

Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council (NAAC)
Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2026

This Council conducted a virtual public meeting on August 13, 2026, at 10:00 am. Two locations were provided for public access to the meeting:

State of Nevada
Department of Business & Industry
Division of Insurance
1818 College Parkway, Suite 103
Carson City Nevada 89701
Meeting - Suite 103A - Hearing Room

Nevada State Business Center (NSBC)
Department of Business & Industry
Division of Insurance
3300 West Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
Meeting - Suite 440 - Rock Room

The Council members present were:

1. Ms. Heidi Sterner
2. Dr. Howard Baron
3. Ms. Sarah Fox
4. Mr. Patrick Kelly
5. Ms. Jean MacFarlane
6. Ms. Ashley DeLanis

The Council members absent were:

1. Mr. Thomas McCoy
2. Dr. Vu Luu

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Ms. Wagner welcomed Ms. MacFarlane to her first meeting as a carrier representative.
2. Introductory Remarks – Ms. Wagner reminded the Council and public of the Council's charge which establishes the scope of the Council's work and determines recommendations to the Commissioner as to what network adequacy requirements should be. She also reminded participants that Nevada's Open Meeting Law applies which means that the meeting will be recorded, and minutes will be taken. This information will be made available to the public through the Division's website.

Prior to public comment, Ms. Rosalie Bordelove, Chief Deputy Attorney General, stated that the TEAMS link to the video conference was not in working order and, therefore, the meeting would be treated as a telephonic conference. At her direction, all participants turned off the camera function in TEAMS.

3. Public Comment – Provided by Ms. Elisa Cafferata of the Children's Advocacy Alliance. Ms. Cafferata's comments were extemporaneous in the Council meeting but she had pre-emptively provided a formal summary of them to the Division via email on August 10, 2026. That document is appended to these meeting minutes.
4. Minutes from the July 9, 2026 meeting were amended during the call and then unanimously approved with the changes.
5. July Action Items – were discussed in item 6
6. Network Adequacy Advisory Council Report to the Commissioner – the Council members had been provided with a draft of the report on August 10, 2026. The draft report was shared, via TEAMS, with the meeting participants and approved with no changes by the NAAC members. Joseph Fillipi, a

staff member of the Nevada Health Authority, made a recommendation regarding the inclusion of a link to a referenced document for ease of public access. Ms. Wagner agreed to include one.

7. Public Comment – None.
8. Adjournment – Ms. Wagner expressed the Division’s appreciation to the Council members and asked for a move to adjourn until 2027. The meeting was adjourned after so moved by the Members.

This recording and all recordings of past Council meetings can be found on the Division’s website:

https://doi.nv.gov/Insurers/Life_and_Health/Network_Adequacy_Advisory_Council/



August 10, 2026

To: Members of the Division of Insurance Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council

Thank you for the opportunity to share this public comment with the NAAC. Children's Advocacy Alliance is Nevada's independent, nonpartisan policy voice for children, and we appreciate your work to increase access to care.

CAA strongly supports the Council's proposal to add cardiology, gastroenterology, mental health and substance use disorder services, OB/GYN, occupational, physical, and speech therapy, and pharmacies to Nevada's network adequacy standards. Families across the state are struggling to access these services for their children, and bringing them under a defined standard is a meaningful step forward.

We ask the Council to apply separate adult and pediatric adequacy standards across all of these specialty categories wherever feasible. Children's provider networks, geographic distribution, and appointment access do not mirror adult patterns, and a single blended standard risks masking real pediatric-specific shortages.

If a full adult and pediatric breakdown across every category is not achievable in this round, we strongly urge the Council to apply that distinction at minimum to mental health and substance use disorder services, as well as to occupational, physical, and speech therapy. These are the categories where the gap between adult and pediatric access is most severe, and where families in our network report the longest waits.

Thank you for considering this expansion, and for the opportunity to comment. We greatly appreciate your work on behalf of Nevada children and families.

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