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MEETING MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC)

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: **Microsoft Teams meeting**

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:

- Members: David Nichols, Rachel Jelenic, Sharifa Wahab, Cory Lutz, Molly Walt, Kathleen Doyle, Amy Dewitt-Smith, Deidre Hillyard-Manley, Dr. Deborah Howell, Allie Blum, Kelly Howe, Justin Hansen
- Staff: Cheryl Dinnell, Nikki Haag, Cheyenne Pasquale, Carole Hanley
- Guest: Autumn Blattman, Barbara Lewison, Kelcy Meyer, Laneika Walker, Lori Lutu

2. Public Comment:

- Barbara Lewison from Seniors and Services in Sparks Nevada introduced herself. Lanieka Walker from Four Hearts Healthcare Solutions introduced herself.
- Seniors and Services in Northern Nevada received additional funding for the respite grant program until the end of this fiscal year.

3. Review and Approve Draft Minutes from March 20, 2023, Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) meeting (For Possible Action):

- Cory Lutz motion to approve the minutes.
- Justin Hansen second the motion.
- All approved.

4. Presentation from Four Hearts Healthcare Solutions:

- New Home Health agency based in Henderson that provides services to all of Clark County, San Bernardino County, and Riverside County.
- The goal is to enhance client lives, provide quality care, and restore peace of mind with affordable supportive services.
- Covering medical, non-medical, social services, government assistance, and any other types of service to make clients whole.
- Four Hearts Healthcare Solutions is licensed, bonded, insured, and operates in accordance with local state, and federal regulations.
- Provides daily assistance, respite care, personal care, companionship, meals, and personal shopping.
- Accept various respite care vouchers (such as Alzheimer's or Helping Hands) and other forms of payment to cover the cost of services.
- Visit [Four Hearts Health Care Solutions](#) website.

5. Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition Directors Report:

- New member Kelly Howe joined the board.
- Goodbye to David Nichols as our No Wrong Door representative.
- Coalition needs to discuss if the Community for Respite stakeholders' group meetings should continue or if we need to engage them in a different way.
- The 2nd short video on the benefits of respite has been published on our YouTube channel. A third video is still in development.
- Letters of support were sent for Assembly Bill (AB)78, AB100, AB116, AB202, AB208 and Senate Bill (SB)156.
- The Coalition's efforts with AB100 continues to move it forward. AB100 passed the Assembly and has been heard in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.
- The Executive Director position is tied to a grant that ends in August. The responsibilities will then fall to the chair and vice-chair, and the board members to continue all our activities. ADSD has heard of the interest in a paid staff position and will try to include it in other Lifespan Respite grants.

6. Presentation/ Report on Lifespan Respite Grants:

- Our last contract employee, Ashley Martin, has left to work elsewhere.
- The Caregiver Support Coordinator was scheduled to start work in April, but they did not accept the position. A new recruitment will be going out in a few weeks.
- Working on including an Executive Director position in the budget revision.
- Grant A is for capacity building that has a goal to develop a coordinated intake and data collection system across state agencies.
- Grant B is an enhancement grant with goals including developing a respite registry, promoting interns and volunteer programs.
- Grant C is a dual diagnosis grant. ADSD finalized a contract with the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities to help with some of the training initiatives. This grant focuses on building a system of respite support for families that have children that have a dual diagnosis. Dual

diagnosis means mental health issues/SED plus a developmental/intellectual disability.

- Three overarching goals for Lifespan Respite are coordinated systems of caregiver support, consensus-based respite worker training, and increasing the respite workforce to address service gaps.
- ASD has several things, like No Wrong Door governance, HCBS Final Rule, the Olmsted Plan, and possibly passage of AB100 that will potentially impact the grants.

7. Discussion/ Presentation and Approval of NLRCC Bylaw changes: (For Possible Action):

- Changes proposed in the bylaws indicate that if a member no longer represents the constituency they were appointed for, they can either choose to resign or they can complete their term and not be eligible for reappointment. Verbiage was added that if a member can meet multiple positions on the Coalition, they would be able to fill another vacant position through reappointment which does not require reapplication.
- Section 7 allows the Chair to remove a member from the Advisory Board if they no longer represent the constituency they are, to allow flexibility for meeting the required composition of the board.
- Elections for chair and vice-chair will be held at the scheduled meeting prior to the end of the fiscal year (June 30th).
- Allie Blum motioned to approve the changes to the bylaws.
- Cory Lutz second the motion.
- All approved

8. Discuss/Update 2023 Legislative topics potentially affecting Caregivers:

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director

- AB78 - Family Caregivers may be relieved of their role in dispensing medication if JDT programs can administer medication without a nurse.
 - Passed the Assembly with no amendments and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.
- AB100 – Family caregiver needs/capability to give care will be assessed so that resources can be offered to them as they provide care at home.
 - Was amended and passed the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.
- AB116 – Families are given information on Down Syndrome when a pre-term or newborn diagnosis is made and connected with resources and support as soon as possible.
 - Passed the Assembly and has been heard in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.
- AB202 – Allow family caregivers to be in communication with/monitor care of a care recipient, without being there in person, by electronic means.
 - Passed the Assembly and the Senate has been referred it to the Committee of Health and Human Services.
- AB208 – Family caregivers of certain care recipients would be able to become paid caregivers.

- Was amended and passed the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services but is now referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.
 - SB156 – Open Meeting Law public meetings, through remote technology, still need to protect full participation of people with disabilities.
 - Has not moved forward.
9. Review/Approval of support for 2023 Legislative topics potentially affecting Caregivers (For Possible Action):

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director

- AB167 – establishes a dementia care specialist program for crisis intervention and proactive support for persons with dementia and their families/caregivers to remain in their homes.
 - Was amended and passed the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services but then was referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.
 - Cory Lutz moved to support AB167, Molly Walt second the motion, All approved.
 - AB422 - creates a pilot program to serve children diagnosed with a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder and provide services and support to children who do not meet requirements in other existing programs.
 - Was amended to specify fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Has passed the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services but then was referred to the Assembly Committee for Ways and Means.
 - No action taken.
 - SB298 – Regarding residential facilities for groups, this act prohibits the involuntary discharge of a resident except for certain reasons and imposes requirements governing the procedure for such an involuntary discharge.
 - Was amended and passed by the Senate and the Assembly referred it to their Committee on Health and Human Services.
 - Allie Blum motion to support SB298, Cory Lutz second the motion, all approved.
 - SB315 – Prescribes a Bill of Rights for persons with disabilities, persons who are aged, and pupils receiving individualized education program services.
 - Was amended and passed the Senate and referred to the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services.
 - Cory Lutz motioned to send a neutral letter for SB315, Allie Blum second the motion, all approved. Specifically stating concerns for the impact on family caregivers.
10. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (For Possible Action):
- Molly Walt and Maria Lopez are interested in the Chair position.
 - Cory Lutz nominated Molly Walt for chair; Amy Dewitt-Smith second the motion; no opposition, all approved.

- Kathleen Doyle and Cory Lutz are both interested in the Vice-Chair position.
- Sharifa Wahab nominated Cory Lutz for Vice-Chair; David Nichols second the motion; no opposition, all approved.

11. Discuss of July 17, 2023, Agenda topics:

- Updates on Legislative topics.
- Executive Director position, including funding.
- State Plan gaps.

12. Member Spotlight:

- Spotlights were done for Cory Lutz, Kathleen Doyle, and Kelly Howe. Spotlights can be found in the meeting materials.

13. Public Comment:

- Sharifa Wahab has been lobbying for AB100.
- David Nichols wants to be involved in Coalition activities as much as possible.

12. Adjournment: 11:53am

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

Note:

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