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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, October 27, 2015
1:30 p.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, Susan Rhodes, Jerry Johnson, Kathy McClain, Daniel Mathis

Members Absent: Barry Gold

Staff Present: Jill Berntson, Brian Leetch

Staff Absent: Sally Ramm

Public Present: None

II. Welcoming Remarks
Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie welcomed everybody to the meeting.

- 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 an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.

There was no public comment.

- IV. **Approval of the Minutes from the September 15, 2015 Meeting (For Possible Action)**
Connie McMullen, Chair

Sue moved to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2015 meeting.
Kathy seconded the motion.
Motion carried, minutes for the September 15, 2015 minutes approved.

- V. **Announcements from Members**
Connie McMullen, Chair

There was no announcement from the members.

- VI. **Report on the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) meeting of October 21, 2015.**
Jane Gruner, Administrator (Invited)
Aging and Disability Services Division

Jill Berntson, Deputy Administrator of ADSD, stated no proposals were approved about the STAR (Senior Tax Assistance Rebate) Program during the October 21st meeting.

- Some committee members talked about going back to the way things were done previously
 - Basic eligibility requirements - age: 62, household income limit not based on federal poverty level, asset limits including home value.
- She discussed problems with no eligibility requirements and too strict requirements.
- The chair requested suggestions for the eligibility requirements for the next IFC meeting in December.

Jill also expressed concerns about the proposals being made were to hire contracted employees with the implication being temporary employment. Kathy said she hopes the program isn't open to those who are financially well off, hoping the program is used for those who need the assistance.

VII. Discussion about the Managed Care Transition Research Project Including Topics/Results of Past Meetings and what Meetings and Topics are Scheduled for the Future.

Jane Gruner, Administrator (Invited)
Aging and Disability Services Division

Jill Berntson said the department has set up a committee to figure out what needs to be done to come up with a plan: research, input from providers, advocates, and consumers, etc.

- Last meeting was on Oct. 14, 2015
 - Discussion was based on setting up the groundwork on the town hall meetings to get set up by the first of the new year.
- She said they're working on a public website to inform the public and members of the new meeting dates, as well as the topics of discussions.

Connie stated that managed care was looking to expand services to all uninsured individuals.

- Instead of being viewed as a change in policy, it's viewed as a transition rolled out under the Affordable Care Act.

Jill said for the purposes of ADSD, this transition to Managed Care would be a major change as to how ADSD implements the program

- She also stated more research needs to be performed to see if the Managed Care path would be a viable option for Nevada.

Daniel stated that with the current changes, it appears that Nevada has been slowly changing and working towards Managed Care for a while.

Sue said the problem with Managed Care and the HMOs is that they are not Medicaid.

- They operate under different principles and practices than Medicaid.
- They are not accustomed to providing non-traditional services.
- She also stated that there are occasional struggles about what current Medicaid covered services are, and believes there will be a larger struggle if the state changes to Managed Care.

Sue mentioned the number of clients currently on the Medicaid Waiver have exceeded the institutional.

- 1198 Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBW) paid by Clark County
- 996 of them on in-home services
- 232 were group care services
- 857 individuals who were institutional
- Roughly \$1.3 million spent on the care for the HCBW clients, all in one-month costs

VIII. Discussion on the progress of the Olmstead Report.
Connie McMullen, Chair

Jill said Jane was working on an amendment to address senior needs. Connie stated that Jane commented on the legality of the mental health being left out, saying she was looking for some recommendations from the Mental Health Association.

- Looking to come up with a new 5-year Strategic Plan.
- Connie said the lawsuits presented early on only focused on the developmentally disabled, however has grown since then.

IX. Presentation and Discussion Regarding AB 242, in Reference to Post-Acute Care and the State Innovation Model Grant, Which is an Attempt to Change the Delivery of Health Care in Nevada.

Daniel Mathis, President & CEO
Nevada Health Care Association

Daniel stated that the State Innovation Model Grant meeting was cancelled. The AB 242 meeting was scheduled for November 17, 2015 at 5:00pm, and would like to hear the information about quality for post-acute care.

- Health Care Quality and Compliance will be giving a presentation during this meeting.
- Daniel said the public is invited to the meeting and to give their perspective.
- There are 3 meetings that will occur after the November 17 meeting.
- The Medicaid Waivers will be brought up in a future meeting.

Connie wanted to know what the purpose would be after the 4th meeting.

Daniel said the intention will be to make some recommendations in November of 2016.

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

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie suggested another update on the Olmstead Report. She also mentioned the November 17th meeting should be talked about. The Managed Care topic should remain on the agenda, regardless of new information.

Next IFC will be meeting on December 15, 2015.

Sue suggested the next SPAC meeting should be held on December 16, 2015 at 1:30pm to have an update on the IFC meeting.

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There was no public comment.

- XII. **Adjournment**

Sue motions to adjourn.

Kathy seconded the motion to adjourn.

The October 27, 2015 SPAC meeting was adjourned

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3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
7. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89706
8. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701
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10. Washoe County Senior Center, 1155 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512
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