

State of Nevada Autism Task Force
Training, Certification and Applied Behavior Analysis Subcommittee
MINUTES

Thursday, December 20, 2007
Teleconference

Members Present: Dr. Patrick Ghezzi, Dr. Matt Tincani, Michele Tombari, Dr. Jan Butz, Erik Lovaas, Amy Coyne, Troy Parks, Dr. Nancy Sylvania, Cathy Mellor and Jody Silva.

Members Absent: Debra Meinberg, Dr. Ron Leaf, and Ann Drendel-Haas.

Staff: Melanie Stevens

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Patrick Ghezzi opened the meeting at 1:40 pm by welcoming those present and asking all to introduce themselves.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Erik Lovaas motioned for Dr. Ghezzi to be named the subcommittee chair. It was seconded by Dr. Tincani and the motioned carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF EXPECTATIONS:

The committee agreed they needed to make a case demonstrating the need for more Board Certified Applied Behavior Analysts in the State of Nevada, including the need for more training opportunities.

OUTLINED PLAN OF ACTION:

The committee discussed the lack of Board Certified ABA's in state, and the effect it has in the treatment of Autism and the oversight of existing cases. They agreed to look into what types of training programs are available to undergraduate students, and how to make more programs accessible to people including those in the rural counties. **Dr. Ghezzi will develop an outline to send out to the group with ideas of how this could be accomplished. He encouraged others to do the same and share with one another until a firm outline can be drawn. He also suggested the committee consider how to put the information together in terms of a report for the Autism Task Force. The committee agreed to share and circulate any information and research they gather in the coming weeks via e-mail, so members can absorb and contemplate the information before the next meeting.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The committee agreed to schedule their next meeting for February 7th, 2008 at 1:45 pm. They also suggested an agenda item for the next meeting should be to schedule the rest of the subcommittee meetings through June.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

