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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging
Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee (SPAC)

(*Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034*)

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging and Disability Services Division
445 Apple Street, #104
Reno NV 89502

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present: Connie McMullen, Jerry Johnson, Barry Gold (late), Sue Rhodes
Members Absent: Kathy McClain
Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Elysa Kleidosty

II. Welcoming Remarks
Connie McMullen, Chair

III. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item.)

No Public Comment

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the June 11, 2014 meeting
(For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie noted a correction needed to be made to the June 11, 2014 Minutes on Item V. The location of Senior Fest should be Reno Town Mall; not Grand Sierra Resort. Connie asked the subcommittee for a motion to approve the minutes with the correction to Item V.

Sue moved to approve the minutes.

Jerry seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Minutes were approved with the correction to Item V.

V. Announcements from Members

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie said there will be free flu shots available at Senior Fest.

Jerry said there was a nice turn out for the Aging Summit with Senator Heller.

Sally said there will also be free flu shots in Las Vegas and that Jane had made the arrangements to make that happen.

VI. Report and Discussion on Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council.

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie said that they will have 10 minutes on the agenda. She brought up senior suicide as being an important issue that should be discussed, especially with the recent death of Robin Williams in the media.

Sue said that, if she was not mistaken, Nevada has the highest rate of senior suicide in the country.

Connie asked the subcommittee for help and input on what else should be discussed. Barry said that along with senior depression and suicide and possible alternative treatments and/or outreach for these issues should be discussed.

Connie said that, in addition to the topic of out of state placement, she would like to discuss reinstating a Home Health Nurse program that used to be available but was eliminated due to budget cuts. She said she would like to push to get the program back in whatever areas in the state it can be implemented. She said she would like to see behavioral health components in the program for treatment and outreach. She mentioned that Jane seemed to be favorable to finding some funding for the program. Connie asked what the Subcommittee thought.

Barry said he thought it was a great, concrete step.

Connie said she did too, and thought it was a good way of touching on suicide, the COA's first topic issue.

Sue said the next Commission on Aging meeting will be Sept. 8th. She also said that she had asked Daniel for some specific information regarding out of the Behavioral Complex Rate; she wanted it to be an agenda item for this meeting, but Daniel is not present and it is not on the agenda. She said she went on the CMS website and did not see any requests from Nevada.

Connie said from what she understands, the State's Medicaid has to make the request.

Barry said this would be a good topic for Betsy Aiello.

Connie asked Sally if she could get Betsy to do a presentation at the next meeting. Sally said she would definitely do that. She asked Sue to send her the information she would like to get for the agenda and for her e-mail to Betsy.

VII. Report and Discussion on the Commission on Services for People with Disabilities (CSPD) Meeting, including Their Recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Seniors, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs
Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie said they made a lot of requests and that the chairman of this committee took most, if not all of them. She said that the chairman, Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, has created a work document with recommendations for letters as well as a few recommendations for laws as well. She said that one of the first requests is a letter to Health and Human Services for employment training for DETR, as the governor has established a task force on integrated employment for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities; there was also a bill draft requiring Aging and Disability Services, in their application process for jobs and day training, for providers to give preference to applicants that employ persons with disabilities or above minimum wage. Connie also said that the State Long Term Care Ombudsman, Heather Korbolic, has made some recommendations regarding nursing facilities; additionally, she has made requests to the Bureau of Healthcare Quality and Compliance regarding inspections of medical and other related facilities. Connie said there is also proposal from Mary Bryant relating to healthcare decisions for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities regarding self-determination and advocacy for these individuals and their families. Connie said Mary had also been working with Sally on guardianship for this group of people.

Sally said it is actually power of attorney (POA) for healthcare decisions for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. She said that many healthcare providers are not accepting the standard POA form from these individuals because the providers believe they are not able to understand what they've signed. She said it is a simplified version of the POA in much clearer language that these individuals are able to understand. She said it is actually a way to avoid guardianships and allow for people with ID to understand POAs before signing.

Connie asked if this was going to be a bill draft.

Sally said yes, that is what they're hoping for.

Connie asked Sally if she thought there would be any problems from attorneys.

Sally said she imagined there would be some objections, but all of the protections for healthcare providers will be left in.

Connie said there is also an issue relating to the updated Strategic Plan and the revised Olmstead Plan so that Olmstead issues can be addressed in the state. She said that with this request is the recommendation for the establishment of an Olmstead office so that, if a suit does come to the state, the Olmstead office would handle it. The proposal involves writing a letter to the director of Health and Human Services to request around \$250,000 or more to update each plan.

Connie said that the BDR regarding the need for American Sign Language interpreters is long overdue, and said that this is something the Subcommittee should support as well. Connie said there was also a letter requesting approximately \$500,000 in the ASD budget relating to assisting individuals who are blind or have visual impairments. Connie said this would include independent living, assistive technology, and mobility training.

Connie asked if there was any discussion.

Barry said he thought that, in looking at all of the stuff they did, he doesn't see them not doing any of it; they've already decided that's what they want to do. He said it will be interesting to see what they do with some of the bill drafts. He said it will also be interesting to see, depending who takes the BDRs, what kind of chance they have of making it or not. He said for it to actually make it to a bill draft, the right person will have to back it.

Connie said that the ability to listen in is always available online, with the next meeting being this Friday.

Barry said he will be listening and told Connie that he would like to exchange info and discuss the outcome via e-mail.

VIII. Update on the Presentation of the White Papers to the Senior Coalition in Washoe County by the Legislative Subcommittee. Discussion and Vote on Recommendations to the Legislative Subcommittee on Future Presentations (For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie said that Sally was there and asked her for an update.

Sally said she thought the format was very good and that the Senior Coalition was very gracious and welcoming. She said there were 2 legislators and about 6 candidates there. She said that Grady Tarbutton, Diane Ross, and Dr. Larry Weiss presented the White Papers. She said she thought that it went well and that there was some good discussion. She said that they were able to give every person there a copy of the packet and that they were able to give a lot of information and education to the legislators and candidates. Sally also said that that one of the candidates came up to her afterward and asked for more information on elder abuse laws, which she was excited about.

Connie said she thought it went well also. She said she thought everyone did a good job and that it was eye-opening, especially because she didn't know some of the candidates.

Sally said she thought they were all very forth-coming about their views to the crowd, and some of them had some very personal experiences that they shared.

Connie said the impact of aging is more pressing than it was even 10 years ago, and more people are being affected by aging parents. She said she is looking forward to having presentations in Clark County and what happens with future presentations. She said there were some pretty definite concepts that could come out for proposed recommendations that could have gone to the COA. She said it would be great if they could be made available to the next COA meeting.

Barry said he thought that would help because a lot of those things are more internal budget things rather than bill draft things. He said that there has been a commitment from Jane to use the White Papers in some fashion at the new legislator orientation.

IX. Update, Discussion and Possible Vote on the Nevada Health Link Outreach to Seniors and Ways SPAC Can Help Get Information to Older People about How the Affordable Care Act Affects Them
(For Possible Action)

Barry Gold, Committee Member

Barry said that the only big change at the last Health Link board meeting is that they hired a new Executive Director. He said the next board meeting happens to be today at 1pm, and it will be the first time the new Executive Director will have his Executive Director's Report. He said that the agenda topics include: transition into a state supported exchange, where Nevada Health Link will still be a state exchange but will use the federal website; navigators, brokers, and outreach and how that will be affected; and marketing and outreach going forward into 2016. Barry said he is going to be pushing for the 50+ age group as a target market. He also said that, regardless of whoever the target market is, they need to make sure the marketing is done appropriately. He said that one of the original commercials made the big benefit of signing up for insurance was avoiding penalties on taxes, which was inappropriate. He said it is difficult to do general outreach at this point because the only ones who are eligible right now is people who have experienced a qualifying life event such as losing or getting a job, and it is hard to know that market. He said that the next open enrollment will be November 15th. He said he will hopefully find out more at the meeting this afternoon.

X. Discussion of the Process and Vote on Filling Open Position on the Subcommittee
(For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Chair and Sally Ramm

Connie said that the time has come to replace committee member Charles Perry. She said he has not been attending meetings, and has only attended a few times in the last 3 or 4 years. She said it was recommended to her that he be replaced with Daniel Mathis. Connie asked Sally for recommendations on the process.

Sally said the statute only allows 5 members, and that there would be 6 including Daniel. She said that new members must be approved by the COA, and that they would have to be prepared to explain the 6th member.

Sue asked if a non-voting member could be used.

Sally said yes. Sally said they can add him as an ex-officio member. Sally suggested writing a farewell letter to Charles Perry thanking him for his service and writing a letter to Daniel Mathis asking him to join as an ex-officio member. She said that if Daniel says yes, a report would then be submitted to the COA notifying them that Daniel is a new ex-officio member and that the 5 voting members are Connie, Barry, Sue, Jerry and Kathy. Sally said she would draft the letters.

Sue made a motion to follow through with the suggestions Sally outlined: to send the letters to Charles and Daniel and then send the report to the COA accordingly.

Barry seconded the motion.

Motion was carried.

XI. Consider Agenda Items and Date and Time for the Next Meeting
(For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Chair

Sue said she would like to formally put some items on the agenda. She said she would like Daniel to report on statistical data with respect to the number of clients who are placed out of state and whether those clients are from the south or the north. She said she would also like information on the approximate number of clients affected by the proposed Behavioral Health Rate increase, and what the fiscal impact is projected to be. She said she would also like an update on where it is in CMS since she has been unable to locate it.

Connie said they would like someone from Medicaid to either be present to report or provide a report for the next meeting.

Barry said he would like to put on the agenda an update regarding the HCBS regulation implementation from Jennifer Westland or whoever the appropriate person would be.

Connie said she would also to have on the agenda an update on what the plan will be for the October 6th Behavioral Health and Wellness meeting.

Next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 23rd at 9:30am.

XII. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item).

No public comment.

Sue motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Jerry seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

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