**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2023**

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NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
808 West Nye Lane, Carson City, NV 89703

# Special Notes

* All items reviewed during this meeting are available for view on the NGCDD website; under the event created for this meeting: [www.nevadaddcouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/)
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# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Santa Perez, Committee Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Max Lowe; Jack Mayes; Renee Portnell; Christine Riggi; Cindi Swanson; Jodi Thornley; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Frischmann; Dora Martinez

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager

Public Present: Melissa Bart-Plange; Steven Cohen

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by NGCDD Policy Committee Chair, Santa Perez 10:01 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the proper locations on January 10, 2023.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez asked if there was any public comment.

* Catherine Nielsen reminded the committee of the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day scheduled for March 8, 2023 held at the Nevada Legislature. A training session for participants will be held on March 7, 2023. The registration link can be found in several locations like the NGCDD’s social media and website. Travel funds are limited so please apply as soon as possible. A bus will be provided for participants from Southern Nevada. This is a free event.

# Approval of Minutes from the December 2022 Meeting

Ms. Perez asked if there was a motion to approve the December 15, 2022 Committee meeting minutes.

**Jodi Thornley motioned to approve the December 15, 2022 Committee meeting minutes as written. Renee Portnell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jack Mayes abstaining.**

# 2023 Legislative Update

Ms. Perez deferred to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director for conversation on the upcoming Legislative session and initiatives.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “BDR List for Legislative Year 2023” and opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen discussed the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) and a meeting that will be held on January 23, 2023 to discuss the recommend budget to be approved by the Governor. She opened this item for discussion.

# Position Statement Discussion

Ms. Perez deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen referred to “Draft Position on Charter Schools” and discussed the draft position statement on educating children with intellectual and developmental disabilities within charter schools. She opened this item for discussion.

# Vision, Dental, and Hearing Position Statement

Ms. Perez deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the documents titled “Draft Position on Dental Care” and “Position on Healthcare Needing Changes”. She opened this item for discussion.

# Employment First Education Statement

Ms. Perez deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “Employment First in Nevada- Cumulative Edits” and invited Steven Cohen and Cindi Swanson to further explain the document details. She opened this item for discussion.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on February 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Perez asked if there is any public comment. None was given.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.