



Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, May 19, 2025
10:00AM

Meeting Link

(This is a virtual meeting and there is no public location.)

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1. Roll Call, Opening Statement:

- Members: Allie Blum, Amy Dewitt-Smith, Cory Lutz, Dr. Deborah Howell, Molly Walt, Kathleen Doyle, Zaconia Turner
- Staff and Guest: Cecilia Alonso, CJ Johnson, Autumn Blattman, WENDY Thornley, Diane Thorkildson, Diana Rovetti, Charae Wamsley-Gipson, Lori Lutu, Carole Hanley

2. Public Comment:

- No public comment made

3. For Possible Action: Approval of NLRCC March 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

- Cory Lutz motion to approve the minutes
- Allie Blum and Kathy Doyle second the motion
- All approved

4. Report and Discussion: From 2025 Lifespan Respite Conference Attendees (Amy Dewitt-Smith, Molly Walt, Cory Lutz, Cheyenne Pasquale):

- All agreed that the conference was organized, and very informative.
- Great keynote speakers that provided beneficial information.
- Breakout sessions were geared for seniors and independent living.
- Ideas to potential use in the next fiscal year.
- Navigating change and how to support each other during these tight times.
- Sharing resources is going to be key in supporting each other.

5. Review and Discussion: Funding Reductions Relating to Funds for Healthy Nevada (FHN) Funding:

- Funds for Health Nevada are from tobacco settlement dollars that the state has had for a long period of time.
- These funds received a 12% cut across the board which for the Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) is approximately \$1,000,000 in funds.
- Tough decisions were made for fiscal year 2026.
- The Nevada 211 system also received a reduction that will have an impact.

6. **Review and Discussion:** Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) Report regarding Lifespan Respite Grants including AB100 the Implementation of a Pilot Program to Administer Certain Family Caregiver Assessments:

Cheyenne Pasquale, Planning Chief, Diana Rovetti, Senior Project Director and Diane Thorkildson, Assistant Director, Nevada Center of Excellence in Disabilities

- Lori Lutu will be taking over the day-to-day activities for the Lifespan Respite grants.
- Diane Thorkelson & Diana Rovetti from the Nevada Center of Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) will be the project manager and support.
- Assisting ADSD with the implementation of AB100 with the coalition being instrumental partners.
- Identifying data resources already available and coordinating the collection into one system. This will help identify respite resources and any gaps that need to be addressed.
- Plans to complete an evidence-based practice audit and find out how resources are being used.
- Possibility of forming a Steering Committee to shape and develop a practice manual outline with the expectations for the state of Nevada Respite care services.
- Funds for the Lifespan Risk Act are funded until September 30, 2025.
- Competitive notice of fundings for direct services for lifespan respite may go out in the next few months.

7. **Review and Discussion:** Legislative Updates:

- Assembly Bill (AB)337: Creates Programs related to Dementia.
 - Did pass through the Assembly and was referred to the Money committee.
- AB338: Revises provisions relating to Health Care for Seniors.
 - Referred to the Money Committee.
- AB461: Revises provisions governing Health Care.
 - In Work Session.
- Senate Bill (SB)78: Revises provisions relating to Boards, Commissions, Councils and similar bodies.
 - Was amended and declared exempt.
- General Budget Updates.
 - No budget enhancements were made this session.
 - No Caseload growth for the division.

- The economic forum report will be monitored closely to if the reduction in tourism and gambling income changes.

8. **Review and Discussion:** New Older Americans Act Title IIIIE Funding

- 4 awards will be implemented following the National Strategy Recommendations for family caregiver support.
- The project is for a 24-month period for up to \$490,000.
- It does have a 25% match based on the total project cost.
- This funding has not been published yet.
- The match requirement is a concern.

9. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approval of NLRCC Bylaws regarding Member Appointments:

- Reduce the member count from 11-15 to 9-13.
- Remove two members who are direct service workers or volunteers, providing temporary respite.
- The Chair can remove those who are absent for at least two meetings during a calendar year with no communication.
- Molly Walt motioned to approve the changes
- Amy Dewitt-Smith second the motion
- All approved

10. **For Information Only:** Tentative Agenda Topics for July 21, 2025, meeting.

- Legislative Updates
- ADSD New Staff introductions

11. **Public Comment:**

- ADSD has some leadership changes. Jeff Duncan is leaving the agency on June 9th. Dena Schmidt has accepted a promotion with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). Rique Robb has been appointed as the new Administrator.
- The Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada turned 10years old as on May 10, 2025. A celebration will be held on Saturday, June 7th from 11:00am-2:00pm in Reno.

12. **Adjournment:** 11:15am

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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