

***State of Nevada Autism Task Force***  
***Financing Comprehensive Systems of Care Subcommittee***  
**MINUTES**

Monday, December 10, 2007  
Teleconference

**Members Present:** Dr. Nancy Sylvanie, Korri Ward, Randy Figurski, Todd Butterworth, Roswell Allen, Connie Anderson, Shawna Ross, and Catherine Armstrong.

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Bradley, Gary Kuhre, Dr. Elizabeth Moore, Assemblyman James Ohrenschall, Diane Branson, Dr. Johanna Fricke, Mary Liveratti, Michele O'Connell, Amy Clemens.

**Staff:** Melanie Stevens

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Todd Butterworth opened the meeting at 10:15 am by welcoming those present and asking all to introduce themselves.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:**

Todd Butterworth volunteered and was accepted without dissent as Chair of this subcommittee.

**DISCUSSION OF EXPECTATIONS:**

The committee agreed to work towards identifying systems of care for families living with Autism and to explore the possibility of having a single point of entry to make what is available more accessible to parents.

**OUTLINED PLAN OF ACTION:**

The committee agreed to look at what is available now and how to make it better. **Mr. Butterworth agreed to connect with Dave Luke and Mary Liveratti to look at the document they put together regarding existing systems of care for Autism in the public sector of Nevada. He will send out that information to the subcommittee.**

A suggestion was made that the subcommittee look at innovative approaches other state's Medicaid programs have used relative to serving kids with Autism. Shawna Ross stated she had attended the American Speech and Hearing National Conference and has a list of states that have mandated initiatives for Autism. **Ms. Ross agreed to share this list with Randy Figurski and Roswell Allen so they can all review it and report back to the subcommittee with their ideas at the next meeting.**

The committee recognized that rural areas are often impacted by a lack of services, and transportation to and from those services. **Catherine Armstrong, Korri Ward, and Dr. Nancy Sylvanie agreed to look at what the rural barriers and service delivery issues are, and report back to the group at the next meeting.**

**Connie Anderson agreed to summarize what's currently available through Medicaid and what other states are doing for Autism services.**

**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, and be better prepared for the next meeting.**

**It was also suggested that, as members work on projects, they think in terms of background, alternative courses of action, and recommendations that can be included in the final report. Mr. Butterworth volunteered to compile and edit the information for the subcommittee's report to the Autism Task Force.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment was offered.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The committee agreed to meet the second Monday of even numbered months at 10:30 am by teleconference, making the next meeting February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.