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Notice of meeting to solicit public comments and intent to act
Upon Amendments to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)

Public Hearing October 19, 2015

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: October 19, 2015 at 9:10 am or at the conclusion of the State Plan Public Hearing

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: Nevada State Legislature
401 South Carson Street, Room 3137
Carson City, NV 89701

Place of Video Conference: Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 4412
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Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Lynne Foster, DHCFP	Jenni Bonk, DHCFP
Jon Sasser, LACSN	Jose O. Castillo Jr, AHONN
Joseline P. Castillo, AHONN	Jeff Gesick, Chrysalis
Brook Adie, ADSD	Marta Jensen, DHCFP
Parker Stremmel, Ferrari Public Affairs	Michelle Scott-Lewing, Autism Coalition of NV
Lisa Dyer, DHCFP	Darrell Faircloth, DAG
Sheree Cassingham	Sherry Manning, NGCDD
Desiree Espinoza	Michaela Wardrobe, ATAP

Sarah Ramirez, HPES
Theresa Carsten, DHCFP
Coleen Lawrence, DHCFP
Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP

Ken MacAleese, Advanced Behavior Solutions
Megan Szeto, Advanced Behavior Solutions
Betsy Aiello, DHCFP
Shannon Sprout, DHCFP

In Las Vegas, NV

Carol Devon, FEAT of Southern Nevada
Kelley McClellan, Children's Heart Foundation
Suzanne Hartman-Jansen, ATAP
Lynnette Medina, Parent
Betzaida C. Hill, Parent
James Ohrenschall, Nevada Assembly
Anne Horton, The Lovaas Center
Monica Dell'Orto, Family Ties of Nevada
Sean Corley, The Lovaas Center
Rogue Nuno, Nevada Partners in Policymaking
Marc Tedoff, ABA Institute
Jackie Ulrey, Relative
Molly Michelman, Relative
Jackie Valley, Las Vegas Sun
Stephanie Hill
JC Hill
Stephani Guzman, The Lovaas Center
Isabel Sanchez
Martha Leticia Novan, FEAT/Milagros Escandidos
Bonifacio Preciado, Azul Blue (Parent)
Dulce Maria Santillon, FEAT of Southern Nevada
Susana Melgoza Mata, FEAT/Milagros Escandidos
Claudia Munoz, Parent
Chris Holcomb, Tandem Therapy Services
Suri Marquez, FEAT (Parent)
Heather Lazarakis, DHCFP
Lynise Kryk, The Lovaas Center
Dr. Jessica Love, UNLV
Yvonne Vergonzzini, Parent
Jen & Corey Setura, Parents
Luz Elena Garcia, Azul Blue

Diana Monsivais, FEAT of Southern Nevada
Marcella D'anio, FEAT (Parent)
Nina Nititadukul, The Lovaas Center
Julie Ostrovsky, Parent
Brittany Bates, The Lovaas Center
Ed Guthrie, Opportunity Village
Kristine Cortez, Goals for Autism
Marisa Wiseman, Puzzle Pieces
Sagrario Cadena-Benitez, Family Ties of Nevada
Adryon Ketcham, Goals for Autism
Natale Mover, Parent
Saraphine Zane, Relative
Sarah Katz, ABA Therapist
Maria Zuniga, Autism Therapy
Imelda Angulo, Azul Blue
Jonacynth Mendoza
Justin Kyriannis, Achievable Behavior Strategies
Mirna Alas, The Lovaas Center
Maria C. Perez, Milagros Escondidos
Manuel Hernandez, The Lovaas Center
Donna Abnathy, The Lovaas Center
Kimberly Brierly, The Lovaas Center
Marlene Arboleda, Parent
Lidia Gonzales, FEAT (Parent)
Stanley Baker, Relative
Barbara Buckley, Legal Aid Center of S. Nevada
Dana Aronsen, Center for Autism
Stanley Baker, Relative
Sarah & Jay Summers, Puzzle Pieces
Michael Hobbs, Crescent Academy
Deanna Kinsey, The Lovaas Center

Introduction:

Ms. Lynne Foster, HIPAA Privacy Officer, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Betsy Aiello, Deputy Administrator of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

Ms. Foster – The notice for this public hearing was published on September 18, 2015 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

1. Public Comments

No Comments

2. Discussion of proposed changes to Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 1500 – Healthy Kids Program

Ms. Shannon Sprout:

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1500 are being proposed to add medical coverage policy for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) as an attachment. The revision is being made to meet a comprehensive array of preventive, diagnostic and treatment services as a mandatory benefit under the Medicaid program for categorically needy individuals under age 21, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The effective date is January 1, 2016.

At the conclusion of Ms. Sprout’s presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- Ms. Aiello thinks there may be a typo in the authorities on Attachment B, Page 7. She is hoping we can look at that when we finalize it. It says “...633, Nevada Administrative Code (NAC),” then there is an open parenthesis and it is referencing 630. So, since it is NRS and NAC and it is under scope of practice, we should probably correct that. Ms. Sprout responded “will do”.

Mr. Faircloth’s Comments:

- Mr. Faircloth had one comment on Attachment B, Page 7, Number 14 – Hippo therapy. If possible can you spell out what Hippo therapy means in the final addition?
- Ms. Coleen Lawrence, Chief of Clinical Policy Team, asked if Mr. Faircloth wanted a definition there. It is not an acronym, that is actual terminology. Are you asking for a definition?
- Mr. Faircloth responded “No thank you and thank you for the clarification. I thought it was an acronym”.

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Foster – Recommended the Administrator approve as submitted.

Ms. Aiello – Approved as submitted with the one review of the authorities on Attachment B, Page 7.

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the MSM Chapter 1500 – Healthy Kids Program.

2. General Public Comments

- No Comments

3. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Ms. Foster adjourned the public hearing at 11:02 AM.

**An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Administration office. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Robyn Heddy at Robyn.Heddy@dhefp.nv.gov or (775) 684-3678 with any questions.*