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Notice of Public Meeting

Nevada State Rehabilitation Council (N.S.R.C.) Video Conference, Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Teleconference Services: 1-888-557-8511
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1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Verify Timely Posting of Agenda

Kacy Curry, Chair will call the meeting to order. Javier Fernandez, Council Liaison will verify the timely posting of the agenda and notice of meeting, in accordance with Open Meeting Law. Introduce new member.

2. Public Comment - Tab 2

Ms. Curry, will call for public comment.

Members of the public will be invited to speak before; however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Please clearly state and spell your name. Public comment may be limited to three minutes, at the discretion of the chair.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of the May 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes - Tab 3

Ms. Curry, will begin the discussion to approve, deny, make possible changes or corrections to the May 12, 2020 meeting minutes.

4. For Possible Action: Proposed 2021 NSRC Meeting schedule - Tab 4

Ms. Curry will open the floor to discussion.

5. NSRC Orientation / Membership update - Tab 5

Shelley Hendren, Rehabilitation Division Administrator and Mechelle Merrill, Deputy Administrator of Programs will provide the orientation presentation.

6. For Possible Action: NSRC Annual Report Draft - Tab 6

Rosa Mendez, DETR Public Information Officer to review the proposed NSRC Annual Report Draft and discuss possible changes or corrections.

The Nevada State Rehabilitation Council must prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), no later than 90 days after the end of the Federal fiscal year an Annual Report on the status of the

vocational rehabilitation programs operated within the state and make the report available to the public through appropriate modes of communication, 34CFR Part 361.17.

7. <u>For Possible Action:</u> Discussion/Report on Proposed Changes to the Rehabilitation Division's Policy and Procedures Manual – Tab 7

Faith Wilson, Rehabilitation Division, Quality Control Specialist II will present the changes to the VR Policy and Procedures Manual.

8. Other reports

Jack Mayes, Executive Director of the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law center will report on updates from the Client Assistance Program (CAP).

Kacy Curry, Council member from the State Independent Living Council (SILC) will report on updates from the program.

9. RSA Monitoring Report - Tab 9

Ms. Hendren will present the report.

10. Open Meeting Law Training - Tab 10

Mr. Justin Taruc, Deputy Attorney General will present.

11. Administrator's Report – Tab 11

Ms. Hendren will report on the following:

- VR Staffing updates
- Legislative Update (bills passed, and budget approved)
- NSRC Performance Indicators
- Fair Hearings

12. Comments by the Council

Ms. Curry will begin the discussion.

13. Public Comment

Ms. Curry, will call for public comment.

Members of the public may comment on any matter or topic, which is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Council. You may comment at this time even if you commented earlier, however, please do not simply repeat the same comment you previously made. Please clearly state and spell your name. Public comment may be limited to three minutes, per person at the discretion of the chair.

14. Adjournment

Council Members

Kacy Curry (Chair), David Nuestro (Vice-Chair), Shelley Hendren (non-voting), Mary Brabant, Judith Swain, Rebecca Rogers, Allison Stephens, Raquel O'Neill

Note: Items may be considered out of order. The public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. The public body may place reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of public comments but may not restrict comments based upon viewpoint. NRS 241.020(2)(d)(7). In accordance with the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual § 8.06, if a person willfully disrupts a meeting, to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical, the person may be removed from the meeting.

<u>Governor Sisolak's Directive 006:</u> As per Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, issued on March 22, 2020, certain provisions of Nevada open meeting law contained within NRS Chapter 241 have been suspended due to Nevada's state of emergency. Directive 006 states:

- 1. The requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.
- 2. If a public body holds a meeting by means of teleconference or videoconference and a physical location where members of the public can attend is not provided, the public body must provide a means for the public to provide public comment, and post that means on the public notice agenda posted in accordance with NRS 241.020. Public comment options may include, without limitation, telephonic or email comment.
- 3. The requirements to contained in NRS 241.020(4)(a) that public notice agendas be posted at physical locations within the State of Nevada are suspended. Public bodies must still comply with the requirements in NRS 241.020(4)(b) and NRS 241.020(4)(c) that public notice agendas be posted to Nevada's notice website and the public body's website, if it maintains one along with providing a copy to any person who has requested one via U.S. mail or electronic mail.
- 4. The requirement contained in NRS 241.020(3)(c) that physical locations be available for the public to receive supporting material for public meetings is suspended.
- 5. If a public body holds a meeting and does not provide a physical location where supporting material is available to the public, the public body must provide on its public notice agenda the name and contact information for the person designated by the public body from whom a member of the public may request supporting material electronically and must post supporting material to the public body's website, if it maintains one.
- 6. A public body that holds a meeting pursuant to this Executive Order must ensure that any party entitled to or required to appear before it shall be able to do so through remote means and fully able to participate in the agenda items that pertain to them.

<u>Meeting Location and Meeting Materials:</u> Due to the current state of emergency in Nevada, and as allowed in Governor Sisolak's extension of Directive 006, there will be no physical meeting place for this meeting. Council Members and members of the public may only participate via telephone. Please see below to request public accommodation, if needed. Meeting materials will

be mailed and/or emailed electronically to all Council Members. Meeting materials may be emailed or mailed to any member of the public who requests them in advance of the meeting. Please submit your requests to Javier Fernandez (<u>j-fernandez@detr.nv.gov</u>) or Shelley Hendren (<u>sghendren@detr.nv.gov</u>) via email or call 775-315-1442 (for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, dial 711 for Nevada Relay) by Monday, September 14, 2020 at 4 p.m.

<u>Public Accommodation Request Process:</u> We are pleased to make effective communication, reasonable accommodation, for Council members and members of the public who have disabilities that wish to attend the meeting. Please contact Javier Fernandez (<u>i-fernandez@detr.nv.gov</u>) or Shelley Hendren (<u>sghendren@detr.nv.gov</u>) via email or call 775-315-1442 (for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, dial 711 for Nevada Relay) by Friday, September 11, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was posted online on or before 9 a.m. on the third day prior to the meeting date, as required by NRS 232.2175: DETR: https://detr.nv.gov and Nevada's Public Notice website: https://notice.nv.gov. There was no public posting of this notice in a physical location, as per Directive 006 and the current state of emergency.

<u>Public Comments:</u> Periods of public comment will be afforded during this meeting. However, due to the current state of emergency in Nevada, and as allowed in Governor Sisolak's extension of Directive 006, if you are unable to attend the meeting via teleconference and wish to provide public comments, please submit your comments to Javier Fernandez (<u>j-fernandez@detr.nv.gov</u>) by no later than September 15, 2020, so that your comments may be presented to the Council at the meeting.