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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)

Draft Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2023
10:00 AM

Location of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call:**

- Members: Dena Schmidt, Assemblywoman Clara Thomas, Dorothy Edwards, Chris Vito, Wendy Simons, Deanne O'Rear Camerson, Natalie Mazullo, Anna Ladao, Stacy York.
- Guests: Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Tina Dortch, Nikki Haag, Tammy Sever, Vanessa Rahme, Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Cheyenne Pasquale, Shannon Foster, Lori Lutu, Samantha, Larry Weiss, Linda Anderson, Marie Coe, Sandie Ruybalid, Kelcy Meyer, Sara Ganung, Kimberly Adams, Jeff Duncan, Brett, Cissy Garic, Crystal Wren, Autumn Blattman, Erika Garcia, Miles Terrasas, Connie McMullen, Dawn Lyons, Kirsten Coulombe.

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment.

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the June 28, 2023, meeting

- Wendy Simons moved to approve the minutes and Deanne O'Rear Cameron seconded, motion carried.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:**

a) Administrators Report – updates on ADSD.

- Dena shared with us [Aging and Disability Services Division Fiscal Summary -- SFY 2024 \(nv.gov\)](#) on the budgets, and will be sharing every meeting it is a high level overview of the budgets.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Open Meeting Law Legislative Updates

- This item had to be tabled to the next meeting.
6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Updates from Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFP)
 - a) Medicaid rate changes approved in the 82nd Legislative session.
 - a. Kim Adams gave us the rate changes; they can be found in the meeting materials: [Medicaid Rate Increases \(nv.gov\)](#)
 - b) Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Program
 - a. Medicaid is working with Health Management Associates to do a structural analysis of what services we have in Nevada for the aged, blind, and disabled populations.
 - b. A kickoff meeting was held in July to start forming Focus Groups. You can view [ABD Kick-off presentation 7/17/23 \(nv.gov\)](#).
 - c) Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwinding
 - a. Vanessa Rahme gave a presentation on this which can be found in the meeting materials: [PowerPoint Presentation \(nv.gov\)](#)
 7. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and approve recommendations to the COA policy subcommittee.
 - Medicare Saving plan reserve limits.
 - Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Program
 - Expanded special needs plan in Medicaid vs Managed Care
 - Snap Ed benefits and seeing that it is distributed more equitably.
 - Behavioral Healthcare
 - Funding for housing
 - Wendy Simons made a motion to move the list of recommendations over to the subcommittee, Chris Vito seconded, and motion carried.
 8. **For Possible Action:** Presentation, Discussion, and possible recommendations to implement the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training requirements for ADSD.
 - Tina Dortch gave a presentation on this which can be found in the meeting materials: [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training Opportunities by NOMHE \(nv.gov\)](#)
 9. **Presentation and Discussion:** Program Updates
 - A. Adult Protective Services Update and Caseload Information
 - Tammy Sever shared the [COA APS Stats 7.31.23 \(nv.gov\)](#) with us and spoke about getting the Vulnerable adult abuse fatality review committee started via AB119 in legislation.
 - B. Ombudsman Report
 - Marie Coe shared that the OMB program has grown over that last year and starting in October they will be able to hire more staff due to

legislation passed. Senate Bill 45 for nursing home residents their spending money was at \$35 for 30 years and now it has been increased to \$149 per month. Senate Bill 298 also passed which is discharge protections for residents in lower levels of care. Assembly bill 202 was also passed which allows cameras in skilled nursing facility rooms, the resident rooms and they are only allowed to be turned off by certain individuals investigating cases and not staff or family members.

C. Office of Community Living – Intake and Operations

- Crystal Wren shared [AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/agingservices) the numbers for the Community based care and frail elderly waivers. In June of 2023 we did have a private case management provider agency start services so that is improving our waitlist numbers.

D. Olmstead Planning Update

- Cheyenne Pasquale shared [ADSD Olmstead Planning Process – Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.](https://www.adsd.org/olmstead-planning-process-social-entrepreneurs-inc) which is the Olmstead website which has all the information on where they are with the planning for this. The plan should be finalized by November after some community feedback.

10. **Presentation and Discussion:** Senate Bill 4 Revises provision governing certain programs to pay for prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services, and other benefits and how that affects the Senior and Disability prescription program.

- Jeff Duncan gave us a quick history of the program and where it is now, back in state fiscal year 2015 we had 6,000 individuals on the program today we have 457 individuals on the program. Due to the change in landscape of pharmaceuticals.
- They are looking to end the program as it is now and roll out a new program in January of 2024 and are looking for ideas to develop a different scope for the program.
- One idea was to partner with the City of Las Vegas and their Senior Board and the health and wellness team to get data to see where the gaps are.

11. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Agenda Items for November 2, 2023.

- Revisit Open meeting law presentation
- Subcommittee report
- Housing

12. **Public Comment:**

- Connie McMullen would like to see an update at the next meeting on the contractor for the frail and elderly waiver and the result of adding them in to take care of the wait list.

13. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment: 12:25 PM

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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