

**NEVADA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL  
HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CYSHCN) MINUTES**

**May 17, 2011**

**Sierra Regional Center  
605 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street Room #124  
Sparks, Nevada 89431**

**Desert Regional Center  
1391 S. Jones Blvd.  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146**

**Division of Healthcare Financing & Policy  
1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Room #103  
Elko, NV 89801**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Roswell Allen, Chair, Developmental Specialist IV, Service Coordinator, Sierra Regional Center (SRC), North

Leigh Widmann, Vice-Chair, Parent of a child with Medium Chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase Deficiency (MCAD), South

Lorraine Oliver, RN, CCM, Public Health Nurse 2, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), South

Rique Robb, Executive Director, Rave Family Foundation (RFF)

Melanie Kauffman, Executive Director, Family Ties

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Robin Kincaid, Parent/Advocate, Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents (NVPEP), South

Dr. Estela Racoma, Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS), South

Lisa Erquiaga, Parent/Advocate, Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living (NNCIL), North

Carole Devon, Program Director, Peoples Autism Foundation, North

**HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT**

Jo Malay, Women's and Early Childhood Wellness Section Manager, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (BCFCW)

Susan Buehrle, Administrative Assistant, BCFCW

Roswell Allen opened the Nevada Advisory Council on Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, (CYSHCN) meeting at **10:13 AM**. Mr. Allen indicated the meeting was properly posted at the locations listed on the agenda in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. After review of the bylaws, it was noted a quorum was present.

The attendees introduced themselves.

**1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from February 9, 2011 and February 28, 2011**

Approval of the February 28, 2011 minutes with changes, the spelling of Rob needs to be changed to Robb.

**MOTION: LORRAINE OLIVER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9 MINUTES WITH CHANGES**  
**SECOND: MELANIE KAUFFMAN**  
**PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION: RIQUE ROBB MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 28 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED**  
**SECOND: MS. KAUFFMAN**  
**PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Discuss and recommend to Health Division new appointments to council memberships for open seat in rural Nevada.**

There were no recommendations at this time for new members.

**3. Discuss, review and make recommendations on the CYSHCN position paper, edit and distribution to 2011 Legislative Session**

Leigh Widman suggested keeping the current position paper as documentation of what has been done since 2005. Ms. Widman suggested moving forward with a new document that would include the 2010 findings that were discussed at the February 28, 2011 meeting, updating the mission statement as needed.

**MOTION: MS. WIDMAN MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT POSITION PAPER TO REFLECT THE 2010 FINDINGS**  
**SECOND: MS. OLIVER**  
**PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Confirm the date for the next meeting and discuss potential agenda items**

Susan Buehrle informed the committee Dr. Estela Racoma had requested a new day of the week for the meeting to be held. After a short discussion the meeting date was set for Thursday, August 18, 2011.

**MOTION: MS. WIDMAN MOTIONED TO SET THE NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011**  
**SECOND: MS. OLIVER**  
**PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Buehrle stated Jo Malay would like someone to attend the quarterly meetings of the Maternal Child Health Advisory Board effective with the next meeting being held June 24, 2011.

**5. Review and update the Resource Directory**

Ms. Malay stated in 2009, Yolanda McDade, with a few other individuals created a resource directory for the Elko area, providing resources for not only that area but for the region. With some modification, Ms. Malay feels this resource directory can be useful in other areas as a tool for not only children and parents, but for providers as well. Ms. Malay suggested inviting Ms.

McDade to the next meeting to discuss the resource guide and the effectiveness with families and providers.

Ms. Kauffman stated she will share the directory with her staff for review and feedback.

**MOTION: MS. OLIVER MOTIONED FOR THE MEMBERS TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE DIRECTORY AT THE AUGUST MEETING**

**SECOND: MS. WIDMAN**

**PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **6. Discuss Legislative updates**

Mr. Allen stated he believes there are three bills concerning autism to be heard this Legislative session. Ms. Malay updated the committee regarding the bills being heard.

Assembly Bill (AB) 316 which provides various changes to autism care had made it through the Ways & Means Committee.

Senate Bill (SB) 382 died in committee.

SB 43 regarding portable medical records had passed through to the Senate.

AB 315 which establishes the autism assistance program with services provided through the Aging and Disability Services Division for children to age 19 had made it through to the Ways & Means Committee, however no action was taken.

#### **7. Public Comment and Discussion**

No public comment at this time.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.**