



State of Nevada
Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
1100 E. William Street, Suite 101
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Long Term Support Services - Betty's Village

October 2, 2015

To whom it may concern:

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) supports the comments submitted by the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) to oppose the request of Betty's Village to receive HCBS (Home and Community-Based Services) funding from Nevada's Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP). AAPD is the nation's largest disability rights organization. We promote equal opportunity, economic power, independent living, and political participation for all people with disabilities.

As stated by ASAN, AAPD strongly encourages the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reject the State of Nevada's proposal to fund programs such as Betty's Village using HCBS program funding, as programs of this kind are not truly home and community-based nor do they provide the residents with equal access to their communities. They instead reflect the characteristics of institutions and do not further the goals of either HCBS programs or the Olmstead integration mandate.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our support statement and ASAN's comments. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Lisa Ekman at lekman@aapd.com.

Yours truly,
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AAPD President & CEO