### Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC)

## DRAFT Meeting Minutes March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### **Meeting Locations (Video conferenced)**

Carson City: Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4150 Technology Way, Room 303 Elko: Aging and Disability Services Division, Early Intervention Services, 1020 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 102 Las Vegas: Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Bldg. D Ste. 810

#### **Members Present**

#### **Members Absent**

Susan Lucia-Terry

Diane Thorkildson, Chair Amber Bosket Amy Kelley Dan Wold Fernando Serrano Fred Schultz Jeff Fontaine – On Phone Laura Alison (Ali) Caliendo Leslie Bittleston Shirley Trummell Stacy Gilbert Tom McCoy

#### **Department Staff Present**

Constance Lucido, Chief, Cathy Council, Julieta Mendoza, Lori Follett, Kim Garcia and Kayla Jacobs, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants (OCPG), DHHS Director's Office

#### **Others Present**

Amy Dewitt-Smith, Neighbor Network Anne Studebaher, Boys & Girls Club Ashley Greenwald, Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities Betty Barker, Child Assault Prevention Brenda Costello, Washoe County School District Family Resource Center Brenda Herbstman, Clark County Social Services Caitlin Stapley, Boys Town of Nevada Christie O'Mena, Money Management Christina Hall, Rape Crisis Center Christine O'Flaherty - Positive Behavior Support Nevada Dee Towner - University Medical Center Erika Lera - Ron Wood Family Resource Center Jan Bialecki - DFS PP Janice Lee - Nevada's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Jared Oritt - Ridge House Inc Jennifer Johnston - Northern Nevada R.A.V.E. Family Foundation Jenny Yeager - Food Bank of Northern Nevada Joyce Buckingham - Ron Wood Family Resource Center

Keeli Killian - Washoe County School District Counselling Kim Young - The Children's Cabinet Korine Viehweg - Northern Nevada R.A.V.E. Family Foundation Kristin Aviles - Hopelink Laura Steeps - Olive Crest Laura Urban - Office of Food Security Lauren Brown - PBN Nevada/NCED Lauren Soulam - Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Linda Lewis - Positively Kids Lisa Bonie - Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living Lisa Lee - AEDU Lorraine Benito - University of Nevada Reno Marie Baxter - Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada Mark Tadder - Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living Marty Elquist - The Children's Cabinet Mary Bryant - University of Nevada Reno Melanie Barkley - Nevada Rural RSVP Natalie Bennett - University of Nevada Reno Polly Bates - St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation Rebecca LeBeaux - Child Assault Prevention Roger Bahten - Washoe County School District Sandy Wallace - Food Bank of Northern Nevada Schyler Hagen - UNR Cooperative Extension/Mineral County Shannon Lamaster - Three Square Staci Emm - UNR Cooperative Extension/Mineral County Susan Haas - Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Tera Phebus - Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy Tim Doyle - Money Management Venicia Considine - Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

# I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Announcements.

Diane Thorkildson called meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Ms. Thorkildson took roll call and a quorum was confirmed. No additional announcements.

# II. Public Comment #1

## Las Vegas:

- Brenda Herbstman, Clark County Social Services,
  - Ms. Herbstman thanked the committee for the opportunity to voice her opinion/concerns and commented the Request for Application (RFA) scores were inconsistent and did not demonstrate consensus among the reviewers. Ms. Herbstman presented a <u>letter</u> with the overview of her public comment.

Ms. Thorkildson thanked Brenda Herbstman and asked if there were any more public comments in Vegas?

- <u>Tera Phebus, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy</u>
  - Ms. Phebus stated she had some comments prepared, but Ms. Herbstman said it very well she believes, and would just like to agree with her comments and recommendations she gave.

Ms. Thorkildson asked if there was anyone else in Vegas for public comment? No response. Ms. Thorkildson continued to request that any typed or written public comment please be submitted to Cathy Council. Ms. Thorkildson asked for anyone with public comment on the phone to come forward. No response.

# Elko:

• Amanda, Wells Family Resource Center, introduced herself with no other comment. Carson City:

- Keely Killian & Roger Bahten with Washoe County School District
  - Ms. Killian stated they came today to give support to one of the many organizations that they work with, Child Assault Prevention, and the consequences if funding was cut.
  - Mr. Bahten stated they have been partners since 1985 and since 2000 they have been providing Child Assault/Abuse Prevention Training for their students. Mr. Bahten continued they are representing over 70 elementary school counselors that sometimes have caseloads of 700 children. Mr. Bahten added if this funding is cut then the classes would be cut for 13,000 children, and they are already spread thin with the budget cuts they are facing. Mr. Bahten continued they are just trying to provide services to the children of Washoe County and this cut would be detrimental to their services, he isn't sure how they would make it. Mr. Bahten stated it is already so hard to treat these children that are dealing with abuse, getting them to come to school to learn, and this has been such a great partnership that they aren't sure how they would function without it.
  - Ms. Killian stated she would agree that they absolutely need the support of Child Assault Prevention, and they partner with many organizations but, like Mr. Bahten stated, their caseloads are 2-3X over the recommended ratios.
- Ms. Thorkildson interjected stating they were coming up on their three-minute limit.
  - Ms. Killian stated anything they can do to make them reconsider the allocation of funds.
  - Mr. Bahten stated this is about keeping their kids safe and protected which is a number one priority to them and the Child Assault Prevention Organization.
- Ms. Thorkildson stated they had hit their 3-minute limit.
  - Both Mr. Bahten and Ms. Killian thanked the committee for their time.
  - Marie Baxter with Catholic Charities
    - Ms. Baxter first wanted to thank everyone on the committee for taking their time to help and she understands it's a daunting task to award 2 million dollars to a multimillion-dollar problem. Ms. Baxter stated she has some comments on the recommendations by the subcommittee, as the provider for most of the services across rural Nevada related to the Wellness category of this grant where there is very limited availability of services and the cost of service delivery is very high, she hopes the committee will take the time to reconsider how they are reallocating these funds. Ms. Baxter continued this year they have submitted a joint application with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, as well as FISH (Friends in Service Helping) and community schools in Elko, to try to streamline their services and make sure they are having more impact with less cost. Ms. Baxter added they received 1.2 million dollars in the prior grant cycle where there was an issue with over-allocation so they were supplemented with Tile XX funds, so now looking at their reduction being proposed it is a significant impact on those individuals within the rural communities as far as what they are receiving for food and services. Ms. Baxter concluded that their recommendation that she hopes the committee will consider is to fund the top three agencies in their full requests so it will

least impact those people negatively and they will still have statewide coverage, or to reevaluate the percentage reductions to lessen the negative impact in the rural area. Ms. Baxter added that a 30% cut in the rural communities is a dramatically different cut than an area that has more urban resources and opportunities.

- <u>Jenny Yeager with Food Bank of Northern Nevada</u> Ms. Yeager thanked the committee and state staff for providing these funding opportunities. Jenny stated that she in speaking on behalf of the Wellness category. Ms. Yeager read from her <u>letter</u> stating her concerns with the scoring process and the bylaws.
- <u>Kim Young with The Children's Cabinet</u> Ms. Young stated that she echoes her colleges and wants to thank the committee for their time and efforts with this process. Ms. Young continued to read the <u>letter</u> and give examples stating her concerns specifically for the proposals that fall into the PCAN category.
- Korine Viehweg with The Northern Nevada R.A.V.E. Foundation Ms. Viehweg started off thanking the DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) for working hard throughout this process and in session. Ms. Viehweg continued to voice her concerns through a <u>letter</u> about the Respite category process and scoring.
- Amy Dewitt-Smith with Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada -
  - Ms. Dewitt-Smith stated Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada is a small non-profit organization that incorporated in 2015 and this is their first time applying for the Funds for a Healthy Nevada Grant. Ms. Dewitt-Smith continued they submitted two applications, one for the Independent Living Category to address transportation service gaps in Washoe County as well as some of the rural counties
  - Ms. Dewitt-Smith stated this grant project will be used as federal match funds FTA 5310 project and something noted in the RFA (Request for Applications) instructions was that those applications will be prioritized which was not discussed when the rankings were stated. Ms. Dewitt-Smith added the second application for Respite they prioritized addressing the service gap, which was also listed in the instructions.
  - Ms. Dewitt-Smith quoted the instructions, "Applications must address how services are made accessible to those that have little to no transportation. Describe how the proposed program will reach those with limited access." Ms. Dewitt-Smith concluded of course them having a transportation project in addition to their new respite pilot would help address the transportation access issues. Ms. Dewitt-Smith continued to say the instructions also state, "Applicants should indicate how their agency can assist with the respite service delivery gap for clients 18-59 years of age. Additional scoring points will be given to those that can help serve this gap." Ms. Dewitt-Smith stated prioritization didn't appear to be given, since they will be serving adults 18-59 years of age as well as older adults 60 and up with this respite pilot.
  - Ms. Dewiit-Smith elaborated this grant application will be used for federal match for an ACL grant that is due April 1<sup>st</sup>, so it is very necessary that they have that 25% match going into that application process. Ms. Dewitt-Smith stated she wanted to reiterate that she agrees with the previous testimonies that this was a confusing process and she can imagine with how comprehensive these application packets are that it must be a lot for people to review and sift through the many requirements, however she believes it could be more clear for reviewers as well as applicants going forward and would like to offer her feedback for future processes. Ms. Dewitt-Smith added her final thought would be, looking at the scoring it does seem as if government entities and larger organizations were prioritized because they have more administrative support within their programs, in the disability service category. Ms. Dewitt-Smith concluded that they

were required to go through and identify direct/indirect services which is very difficult for a small non-profit since even she, as the Executive Director, wears many hats. Ms. Dewiit-Smith stated on a phone call she was told they would be receiving \$103,000 after the budget cut, but on her sheet, it appears they would only be receiving \$45,000 so she would only assume hers and the Project Coordinator position was cut which she doesn't understand how she can hire respite employees and run a program without that level of support.

### III. Designate Vice-Chair

Ms. Thorkildson inquired if anyone would be willing to serve as Vice-Chair of the committee and added since she is Chair and is based out of Washoe County it could not be someone from Washoe County. There was no response. Ms. Thorkildson asked if anyone would like to nominate one of their colleagues.

- Leslie Bittleston stated she moved to nominate Stacy Gilbert, who is from a rural area and she believes that would meet the bylaw requirements.
- Dan Wold seconded the motion.

Ms. Thorkildson asked for further discussion, there was no response. The motion was carried unopposed.

## IV. Approve December 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Thorkildson stated the minutes were posted online and that she reviewed the minutes from this meeting and had no changes.

- Mr. Wold moved to approve these minutes.
- Ms. Bittleston seconded the motion.

Ms. Thorkildson asked for further discussion, there was no response. The motion was carried unopposed.

### V. Office Updates

- Constance Lucido stated she wanted to add this to the agenda just to provide some new staff updates. Ms. Lucido stated her herself was new as of January this year, Kayla Jacobs has filled the Administrative Assistant II position, and we are still trying to fill the Auditor position. Ms. Lucido continued that DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) has proposed that the Problem Gambling Fund and its activities move to Wellness and Prevention which within the DPBH (Department of Public and Behavioral Health) to more closely align the clinical services that are occurring. Ms. Lucido added that they have also proposed that the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Fund and activities. Ms. Lucido added they have also proposed that the Funds for Wellness and Hunger to go to the Governor's Food Safety Council. Ms. Lucido stated she also wanted to introduce the new GMAC Committee member, Fred Schultz, and asked him if he would like to provide information on his background.
- Mr. Schultz stated he is the CEO of Positively Kids for the south and wanted to make that clear that the committee does have southern Nevada representation. Mr. Schultz added his organization takes care of children who are medically fragile, long term chronic illnesses, developmentally delayed, or opioid addicted.
- Ms. Lucido thanked him for the information and stated the last update she has is in the December meeting; a letter was sent to Director Whitley asking for consideration for an external needs assessment to be done. Ms. Lucido stated the Director did allocate funds for that and our

office has executed a contract with the blueprint collaborative, who is currently reviewing all documentation and all past needs assessments, and we are hoping the conclusion will be delivered by the end of September.

Ms. Thorkildson inquired if there was any questions or comments from the committee, there was no response. She thanked Ms. Lucido and staff.

### VI. Approval of the Request for Application Process

Ms. Thorkildson asked Ms. Lucido the goal of this item.

Ms. Lucido stated she requested this item be added to the agenda and be given the committee's consideration that because of her observations over the last month and a half, she is requesting permission to approve her staff to provide guidance and standardization to the RFA process by creating policy and procedures for any upcoming requests for allocation. Ms. Lucido continues that NRS (Nevada Revised Statute) 232385, which determines the GMAC's duties, asked them to consider funding strategies for the department including without limitation seeking ways to avoid unnecessary duplication of services for which awards of money to agencies of state where its political subdivisions and non-profit communities or educational institutions are granted, and to make recommendations concerning these funding strategies to the Director. Ms. Lucido concluded there are ways to improve every process and she expects the outcome of this request to be able to provide the committee with a greater informed ability to make these funding strategy recommendations to the Director.

Ms. Thorkildson responded that she welcomes any clarity to the committee's decisions and would entertain a motion to Ms. Lucido's request.

- Amy Kelly responded that she moves to approve the request from Ms. Lucido.
- Mr. Wold seconded the motion.

Ms. Thorkildson asked for further discussion.

- Mr. Wold stated he would just like to comment that there have been many times this has been addressed and it is something that needs to be done. Mr. Wold added he appreciates the willingness and enthusiasm by the staff in Ms. Lucido's office to undertake that responsibility.
- Ms. Lucido thanked the committee.

Ms. Thorkildson asked for further discussion, there was no response. The motion was carried through unopposed.

### VII. Approval of Grant Recommendations to DHHS Director

### a) Fund for Healthy Nevada, Disability

Ms. Thorkildson requested a brief description from each sub-committee chair of the process that their sub-committee went through to get to the decision that sits before everyone. Ms. Thorkildson asked Ms. Lucido to explain what was requested.

Ms. Lucido agree to explain everything and stated that there are several asset maps that
were requested by the committee. Ms. Lucido stated that these were created to show
what was requested and where those services were being provided. Ms. Lucido went
through and explained the <u>Independent Living Asset Map</u>, the <u>Respite Asset Map</u> and
the <u>Prevention Child Abuse & Neglect Asset Map</u>. Ms. Lucido also went through the
<u>Ranking and Funding Sheet</u> showing reduction and explained each column's information
before and after the subcommittee's recommendations. Ms. Lucido stated this RFA
included Title XX funds that can be used to assist in filling in gaps, and that total amount
is \$1,079,358 each FY (fiscal year).

Ms. Thorkildson reiterated that they may use those Title XX funds to fill gaps as we see necessary.

• Ms. Lucido stated that was correct and added that none of the amounts listed on the documentation provided include the Title XX funds.

Ms. Thorkildson inquired if there were any questions, there was no response. Ms. Thorkildson stated she would turn the discussion to the Chair of the Disability Subcommittee, Ms. Bittleston.

 Ms. Bittleston read her prepared <u>letter</u> aloud to everyone stating reasons scores varied and how this committee decided to process/review the big amount of applications received.

Ms. Thorkildson asked if anyone had questions, there was no response.

Ms. Thorkildson stated she wanted to make sure she understood Ms. Bittleston correctly and asked if she was recommending to fund what is in the green column of the <u>Ranking and Funding Sheet</u>.

• Ms. Bittleston stated that is correct.

Ms. Thorkildson paused and then stated she just realized she needs to abstain from this category, and asked newly appointed Vice Chair, Ms. Gilbert, to take over.

- Ms. Gilbert went through each applicant in the Independent Living and Respite categories of the <u>Ranking and Funding Sheet</u> in the green column, and asked for a motion to approve.
- Mr. Wold motioned to approve these recommendations.
- Mr. McCoy seconded the motion.
- Ali Caliendo stated she would like to abstain.
- Ms. Thorkildson stated she would like to abstain as well.
  - The motion was carried through unopposed.

Ms. Thorkildson stated they would be going on to the next item.

## b) Fund for Healthy Nevada, Wellness

Ms. Thorkildson stated that this was her subcommittee group that received 8 applications requesting more than double what could be awarded. Ms. Thorkildson summarized that at this subcommittee meeting they decided to recommend funding to the top 4 ranked applicants after reducing their budgets by 30% by cutting out indirect costs. Ms. Thorkildson went through each applicant in the Wellness category of the <u>Ranking and Funding Sheet</u> in the green column and stated what each applicant would get. Ms. Thorkildson asked for a motion to approve.

- Ms. Bittleston motioned to approve the recommendations.
- Ms. Kelly seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unopposed.
- Ali Caliendo stated she would like to abstain.

Ms. Thorkildson announced they would go on to the next item.

## c) Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

- Fernando Serrano thanked the committees and applicants for their diligence and hard work. Mr. Serrano explained they received 33 applications for this grant, and with only 3 committee members they couldn't all read every application. Mr. Serrano continued they each worked on a random selection of applications and split them up between themselves. Mr. Serrano added they had about 7 million dollars in requests and only 1.5 million to award. Mr. Serrano addressed Ms. Thorkildson and stated he would like the committee to consider using a portion of the Title XX funds to help fund their category, since they had so many applicants.
  - Mr. Serrano went through each applicant in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect category of the <u>Ranking and Funding Sheet</u> in the green column, and stated these are the recommendations as they stand.

- Ms. Lucido asked Mr. Serrano if he could go back through the applicants, he just read to clarify the numbers he read aloud.
- Mr. Serrano went back through the green column from the Boys & Girls Club to Nye County Coalition.

Ms. Thorkildson asked if there were any questions for Mr. Serrano.

- Ms. Bittleston asked if the remaining \$47,000 would go to Boys Town.
- Mr. Serrano stated it hadn't been discussed yet, but they can certainly do so.
- Ms. Thorkildson asked Mr. Serrano if the committee had discussed what to do with any funds left over.
  - Mr. Serrano stated they had not but only asked that the funds be recalculated after they gave the funding recommendations.
  - Ms. Lucido stated the discussion at the subcommittee meeting was that there was concern that they weren't funding all categories of service, so that is why they created the asset maps.

Ms. Thorkildson asked, looking at the asset map, how would they know which applicant covered which service category.

- Ms. Lucido referenced and went through the <u>Independent Living Asset Map</u>, <u>Respite Asset</u> <u>Map</u> and the <u>Prevention Child Abuse & Neglect</u> explaining what the colors represented.
- Julieta Mendoza stated that at the subcommittee meeting it was proposed that they fund down the line to the Rape Crisis Center. Ms. Mendoza also stated that the asset maps included the Rape Crisis Center.
- Ms. Lucido added that if they did that, they would also allocate a portion of the Title XX funds.
- Mr. Serrano went back to the <u>Ranking and Funding Sheet</u> and read from the Boys Town Crisis Intervention to the Rape Crisis Center in the green column stating the number funding.

Ms. Thorkildson asked if the committee's recommendation was to fund down the list to the Rape Crisis Center, would that meet the qualifications of the statutory regulations on the Title XX funding?

- Ms. Caliendo stated it was her understanding that they hadn't come to a final decision on this, in addition to her being left feeling very uncomfortable with the blaringly obvious interrater bias in the committee. Ms. Caliendo added she would like to propose that the scores be reevaluated and standardized or come up with a process that is fairer. Ms. Caliendo stated the process is fundamentally unfair and she believes that will only cause distrust.
- Ms. Lucido stated that if that is the will of the committee then they would have to cancel the RFP (Request for Proposals) and the process will start over again for every category.

Ms. Thorkildson asked Ms. Caliendo what her thoughts were.

• Ms. Caliendo stated she would just like to make sure going forward that there is more clarity for reviewers and definitions are clear for the subcommittees and the scores are properly discussed so the same problems don't arise in the future.

Ms. Thorkildson stated while she does agree with her intentions, does Ms. Caliendo agree with starting this process over for everyone?

- Ms. Caliendo stated she didn't want to be difficult but is just pointing out the major flaws that are happening this cycle that didn't happen last cycle and is not very comfortable with the way the recommendations were decided.
- Mr. Wold stated he understands Ms. Caliendo's discomfort but thinks it's okay that the committee members have different scores and each member has their own bias. Mr. Wold added that he understands why the committee could not go over each application since

there were 33 and they each take multiple hours to review, but maybe it does make the scores unfair. Mr. Wold concluded that he believes they should make changes in the future but doesn't agree that going back and starting the process over now would be prudent.

- Ms. Bittleston stated she agrees with Mr. Wold and wanted to add many of the committee members are volunteering their time to these committees and have full time jobs on top of the committee duties and had to take the applications home to read on their free time. Ms. Bittleston added she doesn't believe they should go back to start over but make the process better moving forward.
- Mr. Serrano stated he wanted to echo those comments and agrees. Mr. Serrano added the Title XX funds also make it possible to funds the top 13 ranked applicants including ties, he doesn't believe they should go back.

Ms. Thorkildson stated the recommendations again.

- Mr. Wold stated he motioned to approve the recommendations to fund this category through the Rape Crisis Center using the \$781,942 available plus \$531,223 out of the Title XX funds.
- Ms. Kelly seconded the motion.
- Ms. Caliendo stated she wanted to abstain.

Ms. Thorkildson asked if there was any more discussion, there was no response. The motion was carried through unopposed. Ms. Thorkildson stated their next task is to address the remaining \$548,135 of Title XX funds.

• Ms. Bittleston requested that \$326,045 of that remaining money funds go to fund Independent living through Nevada Outreach Training organization, and Respite through Southern Nevada CHIPS at the rates indicated in the green column.

Ms. Thorkildson asked Ms. Bittleston to repeat what she stated.

- Ms. Bittleston read the applicants this would cover from the <u>Ranking and Funding Sheet</u>. Ms. Thorkildson stated she must abstain from this category, so she is handing the discussion to Ms. Gilbert.
  - Ms. Kelly asked for the balance of the Title XX funds after that request.
  - Ms. Bittleston responded that the balance would be \$220,090.
    - Mr. McCoy motioned to approve this request.
      - Mr. Serrano seconded the motion.
      - Ms. Thorkildson stated she is abstaining.

Ms. Thorkildson stated as the Wellness Chair, should would like to request that the remaining balance fund go to filling in some of the cuts they made to the top 4 applicants in this category.

- Mr. Wold stated if they restored the \$126,898 back to Money Management, that would give all top four applicants their funding at the 30% reduction and they could spread the remaining \$93,192 on a percentage basis to the top 3. Mr. Wold stated he proposes that \$126,898 go back to Money Management and the remaining \$31,064 to each of the other 3.
- Ms. Bittleston seconded the motion.
- Ms. Caliendo stated she will abstain.
  - The motion was carried through unopposed.

Ms. Thorkildson announced that they would move on to the next item.

# VIII. Public Comment #2

Las Vegas:

- <u>Tera Phebus with Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy:</u>
  - Ms. Phebus stated she wanted to express her serious concerns about the process, she is aware it's been previously discussed but based on the recommendations that were made today and the scores still being used as the deciding factors she wanted to restate that she understands this process is long and takes much time however this process is extremely important, and this is one of the only sources of funding in the state for primary prevention of child abuse and neglect. Ms. Phebus added as an organization focused on prevention, she is still concerned about the programming available for the next two years specifically in child self-protection where starting in 2020 schools will be required to offer this kind of education to their students. Ms. Phebus continued they will have very little support in terms of community programming and thanked the committee for their time.

Ms. Thorkildson thanked Ms. Phebus and asked for additional comments.

- Christina Hall with Rape Crisis Center:
  - Ms. Hall stated she wanted to second Ms. Phebus's comments, especially the fact that this programming is now mandated to be taught in the schools in 2020 and it will be tough for schools to meet that without the support of outside organizations.

Mr. Wold clarified that those were the only public comments in Las Vegas.

Ms. Thorkildson thanked Mr. Wold and asked for additional comments from Elko.

## Elko:

- Amanda with Wells Family Resource Center:
  - Amanda stated she believes there is a typo on the excel sheet for the Wells Family Resource Center for the after reduction, they only get \$6,813 but on the after reduction it says \$66,813. Amanda added she isn't sure if that effects anything but wanted that stated for the record.

Ms. Thorkildson thanked Amanda and responded that it was corrected on the final copy. Ms. Thorkildson asked if there were any public comment from participants on the phone. No response.

## Carson City:

- <u>Rebecca LeBeaux with Child Assault Prevention:</u>
  - Mr. LeBeaux stated she wanted to thank everyone for their hard work and can't imagine having to go through all those applications, however she wanted to state that Child Self-Protection Training was last on the list and looking at the way the funds have been allocated with Parent Education Training, and Crisis Intervention, there was precious little money in their category allocated to Child Self-Protection Training. Ms. Lebeaux continued that facing a mandate of providing this training in 2020 to all school districts in the state, they hope that next process it will not be last on the list because it is in fact very important.
- Dr. Ashley Greenwald with Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities:
  - Dr. Ashley thanked everyone for their hard work and diligence. Dr. Greenwald stated she has been involved with writing grants and sat in on several committees for scoring on federal grants, where they have work groups with three reviewers and those three people get together on a board and discuss every line together. Dr. Greenwald stated she wanted to offer that information given the discussion that happened here today and

doesn't think the best use of time is to have every member on the committee score all 33 applications. Dr. Greenwald added she thinks volunteering your time to the committee is a very big commitment and would like to offer her expertise to anyone who would like to consult with her on this process and future processes implemented.

Ms. Thorkildson asked if there were any more public comments. No response.

### IX. Additional Announcements and Adjournment

Ms. Thorkildson stated she wanted to thank all applicants again and has written grants herself, so she understands the hard work.

• Ms. Bittleston moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.