pierre-Louis, Tori Diego, Sara Batey

2. Public Comment:(No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person. Persons making comment 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.)

Molly Walt, Chair

- No public comment

3. Review and Approve Draft Minutes from June 21, 2022, Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) meeting (For Possible Action):

Molly Walt, Chair

- Cory Lutz motion to approve the minutes
- Kathy Doyle second the motion

- All approved
4. Discussion and Approval to NLRCC Bylaws change made at 6/21/22 NLRCC meeting (For Possible Action):  
Molly Walt, Chair
- Language added to grant Executive Director and Chair power to act on behalf of the Coalition when asked to provide recommendations or actions that impact family caregivers.
  - Amy Dewitt-Smith motion to approve the addition to the bylaws.
  - David Nichols second the motion
  - All approved
5. Discussion and Approval on NLRCC Recommendation for BDR Draft (For Possible Action):  
Molly Walt, Chair
- Recommendations were prepared to present to Legislators in hope of gaining interest in supporting a Bill Draft Request (BDR) during the next legislative session.
  - Request to implement caregiver assessments.
  - Propose legislation that establishes a caregiver assessment process for hospitals, Medicaid waiver programs, healthcare professionals and agency programs that rely on family caregivers to provide care and support for a person with a disability or chronic health conditions at home.
  - The caregiver assessment could help identify caregivers' willingness to provide support, their needs and capability, and planned services.
  - David Nichols motioned to approve the draft BDR.
  - Cory Lutz second the motion
  - All approved
6. Presentation from JUSTin HOPE Foundations Services:  
Maricela Gutierrez Rodriguez, MNLM, Executive director
- A nonprofit serving the Washoe county area.
  - They help families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages (with a specific focus on the transitional age youth).
  - They provided informational opportunities to the community that help families with trainings and education.
  - The Respite program is only available for emergency care services.
  - Online training for first responders will soon be available online.
  - HOPE Works program helps young adults with disabilities receive paid internships to train for and help fill gaps in workforce.
  - Currently serving 8 to 10 families a month with respite.
7. Presentation Northern Nevada Rave Family Foundations:  
Korine Viehweg, Executive Director
- Has been in business since 1995

- Provide services 517 kids in Washoe County with 293 unique families.
- 649 respite sessions and 284 youth volunteers that provided 5675.50 hours.
- Expanding outside of Washoe County into Elko with a respite center and program starting with 6 family 11 kids utilizing services.
- 166 High school students provided 225 volunteer hours.
- Provide services to families with children 3 months to 22 years.
- Monday nights are for teens and young adults.
- Services are free of charge and allow kids to be kids.
- RAVE Family Centers in Elko and Carson City. Looking for two more locations in the next year.
- Elko: 8 sessions a month.
- Reno – Sparks: 18 sessions a month
- Looking for staff and volunteers for all locations.
- Working with High Sierra Industries on de-escalation training. Remote trainings will also be available.
- Staff have opening briefing and de-briefing sessions after every session.
- Full FBI background checks are done on all staff.

8. Presentation from Positively Kids:

Judy New, Vice President Medical Clinics

- A Clark County Nonprofit that caters to foster care population but caters to any child aged 0-18.
- Nurses teach family in foster care and in home care how to care for the child's medical needs and will attend doctors' visits when needed.
- Home Health program receives referrals and will work with families on private duty and nursing care. Is getting certified by Medicare.
- Pediatric clinic begins on campus and continues after they are placed.
- Nurse practitioners on staff.
- Works closely with the Department of Family Services
- This one stop shop that has many programs including a new Autism program for kids from 3-5.
- Staffing is a challenge.
- A 74-bed skilled care facility is set to open in approximately 18 months to bring kids back into Nevada who are currently taken out of state.
- Free camp physicals for foster children.

9. Presentation from Eagle Valley Children's Home (EVCH):

Brandy Runge-Rundell, Respite Program Coordinator, EVCH

- Provides short term intermittent in-home respite care for developmentally disabled persons caregivers on a planned or emergency cases.
- Maximum of 30 hours a month.
- 61 families are on a waiting list.
- 8-10 families are expected to be removed off the list this year.

- Provide services such as bathing, dressing, and cooking along with other needed services.
- Families pay between \$2.00 - \$7.00/hour depending on income. Foster families pay \$3.00/hr.

10. Lifespan Respite Updates:

Yazmin Orozco, Lifespan Respite Program Coordinator, Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD)

- The balance of the Lifespan Respite grant is \$353.60.
- The original allocation helped 38 families with emergency respite.
- Broader recruitment efforts are being implemented.
- 41 caregivers have completed the survey.
- 11 of the 38 participants that enrolled in the respite training pilot have completed all 10 courses.
- 47 families have been referred out for other long-term care services.
- Still recruiting for the Nevada respite care pilot program and continuing work on expanding the workforce through free respite training.

11. ADSD Caregiving in Nevada 2022 Report:

Annemarie Culp, Caregiver Support Coordinator, Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD)

- This draft report is planned to be a living annual update that will evolve and incorporate more data each year.
- The document will show the current Nevada caregiver situation and what steps are taken to improve it year to year.

12. Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition Directors Report:

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director

- The voice over for Part 1 of the Respite Benefits video series has been added and will be released on the NLRCC Facebook page today.
- NLRCC will be sharing the newly approved BDR information with other Councils, Commissions, Advisory Boards and Task Forces.
- In building the NLRCC State Plan, tools like the Caregiver Report, Community Respite meetings and board presentations will help in the development.

13. Members Spotlight:

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director

- Board members Rachel Jelenic & Sharifa Wahab were spotlighted in this meeting; gratitude for all the ways they serve others. Spotlights were included in the meeting materials.

14. Discuss Tentative Agenda Items and location for October 10, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action):

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director

- Approved workgroup format for next meeting for more in-person discussion.
- Determine next meeting date through a Doodle Poll to be sent with date, time, and location options for meeting.

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Molly Walt, Chair

- Request for a volunteer for the Olmstead Steering Committee was made. (Deidre Manley volunteered)
- A virtual board training and Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) meeting has been scheduled for all members of all Councils, Commissions and Task Forces. A speaker from the LCB will present on the upcoming legislative session and what bills to follow. The training is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15, 2022 from 8:30 to 12:30 (both days). Email Lisa Torres [ltorres@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:ltorres@adsd.nv.gov) about participating. The meeting is to help the Boards and Commissions understand their roles and help with collaboration.

14. Adjournment: 11:59

Molly Walt, Chair

**Meeting Materials:**

**Note:**

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