

State of Nevada Autism Task Force
Screening and Diagnostic Subcommittee
MINUTES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Teleconference

Members Present: Randy Figurski, Dr. Nancy Sylvania, Dr. Johanna Fricke, John Flamm, Diane Branson, Catherine Armstrong, Joy Bishop, Korri Ward, Sherry Fyfe, Tiffany Kostelec.

Members Absent: Dr. Elizabeth Moore

Staff: Melanie Stevens

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Randy Figurski opened the meeting at 10:15 a.m. by welcoming those present and asking al to introduce themselves.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Korri Ward motioned for Randy Figurski to be named as subcommittee chairperson. It was seconded by Dr. Fricke and the motioned carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF EXPECTATIONS:

The committee recognized the need to adopt a standard for Screening and Diagnosing Autism in the State of Nevada. It should include what are the appropriate ages to be screened, the appropriate screening algorithms used, and who can do the screening and where.

OUTLINED PLAN OF ACTION:

Dr. Fricke stated the American Academy of Pediatrics has very clear guideline recommendations regarding the screening for Autism, which Mr. Figurski offered to send out a copy of, to the group. The committee also noted The American Academy of Neurology has a similar set of standards for Screening and Diagnosis, which are not quite as long and technical. **It was suggested the committee look at both documents before the next meeting. After reviewing both recommendations the committee could consider adopting a particular standard around screening at the next subcommittee meeting.** It was suggested a standardized screening report be implemented by anyone in the business of screening so that, at least within Nevada, it would become familiar to those who receive those reports. There's a need to have a recommendation for screening that includes appropriate screening instruments and an appropriate template for reporting those results to whomever the follow-up diagnostic or evaluation team would be **Mr. Figurski asked that everyone be prepared to report on their views at the next meeting.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

The committee agreed to meet the second Tuesday of even numbered months at 10:00 am by teleconference, making the next meetings February 12th, April 8th, and June 10th, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.