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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: Tuesday, September 23, 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, Kathy McClain,  
Daniel Mathis

Members Absent: Sue Rhodes

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.)

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting

**(For Possible Action)**

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie noted a correction needed to be made to the August 14, 2014 DRAFT Minutes on item VI. The spelling of Betsy's name should be Aiello, not Ayala. Connie

asked the subcommittee for a motion to approve the minutes with the correction to item VI.

Barry moved to approve the corrected minutes.

Jerry seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Minutes were approved with the correction to item VI.

Item Taken Out of Order

V. Announcements from Members

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie asked if there were any announcements from Subcommittee members.

Jerry said he attended the Adult Residential Care Providers of Nevada event two weeks ago. He said it was an interesting and informative event and that there were about 300 people there including senators, assemblymen, and candidates for office.

Connie asked if there were any more announcements.

Barry said that this year's Senior Fest was an amazing event and was the busiest, most engaging Senior Fest to date. He said the only negative would be that the event may have outgrown the facility.

Connie said that the half of the Reno Town Mall loved having Senior Fest there because it helped boost sales, but the other half hated Senior Fest because it made finding parking difficult for patrons. She said that over 800 flu shots, over 100 shingles shots and close to 700 blood draws were given at the event. She said that the high number of vaccinations and other services provided at the event points to the need for them in the community. Connie agreed that the event has possibly outgrown the venue and that they may be looking for a new location for next year. Barry said that was a good problem to have because it shows how successful and necessary the event is in the community.

Jerry said the Fun After 55 Expo will be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at South Point Arena to promote products and services for seniors. He said it is the largest senior event in the state of Nevada, with over 8,000 attendees last year and another big turnout expected at this year's event.

Connie asked if there were any more announcements from members.

Barry said the Aging and Disability Services Conference was two weeks ago with over 300 people in attendance. There were sessions that involved different populations but the one that he went to was comprised primarily of people who serve or work with the aging population.

Connie said she attended the conference as well and wished that there were more out of state participants and presenters, as she was familiar with many of the presentations already.

Barry agreed and said that some of the presentations were recaps of things that, to those individuals who are very involved, may have already heard. He said that the general public, however, had likely not heard much of it before. He said he thought it would be a good idea to bring in new stuff for future conferences.

Connie asked if there were any final announcements

Daniel said he had one more announcement. He said the nursing home report cards made a big splash last year and the Families for Better Care have just released their 2014 reports. He said he was happy to report that they went from an F ranked

overall at 43 to a C ranked overall at 26. Connie said she would like to have Daniel give an update on that perhaps at the next meeting.

Item Taken Out of Order

VI. Report on Results of Commission on Aging Approval of Filling Open Position on the Subcommittee and Adding Ex-Officio Member.

Connie McMullen, Chair

Sally said the Commission on Aging approved Connie's request that Jerry Johnson become a voting member and that Daniel Mathis become an ex-officio member. Connie asked whether or not, if a voting member is absent, an ex-officio member could vote instead.

Sally said no, it is not in the by-laws.

Item Taken Out of Order

VII. Report and Discussion on Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council, Including but not Limited to Testimony for the Meeting on October 6.

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie said she has been trying to interface with ADSD Administrator Jane Gruner on this but that Jane has been really busy, so she hasn't been able to do that. She said she does know that October 6<sup>th</sup> will be solely dedicated to mental health and seniors. Connie said that she has been trying to gather and talk with representatives in the market to seek more testimony regarding possible gaps in services. She said the Medicare new law went into effect this January and is providing more services than ever before, but she also said she still thinks there is a gap in services like adult day care. She said she also thought suicide and depression would be good topics to talk about as well. Connie said that if Daniel or Barry would like to provide any presentations or testimony on this day it would be greatly appreciated, as this discussion is very important. She asked if anyone else had any comments.

Daniel said he would like to do whatever he could to support this and asked Connie to let him know exactly what she might need from him.

Sally asked who was going to speak on depression.

Connie said that hadn't been gathered, but asked if anyone had knowledge of depression or suicide to get a hold of Jane Gruner. Connie said a whole day of discussion will provide a lot of opportunity. She said that senior suicide greatly affects Nevada and that we have some of the highest rates in the country. She said she hoped Harry Reid might take part in the conversation due to his personal connection to senior suicide through his father.

Sally said they used to fund a position through ILG that involved senior mental health outreach services in Clark and Washoe counties, but that position no longer exists. She said that would be something to bring up.

Item Taken Out of Order

- VIII. Update on Home and Community Based Waiver Implementation and on the Medicaid Behavioral Health Rate Including but not Limited to the Number of Clients Affected by the Rate and the Fiscal Impact.

Betsy Aiello, Deputy Administrator, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy

Betsy said that she wanted to make clear that it is a Behaviorally Complex Care Program, not just a “rate” as it has been commonly referred to. She said that, for many years, there has been great concern for people having to go out of state for nursing facility care. She said that the Behaviorally Complex Care Program was established with the intention of providing care in Nevada and to support nursing facilities to care for individuals with medically-based behavior disorders. Betsy discussed the information in her Power Point presentation, which included: definition and history of the program, out of state placement, and fiscal impact.

Item Taken Out of Order

- IX. Update on Home and Community Based Waiver Implementation of New Federal Requirements Including Person-Centered Planning.

Betsy Aiello, Deputy Administrator, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy

Betsy continued her discussion of the information on the Home and Community Based waiver from her Power Point presentation, which included: HCB settings requirements, provider-owned or controlled residential settings, person-centered planning, full access to the community, and potential pitfalls and unknowns. Details of this presentation can be found at:

<http://adسد.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/adسد.nv.gov/content/Boards/COA/SubSPAC/2014/September%2023%202014%20-%20SPAC%20Update%20Report.pdf>

(Under Supporting Materials SPAC Update Report)

Upon the conclusion of Betsy’s presentation, Connie asked if there were any questions that the Subcommittee had for her.

Barry asked about the survey that was given to providers regarding whether or not they met the requirements and what some of the results were. He also asked Betsy about a timeline for draft transition plan and when the hearings are going to be for that.

Betsy said she could not talk about what the findings were on the survey that came back. She said she would ask Jennifer Frischman, Chief of Long-Term Support Services, to send a summary of the findings to Sally. She said as far as the process, they are trying to get the industry and everyone who is a stakeholder in Home and Community Based Services to be part of the new programming and trying to find out what it will look like in Nevada. She said they sent out a summary of the rules to provider-owners and asked providers whether or not they met the regulations but had no idea what the response was. In regards to the transition plan, Betsy said it has to be submitted to CMS in March and must be developed through a public process. She said that if there were any waiver changes or amendments that needed to be made that it would need to be submitted prior to that, and if there were any new waivers that were being proposed they would need to meet the new regulations before being

approved. She said Jennifer Frischman hopes to have it posted by October 1<sup>st</sup> open to public comment for 30 days and that there would be a hearing on the plan sometime in November for submission to CMS.

Connie said she was concerned about adult day care programs and skilled workshops no longer being available.

Betsy said they have not received a final rule on adult day health programs yet, but it is something they will need to look into.

Barry asked if it would be possible to locate and circulate among the group a copy of survey that was sent out to providers so Subcommittee members could see what the providers were asked.

Betsy said the survey, or assessment form, is available on the dhcfp.nv.gov website along other information regarding the HCBS new rule.

Connie asked if there were any further questions that the Subcommittee had for Betsy.

There were no further questions.

X. 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 he had good news and he had bad news. He said the good news is the marketing company, KPS3, is putting together a marketing plan based on focus groups, which for the first time included people aged 18-64. Before, he said, they stopped at age 50. He said this means they are addressing complaints that they were not including older adults in their marketing. Barry said KPS3 has reached out to him and asked how they can include seniors as part of their target market. He told them that there are plenty of other organizations besides AARP that would be able to give them information on events for seniors where they could advertise and referred them to several people and organization. Barry asked the Subcommittee members if they knew of events to contact him so he could give them the information for the marketing company. Barry said the bad news has to do with the re-enrollment process. He said that CMS came out with a new rule about 2-3 weeks ago saying that if you had a qualified health insurance plan through the Affordable Care Act through an exchange and you wanted to keep it, you didn't have to do anything and you could stay on it. He said that is not true for Nevada at all. He said because Nevada is going to be a supported state exchange using the federal website, anybody in Nevada that has a health plan through the exchange will have to re-enroll again basically start from scratch because the systems don't merge. He said there is even more bad news. He said open enrollment starts November 15<sup>th</sup> and people only have until December 15<sup>th</sup>; if they enroll after December 15<sup>th</sup>, they would lose some of their coverage.

XI. Consider Agenda Items and Date and Time for the Next Meeting

(For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie said that Daniel would be giving an update on the nursing home industry. Connie said that there would also be an update on the discussion at the October 6<sup>th</sup> senior mental health meeting. Connie said there may also be an update of the waiver survey in the residential facilities.

Sally said the results are coming from Jennifer and that maybe they should be looked at before deciding whether or not they should be an agenda item. Connie said she would also like to see an update on BDRs.

Sally said she would do a report and asked Barry to help her on that.

Connie asked the Subcommittee when the next meeting should be held.

Sally said the meeting could be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. She said she would be in Las Vegas and that the Vegas people could actually attend the meeting while the rest join via teleconference. The meeting will be at 10:00am.

**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).

There was no public comment.

Connie asked for a motion to adjourn.

Jerry motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Kathy seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21am.

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