



OREGON COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Minutes July 20, 2017

A meeting of the Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder was held on July 20, 2017 in room H-278 of the Oregon State Capitol Building located at 900 Court Street NE in Salem Oregon.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Those in attendance included members: Pat Sublette, Cheryl Cisneros, Dr. Mark Whitaker, along with Corey Stump and Brad Hendershott who accessed the meeting through a conference call-in system. Others in attendance included: Members of the SIA Subcommittee-Nancy Lawson & Joyce Bernheim, Representative from the Governor's Office-Victoria Demchak, and Administrative Assistant-Mary Richards.

WELCOME-INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS:

The Governor appointed Brad Hendershott and Corey Stump as new Commissioners to the OCASD.

Brad is the chairman for the Commission's Education Subcommittee and is the program administrator for Columbia Regional Programs. He is also a Speech and Language Pathologist and Autism Specialist, has worked with interventions and trainings/professional development, was on the Behavior Analysis Regulatory Committee, and was part of the Legislative Workgroup for SB 385 for mandated coverage of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in the state.

Corey is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and the Clinical Director for Footprints Behavioral Interventions, a service provider of Applied Behavior Analysis services in the state of Oregon. As a representative for the Mental Health community, Corey dedicates her professional and personal endeavors to helping those in need gain access to needed services while advocating Autism awareness and education across Oregon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was modified due to a lack of a quorum until 11:33 am.

MOTION: Cheryl Cisneros made a motion for the Commission to approve the agenda as modified. It was seconded by Dr. Mark Whitaker and passed unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting minutes from the last three meetings were included in the meeting packet for the Commission's approval. The January 19, 2017 minutes were revised to indicate that Rep Jodi Hack was not an official member of the Commission as previously stated. The May 18th minutes reflect that the meeting was canceled.

MOTION: Cheryl Cisneros made a motion for the Commission to approve the January 19, 2017-Revised Minutes; the March 16, 2017-Minutes; and the May 18, 2017-Record of Cancellation. It was seconded by Dr. Mark Whitaker and passed unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL OF REVISED OCASD CALENDAR:

This meeting calendar was revised due to the cancellation of the meeting in May. The approved calendar will be posted on the Commission's website. There was clarification that the Commission meets on the odd months of the year and that the calendar has more than one year on it. The additional meeting dates were included to note a room reservation was completed.

MOTION: Cheryl Cisneros made a motion for the Commission to approve the revised OCASD Calendar as presented. It was seconded by Dr. Mark Whitaker and passed unanimously 5-0.

NEW CHAIRMAN RECOMMENDATION:

Pat Sublette noted that she would be leaving her position in September due her change in employment. Nancy Lawson, who has been the Chairman of the SIA Subcommittee has applied to be on the Commission in the LEA position. Her application is in process and is expected to be finalized in August, with an official appointment by the Governor soon after. With Nancy's prior experience, it was the consensus of the Commission that she be recommended by Pat Sublette to fill the vacated OCASD Chairman position.

Looking at possible candidates for Vice-Chair, Dr. Mark Whitaker was asked if he was interested. He noted that once a new Executive Order was completed, he would be resigning his position so someone else with a better understanding of behavioral health could take his place. He plans to speak to Mark Bradshaw about suggestions. Brad Hendershott, who has been the Chairman of the Educational Subcommittee, was asked if he would be interested. Brad said he would consider working with Nancy, but would need to think about it.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES:

Pat Sublette reported that Mary Richards is back with the Commission after additional steps overseen by DHS were taken in the hiring process to make sure the hiring met ethical standards. DHS put together a contract after the hiring process was completed and Mary was officially hired in mid-June.

SUBMITTED REPORTS:

Brad Hendershott and Nancy Lawson provided written updates on the SIA and Education Subcommittee activities along with the ASD Pilot training evaluation report. These were included in the meeting packet for the Commission's review.

Also included in the meeting packet was a copy of the testimony submitted by Pat Sublette on behalf of the OCASD with regard to educational eligibility and the DSM-5 diagnosis. At the ODE meeting regarding administrative rules, the board delayed its decision regarding this issue until September.

A discussion regarding where the Commission is heading with subcommittees and focus driven workgroups will be on the next agenda.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW:

Dr. Mark Whitaker noted that he needed to leave the meeting at 12:45 pm. With his departure, there would no longer be a quorum of the Commission in attendance. Those remaining planned to work on the draft of the Strategic Plan after the meeting adjourned, and bring back the revisions to the Commission at the September meeting.

NEXT STEPS:

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, Victoria Demchak reviewed the Executive Order (EO) by the Governor and discussed terms, budget, and possible changes to the EO she might be proposing. She asked that the Commission submit changes they would like to see in the new EO. A discussion regarding recommendations will be added to the September 21, 2017 agenda.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43.

Meeting minutes approved signed on Sept 21, 2017

Mary Richards-OCASD Administrative Assistant
Nancy Lawson-OCASD Chairman