



Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: TEAMs meeting

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1. **Roll Call, Opening Statement:**

- Members: Amy Dewitt- Smith, Allie Blum, Cory Lutz, Dr. Deborah Howel, Kathy Doyle, Molly Walt, Zaconia Turner, Charrise Brown
- Absent Members: Deidre Hillyard-Manley, Elaine Bergenheier, Kelly Howe, Maria Lopez, Rommel Timbal, Sharifa Wahab
- Staff and Guest: Cheyenne Pasquale, Carole Hanley, Molly Rose-Lewis, Charae Wamsley, Cheryl Dinnell, Ellen Frais-Wilcox, Linda Anderson, Tori Diego, Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Belz & Case Government Affairs Scribe by Rewatch

2. **Public Comment:**

- No public comment made.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of NLRCC January 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes:

- Cory Lutz motioned to approve the minutes,
- Kathy Doyle second the motion,
- All approved

4. **Presentation and Discussion:** Casework, Grants, and other Assistance potentially available from Federal offices.

- Senator Rosen's most recent caregiver introduction to the legislation is a bill authorizing caregivers to use health savings accounts to pay for expenses that a caregiver incurs while caring for others.
- If an individual is having an issue with a federal agency, they can contact Senator Rosen's office and they can open a case via specific congressional contacts. This can help expedite things.
- A letter of support can be given for direct federal grants.

- To sign up to receive a monthly grants newsletter go to: [Home - Jacky Rosen \(senate.gov\)](#) or contact Molly Rose-Lewis mollyrose_lewis@rosen.senate.gov
 - Accepting appropriations and community project funding request.
 - Community project funds must be submitted through a local or state government entity.
 - A non- profit can partner with state or local agencies can apply for this one-time funding. Applications are being accepted until 3/29/24.
5. **Presentation and Update:** Assembly Bill (AB) 208 Establishing Family Caregiving Waivers.
- The Structured for Family Caregiving Waiver is in the initial planning phase.
 - The 1915© Wavier programs will offer case management, personal care services, homemaker, and health related services to recipients with dementia. No minimum or maximum age as this is a standalone waiver.
 - The first year will provide funds for 100 slots.
 - Presentation can be found with the meeting materials: [Home \(nv.gov\)](#).
 - A Public Workshop will be held in April.
6. **Review and Discussion:** ADSD Report regarding Lifespan Respite Grants and AB100 Implementation and Executive Director position.
- Lifespan Respite Grant Updates
 - Developing a scope of work to hire a vendor to assist with project management, specifically related to coordination of data (AB100 implementation), recruitment efforts, and training.
 - Expect to have a vendor in place by June 1.
 - Continuing negotiations with vendors to establish an online learning system for training. The system will be able to house autonomous training as well as have a mechanism to offer 'live' trainings. The goal is to have this contract in place before the end of the fiscal year.
 - Have reached out to an existing vendor to discuss options to expand ADSD's contract to establish a registry of individuals who complete respite training.
 - There have been some delays with the contract with UNR for the dual diagnosis grant but should be resolved soon so that work can begin.
 - Ashlee (ADSD Caregiver Support Coordinator) last day will be March 29.
 - Executive Director
 - Review job announcement.
 - AB100 Implementation
 - Have decided to wait on workgroup development to bring on a contractor that can help facilitate conversations.
 - Existing staff resources are too limited to do this work.
7. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss and Approve Meeting dates/frequency changes.

- Cory Lutz motioned to keep the NLRCC meeting dates at the third Monday every other month at 10:00am.
- Amy Dewitt-Smith Second the motion
- All approved

8. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss and Approve NLRCC Recommendation Updates/Priorities in the Outreach section of the State Plan:

- No recommendation changes were received so this item will be tabled to the May meeting.

9. **Presentation and Discussion:** Member Spotlight Zaconia Turner:

- Spotlight can be found with the meeting materials.

10. **For Possible Action:** Tentative Agenda Topics: May 2024 meeting:

- NLRCC Recommendation Updates/Priorities in the Outreach section.

11. **Public Comment:**

- Amy Dewitt-Smith would like to collaborate and put together an older American's month activity and do some respite education and outreach.
- Activities are being planned for Washoe County and some celebration activities for seniors in Carson.
- Cheryl Dinnell the ARCH National Strategy for Supportive Family Caregivers was developed in 2022. They aim to provide robust family caregiver support across all age groups and locations.
- Urges NLRCC to align their goals with ARCH. One of the goals is to increase awareness and outreach to family caregivers. Not all caregivers self-identify or know where to obtain information.
- Other goals include advancing partnerships and engagements.
- With over 53 million caregivers nationwide they need to have their needs heard.
- Goal three is to strengthen services and support, respite care is critical.
- Respite that ties to financial workforce security. Financial strain is very high.
- Goal 5 is information and data.
- In May the ARCH National Respite Network will be updating the councils about what is going on around the country.
- Cheryl encouraged the members to provide Cheyenne Pasquale with what they are doing for respite so she can report at the ARCH on Nevada's activities.
- Charae Wamsley Gipson shared that the Alzheimer's Association has been awarded a \$25 million dollar grant to enhance respite services for dementia caregivers nationwide.
- Applications are now being accepted until June 1, 2024 to help create or improve respite programs with a focus on serving underserved populations.

12. **Adjournment: 11:40am**

NOTE:

- Supporting public materials provided to Coalition members for this meeting may be requested from Carole Hanley, at clhanley@adsd.nv.gov and is/will be available at the meeting locations on the ADSD website <https://adsd.nv.gov>. Or [Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition \(nv.gov\)](https://adsd.nv.gov).

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