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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, July 28, 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, Barry Gold, Jerry Johnson, Kathy McClain, Sally Ramm

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Brian Leetch

Public Present: Daniel Mathis, Jill Bernston, Julie Kotchevar, Betsy Aiello, Parker Stremmel

II. Welcoming Remarks

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked everybody for attending.

- 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 May, 2015 Meeting (**For Possible Action**)

Connie McMullen, Chair

Kathy moved to approved the minutes of the May 12, 2015 SPAC meeting.

Sue seconded the movement.

Motion carried – minutes were approved.

- V. Announcements from Members

Connie McMullen, Chair

- Connie commented on the No Wrong Door report, hoping all members saw the new report and said she doesn't think it's a bad document. She stated there will be town hall meetings on Aug 11 in Las Vegas and Henderson, Aug 17 in Elko, and a Reno meeting that has yet to be announced.
- Connie suggested attending the town hall meetings if individuals did not participate in the report, as there were only 20 people who participated.
- Jerry stated he participated in the live streaming of the White House Conference on Aging. He said he was relieved that there was \$35.7million for geriatrics and work force training for people in the home health care agencies and thought that was really great.
- Sue asked if anybody from Nevada was physically present for the conference, but none were seen from Nevada.
- Sue stated that she wished she would have heard about the conference earlier because she would have gone, saying it was a missed opportunity.
- Connie stated that the committee needs to watch the policies coming down from the conference.
- Jill said she was able to send out the highlights from the White House Conference on Aging. She also said they will be keeping an eye on grant opportunities that come up.

- VI. Discussion about the results of AB 310 regarding managed care for people on the Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid waiver and the future of managed care for this group.

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

- Betsy stated a significant amount of states have moved their long term care into managed care, and said ADSD and the Division of Health Care

Financing and Policy was asked to research and evaluate what would happen if Nevada were to make a similar move.

Claims would be changed, as service claims are typically paid post-service, but managed care pays pre-service.

She doesn't believe that anything has been set in terms of a move into managed care.

- Julie said the research has only just begun and still has yet to determine what information needs to be gathered to determine the impact on the community and the services to consumers. She she believes the meetings for this will be open to the public.
- Betsy stated that the proposed regulations for long term support services and managed care appeared very much like the new fee-for-service regulations in regards to person centered planning and quality assurance processes.
- Sue voiced her concerns because those who recently enrolled in Medicaid under the affordable care act were to receive the same level of services as the fee-for-service population, but some health plans have been allowed to exclude community services, therefore making services like the homemaker service unavailable to seniors who are not otherwise eligible for the waiver programs which could get them those services.
- Julie stressed that no decision has been made about the transferring of long term care into managed care yet and that meetings so far have just been about logistics of research. She also went on to state that every meeting going forward would be open and transparent to the public. Notices will be sent to the stakeholders about upcoming meetings.
- Betsy commented that she'd be willing to include others in the process if they wanted to email her and let her know they wanted to be involved.

VII. Discussion regarding the final approved budget for ADSD, including what was included in appropriations bill SB 514.

Julie Kotchevar, Deputy Administrator,
Aging and Disability Services Division

- Julie stated that the services provided through the tobacco settlement funds (ILG) are respite, home modification, adult daycare, transportation, and nutrition. It was fully funded at \$12.4 million over the biennium. This was based on allocations of the funds at the discretion of the Director of the Health and Human Services. This was an increase from the previous biennium period to help fund the services for independent living.
- The next budget was the primary administration budget, which also includes the long term care ombudsmen program. In the budget, ADSD requested and received an establishment of a staffing ratio, as it is a case load based program, so they can request more staff if the case load increases.

- ASDD requested and received support for the commissions and task forces, including the Commission on Aging. ASDD also received \$100,000 to develop a strategic plan for both seniors and persons with disabilities to come up with a combine plan.
- Julie addressed the Senior and Disability RX budget. The budget once funded the Dental Pilot Program; however, the Dental Pilot Program was eliminated because the cost of subsidizing medications has increased. Because the cost of medications increased so drastically, the Dental Pilot Program could not be funded.
- Early Intervention services remained roughly the same in terms of budget, but received a 4% increase for case loads. There was an increase in case load for the Home and Community Based Waiver, as well as 40 additional staff in the budget.
- The other budget accounts are all for developmental services: Rural Regional, Desert Regional, and Sierra Regional, all of which received small increases in an attempt to keep pace with their case loads.
- Julie talked about the Senior Tax Assistance Rebate Program, which would give property tax assistance to seniors who own their homes. She expects this to be implemented in 2016, with applications available in January.
- The next Interim Finance Committee meeting was in August, and if they weren't able to get into that meeting, the one after that is in October.

VIII. Report on Olmstead Committee.

Connie McMullen, Chair

Connie said she was disappointed in the report she read, as it didn't include the Commission on Aging or any subcommittee under the COA. It also didn't include any services for seniors in regards to mental health.

She questioned the results of the Olmstead Committee, wondering if the seniors would be able to get the help and support they need.

Connie stated the document wasn't entirely bad, as it covered a lot of other services; however she believes it is a disservice for seniors.

Connie commented that she saw a similar scenario with the No Wrong Door report, where the Commission on Aging was excluded from the report. She said this feels like a setback for the aging network. She said the report wasn't bad, but felt the COA should have been included in some way.

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

Connie McMullen, Chair

- Sue proposed the next meeting be held in September.
- Connie agreed, saying there should be something new to report.
- Sue suggested Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 1:30.

- Connie agreed.
- Barry requested Medicaid would report during the next meeting about the progress on the Managed Care Transition Research Project. He said he would like to know the meetings they've had, as well as the projected meetings scheduled.
- Connie added there would be an update on Olmstead, as well as what happened at the COA meeting regarding the bylaws.
- Daniel made a request to add information about AB 242, which is in reference to post-acute care. He also added the State Innovation Model Grant, which is an attempt to change the delivery of healthcare in Nevada, and he felt the subcommittee would be able to have an impact there. He would be happy to cover the information for AB 242.
- Connie asked if Daniel would be willing to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Daniel agreed and said he'd send the information he has in advance to receive subcommittee input during the next meeting.

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Jerry said he wanted to thank the management staff and the Aging and Disability Services. He said it was very nice that the subcommittee's comments and suggestions were acknowledged by Jill Bernston.

- XI. **Adjournment**

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting.
 Jerry seconded the motion.
 Motion carried – meeting adjourned.

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