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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, December 11, 2014  
10:00 a.m.

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

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### **DRAFT MINUTES**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members present: Connie McMullen, Barry Gold, Jerry Johnson, Sue Rhodes, Daniel Mathis

Public Present: Jeff Klein, Marlene Loretta

Staff present: Jane Gruner, Sally Ramm, Elysa Kleidosty

Members absent: Kathy McClain

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 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 October 21, 2014 meeting  
**(For Possible Action)**

Connie McMullen, Chair

A correction was noted on the DRAFT Minutes for the October 21, 2014 meeting. Item IV states that Kathy McClain moved to approve the minutes. Sue Rhodes was actually the one who made the motion; not Kathy.

Sue moved to approve the Minutes with the correction to item IV.

Jerry seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the correction to item IV.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

V. Announcements from Members

Connie McMullen, Chair

Jerry said the meeting he attended in Clark County had about 80 people in attendance including new members of the Legislature. Several of them offered their support in whatever capacity it could be utilized. He was happy with the turnout and was pleased with how well the meeting went.

VI. Report and Discussion on List of Priorities Sent to Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council, after October 6 Meeting and Possible Decisions on Next Steps for SPAC and this Commission.

**(For possible action)**

Jane Gruner, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division

Connie McMullen, Chair

Jane said the Council took all of the recommendations that were submitted and placed them into their document. Some of the recommendations were added to priority items that the Council already had established, but they were all added in some fashion. She emphasized the importance of having people speak during public comment at the meeting, especially to highlight the issue of senior behavioral health needs and senior specific education in Nevada. She is happy that the recommendations were taken into consideration and hopes that the State will be able to put some money into these initiatives.

VII. Discussion about the Proposed FY 2016-2017 Budget from Aging and Disability Services Division.

Jane Gruner, Administrator

Connie McMullen, Chair

Jane said that the State is currently experiencing shortfalls in the budget, so a variety of cuts are being made to make up for money that was lost or not made in various areas. 2016-2017 will primarily focus on education, with no real pressure to create

new revenue streams through taxation. She said that many items are being removed from the budget, so she will not know what ADSD will actually have in their budget until the end of December.

Connie asked if the number of waiver slots would be reduced.

Jane said yes, that was her understanding. They asked for 500 new slots.

Connie asked Jane what she thought about the possibility of some of the Strategic Plan funding being reduced.

Jane is sure that will be one of the items affected by cuts; again, she said she won't know by how much the funding will be reduced until she knows what is in the budget.

VIII. Report on February 9, 2015 Commission on Aging Event at the Legislature and Possible Plan on the Participation of SPAC.

**(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair, COA Legislative Issues Subcommittee

Jeff gave some background on the COA Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues. About a year ago, the Subcommittee started process of pre-planning for the upcoming Legislative Session. On a broader scale, the Subcommittee has aimed to create a series of opportunities for conversations with the Legislature that are centered around education on elder issues in Nevada. More specifically, they have taken on particular elder issues initiatives that require Legislative action and have created the White Papers. They have since taken those White Papers and made them into a working document that can be updated as BDRs are developed or as otherwise necessary to accommodate other Legislative developments. To spread awareness of the issues in the White Papers among Legislators prior to the Session, they have been planning events at senior centers and other various locations in the North and South, with several different sponsoring agencies hosting. The Subcommittee has scheduled a Senior Day event at the Legislature on February 9<sup>th</sup>. They have a room reserved where they will offer breakfast and lunch with continued refreshments available throughout the day. During lunch, there will be two presentations on the White Papers, and there will be tables set up with posters that highlight each issue. They will have individuals available to discuss and educate on whatever issue is in their area of expertise. They are hoping to narrow down the 8 issues into 4 "asks" but do not yet know exactly what they will be since BDRs are still being formed. He said some seniors will be bused to the event as well and that they will not necessarily have an active role but will be there more to represent the population.

Jeff said his hopes for SPAC's involvement would be to have some expert representation on the issue areas from members, have members join in the presentation portions of the event, and have members who would be willing to meet with Legislators throughout the day according to availability and the Legislative calendar.

Barry made the point that the event is not designed to be like a health fair; the Subcommittee has a very specific message and direct intentions. They don't want to lose sight of what they are trying to accomplish, so the participation needs to be guided and directed by Subcommittee members to make the most impact.

Connie asked which SPAC members would be able to attend and participate. Daniel and Connie committed to attending but Sue wasn't sure; she will let Jeff know.

- IX. Update on the Nursing Home Industry, Including Effects of the Behaviorally Complex Care Program.  
Daniel Mathis, President & CEO, Nevada Health Care Association

Daniel referenced the meeting materials provided regarding his report on the nursing home industry and Behaviorally Complex Care program.

Sue said this rate will have a significant impact on the counties since they are the ones who often handle reimbursement rates.

Connie asked if this rate applies to locked memory care units like The Arbors.

Daniel said no, it only applies to Skilled Nursing Facilities.

Daniel also mentioned the issue of medical marijuana in nursing homes. There are a variety of concerns, from civil rights to the definition of "access" to medication being unclear.

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- X. Consider Agenda Items and Date and Time for the Next Meeting  
(For Possible Action)  
Connie McMullen, Chair

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The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda items will include:

Updates on items VI, VII, VIII, and IX from this Agenda

An item on medical marijuana

An item on BDRs of interest

- XI. **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.

- XII. Adjournment

Sue motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Jerry seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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