

Nevada Commission on Mentoring

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 18, 2020

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Meeting Location: Due to the COVID-19 response and in accordance with Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 1, this meeting was conducted via Lifesize.

1. Call to Order; Dr. Maxwell called the meeting to order on Friday, September 18, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

2. Roll Call Ms. Cota conducted a roll call. **Quorum was not established** (6 Members present in the beginning of the meeting)

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Michael Maxwell

Dr. Douglas Garner

Coleen Lawrence

Brigid Duffy

Katie Membreno

Courtney Moore

Others in Attendance:

Rose Cota, NDE Staff

Chris James, NDE Staff

Gabby Lamarre, NDE Staff

Deputy Attorney General David Gardner

Joined later during meeting:

Mr. Donche King

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3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

The Commission **did not acquire quorum** therefore we could not vote on approval for any objective in this meeting.

4. Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Maxwell: We did not make quorum to vote on the agenda.

I am calling this is a Conversation Meeting. The folks who are on this call right now are fully supportive of Mentoring Commission. We need to have a conversation this is the organization that is going to fulfill the purpose that is needed through out the state.

This came with the guidance of Tyrone Thompson he recognized there was a need for a body a statewide body that would help with mentoring and hopefully provide capacity building support. We have not been able to make that progress. If it were not for covid, at this point we would have been able to do the things we needed to do. Now we do not have the funding. We to make a decision and move over as a non-profit, what other routes do we want to take and systems of support in place to support the commission. All of these things need to put on the table and a decision be made. But we do not have quorum.

I did say I want to have Deputy Attorney Gardner on the phone. Changing the commission in any way from what is in the legislation.

Deputy Attorney Gardner, I am here.

Coleen Lawrence, it is actually important to have some form of a commission. We need a privatization organization partnership. Should be state organization.

Brigid Duffy, I am thinking about how the commission fits with the Supreme Court Children's Commission not sure if anyone is familiar with that commission. We had a meeting today, it is a statewide commission it has components; Education, Mental Behavior Health, Juvenile Justice, and Child Welfare. I think this commission should be at least reporting to them. What I am finding, the people that we bring together in Children's Commission. We had an emergency meeting because of the pandemic and a lot of stuff started happening. We have legislators, heads of all the agencies and representative from Juvenile Justice, and Child Welfare and DCFS who over sees information and holds a lot of the money strings for everybody. I am trying to think if it would be productive to bring this commission as an outreach of them. We could have deeper conversations of funding what else is out there. How to get that support, if you have high level people in one place and this commission reporting to them, stuff seems to happen. Everything that has to do with children should be under one umbrella.

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Dr. Douglas Garner: Suggested that NCOM looked into the larger organizations because now we are withering on the vine. That is going to continue to happen if we do not align ourselves with larger bodies that are out there.

Mr. Courtney Moore: Had a few conversations, since the last NCOM meeting that specifically pertains to funding. From Mr. Moore's perspective, even if we have the funding allocated to us, the challenge is that we would be unable to vote on how to utilize funds or how to move forwards or be active, because we don't have, this call being a great example, the quorum to be able to make the necessary visit and necessary decisions to move forward. So, what he recommends at least as a first step is to perhaps look into finding replacement members. If everyone today took the responsibility of finding potential replacement members that can begin to undergo a vetting process as a means of people who will be dedicated and active within the commission. So, we are able to vote and be able to move forward.

Mr. Courtney Moore: Once we have that, Mr. Moore contacted Jen Jones Blackhurst, former Mayor of Las Vegas to get some direction and insight on what we could potentially do from a funding standpoint, and she had pointed Moore into two particular individuals, one being Clark County Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick, who has received \$57 million the Care Act funds. Suggested that she would be a potential soft-landing spot for us with respect to accessing those dollars, and then additionally, Assemblyman, Jason Frierson. By the virtue of what could either be considered a bill draft, or fiscal note to put additional pieces in play, to be able to access the funds that were initially granted us. These are two potential areas to begin to build up funding.

Mr. Courtney Moore: Another suggestion Mr. Moore claimed to create NCOM's plan of action that would be readily available that is needed in order to solicit money.

Dr. Maxwell: Dr. Maxwell agreed with reporting to the children's commission as Mr. Courtney said though, as concerned with that does, 1. Would we still be a state commission separate autonomous commission that reports to the intermediate. As soon as you do report to another commission, we will already be losing some of that autonomy. From that standpoint, too, and then going back to recording a free agreement. As far as we have people on the commission who will attend, to be in support.

Dr. Maxwell: The purpose of this conversation today was to find out if we are all in agreement to move forward. Then the next meeting that needs to have, needs to be strictly strategic planning. We need to figure out and plan what needs to be done before the next legislative session, leading into the next legislative session, because then we can have, Speaker Frierson or some of the other legislatures to support us.

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Actually, doing a build ground with funding involved, but also include the other things that we need that would allow us to go after other funding.

Dr. Maxwell: At this point, we need to draft the scenario for NCOM. Understand that it may take a few meetings, but we need to be persistence and involved to create something we all want to input through NCOM

Ms. Bridged Duffy: Completely agrees with Courtney's statement on NCOM being able to tell people what our plan is in order to get the funding. Speaking on Care Act money, Southern Nevada has a lot of care funding that they are trying to spend on education and enrichment activities for the youth in their communities. With the distance learning and the lack of enrichment activities, Nancy Bruner contacted Ms. Duffy to speak on how NCOM can collide our ideas with Chad Williams at the housing authority who has all this Cares Act money to ultimately reach all 26,000 children in these housing communities.

Dr. Maxwell: Mentioned to take October and November to put together NCOM's entire package together. First thing to start with is putting together our definition of mentoring to include in our work. That will then allow us to put focus on our overall purpose. We need to be reminded that there is already mentoring here. We are not implementing it, we just need to be able to support those who are providing those services that educators don't. Those nonprofits, community level organizations. So again, we need to define who we are as a start then move from there

6. Public Comment #2

Dr. Maxwell: opened floor for those who had a public comment. No public comment was made.

7. Dr. Maxwell stated that he will be reaching out to each one of our members individually to discuss the future of NCOM.

8. No adjournment was made due to not enough members present in the meeting.