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## NEVADA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2024  
10:00 AM

Location of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

### AGENDA

1. **Roll Call:**

Members: Assemblywoman Claire Thomas, Natalie Mazzullo, Dorothy Edwards, Courtney Warner, Molly Walt, Chris Vito, Wendy Simons, Deanne O'Rear Cameron, Anna Ladao, Stacy York, Jeff Duncan for Dena Schmidt.

Guests: Tammy Sever, Arianna Ramos, Marie Coe, Areli Alarcon, Erika Garcia, Miles Terrasas, Carole Hanley, Autumn Blattman, Jack Mayers, Belz & Case Government affairs Scribe by Rewatch, Tracey Bowles, Jennifer Richards, Robin Tejada, Charles Duarte, Cissy Garic, Kirsten Coulombe, Lori Lutu, Susan Waschevski, Elyse Monroy-Marsala.

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

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

- Chris Vito made a motion to approve, Wendy Simons seconded, motion carried.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:**

a) Administrators Report – updates on ADSD.

- a. Budget season, we have had preliminary discussions with our director's office. In the first week of March, we will have the budget kickoff and know what our priorities are moving forward.
- b. Analysis of the wide variety of different federal regulations that have been dropped lately.
- c. We are still recruiting for our advocacy attorney.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Information on the new case management provider

Kirsten Coulombe, Social Services Chief III, Medicaid

- Historically we have not had a private case manager in Nevada. About 2 years ago we were approached by Care Link, and they were interested in becoming a private case manager. It took us till June of 2023 to get all the policies and infrastructure in place, but they are currently managing about 264 waiver recipients, mostly for our frail elderly waiver. Currently they are not taking on any more clients until they can hire more social workers and get their caseloads in line with the public caseload of 50 to 1.
- AB208 from the last legislative session, has an implementation date of January 2025 and this will be a fourth waiver that is called the structured family caregiver waiver and that is specific to individuals with dementia.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Utilization of Dental and Podiatry Services in Nevada Nursing Facilities.

Dr. Keith Benson, State Dental Health Officer

- Tabled this item.

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** COA subcommittee report

- The subcommittee met on January 18, 2024, and we welcomed 3 new members to the subcommittee. Dr. Jason Flatt, from UNLV, Natalie Mazzullo, and Diane Fearson and subsequently Deanne O’Rear-Cameron were welcomed.
- The focus of the meeting was three areas that the commission recommended the subcommittee study, these are the Medicare Savings Program, an examination of the program for all-inclusive care for the elderly or PACE program, which is a Medicaid slash Medicare program for All Inclusive Care and the third was to examine the possible ramifications and implication of moving our specials need population into managed care.
- Anthony Jones sat in on from the Department of welfare and social services for the Medicare Saving program discussion and Jonathan Norman the outreach and policy director for the Nevada legal services providers coalition did a presentation on bill that included housing bills and other types of housing options for individuals with behavioral needs.

8. **Presentation and Discussion:** Program Updates

A. Adult Protective Services Update and Caseload Information

- Robin Tejada APS is the new Chief of Adult Protective Services and Tammy Sever will stay on as the transition succession planning coordinator as we are expecting several retirements. Caseload ratios and the report are available in the meeting materials: [Coalition on Aging Stats July-December \(nv.gov\)](#)

- AB119 created the vulnerable adult Fatality Review Committee and APS has been working to get that created.

B. Ombudsman Report

- Marie Coe gave an update, 3 bills passed that affect residents of living facilities SB45, which is personal spending money it went from \$35 per month to \$156 per month.
- SB298 which provides discharge and eviction protections for residents in Group homes and assisted living facilities.
- Assembly Bill 202 allows cameras in the private rooms of residents. These can be turned off only by a select group of individuals, such as law enforcement officers, the Guardian, legal representation, Adult Protective Services, and the Ombudsman Program.
- Changes to the program since October, we are going to all licensed long term care facilities monthly, which has helped to increase access to the program.
- Discharges have continued to be the number one trend for the past 3 years and we've been working on training and some sample letters to provide guidance.

C. Office of Community Living – Intake and Operations

Arianna Ramos, went over the report and it is available in the meeting materials: [AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION \(nv.gov\)](#)

D. Planning Update

Tabled to a future meeting.

9. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for May 2, 2024.

- Monitor home and community-based services, utilization starting with 2022-2023 and move forward. Possibly as a standing agenda item.
- Christopher Vito made a motion to add this to the agenda, Wendy Simmons seconded, motion carried.

10. **Public Comment:**

- Autumn Blattman reminded everyone that Aging and Disability is putting together a conference and has chosen their speakers, and it will be April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>, the first day will be a half day. We will send out the link to the listserv.

11. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment:

- Wendy Simmons moved to adjourn at 11:34 am.

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## **Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:**

### **NOTE:**

- Supporting documents referenced above in the “for possible action” items may be requested from Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Commission Administrative Support, ADSD at [Lorrainebelt@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:Lorrainebelt@adsd.nv.gov) and is/will be available at the meeting locations and ADSD website at [COA \(nv.gov\)](http://COA.nv.gov)
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