

Appendix M: Public Comment on the State Plan

Prior to publishing its 2012 to 2016 State Plan, the Division carried out activities to ensure that the public was aware of and agreed with the Plan's direction. This appendix describes feedback from those activities, including:

- Town Hall meetings were conducted by ADSD Senior Staff from October 2011 through January 2012, for input in developing the state plan. They were held at the following sites:
 - Carson City Senior Center
 - Winnemucca
 - Elko Senior Center
 - Wells Senior Center
 - Martin Luther King Senior Center
 - Boulder City Senior Center
 - Pahrump Senior Center
 - Henderson Senior Center
 - Yerington Senior Center
 - Silver Springs Senior Center
- A month-long posting of the State Plan in March, 2012, on the Division's website.
- A statewide Public Hearing, March 22, 2012.

Public Hearing on State Plan

The Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) held a statewide Public Hearing by videoconference for comment on the State Plan. The Public Hearing was held in conjunction with a quarterly meeting of the Governor's Commission on Aging (COA), March 22, 2012. The following relays essential comments at the State Plan Hearing, extracted from a transcription and meeting minutes.

Public Hearing on Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division State Plan for October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2016 to the Administration on Aging. (for possible action) Cherrill Cristman, Resource Development Unit Chief, ADSD

The Public Hearing on the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division 2012 to 2016 State Plan for the Administration on Aging is hereby opened.

For the record, I am Cherrill Cristman, the Aging and Disability Services Division Chief of its Resource Development Unit and I will conduct the hearing.

As a context for this presentation, I'll give you some background information on the State Plan. Developing this Plan meets a requirement of the Administration on Aging (AoA)

for Nevada to receive Older Americans Act funding. This Plan is created every four years. The Plan is posted on the Division's website at www.nvaging.net and this site was also placed on the Public Hearing Notice at various sites around the state to ensure the public has time to review the Plan and make comments. The draft will be replaced by a final document this coming summer.

The Division will accept comments on the State Plan until April 4, 2012. Comments can be delivered to 3416 Goni Road, Building D, Number 132, Carson City, Nevada, or emailed to adsd@adsd.nv.gov.

The State Plan sets forth Division goals and objectives for the coming four years. It reports the Division's accomplishments in the most recent four years and it demonstrates how the Division is meeting the requirements of Assurances for funding from AoA, found in your State Plan copy under Appendix A – the signed Assurances for the Administration on Aging.

This Plan takes effect on October 1, 2012 and will conclude on September 30, 2016.

The activities involved in developing this plan are numerous. Senior Staff of the Division held a number of Town Hall meetings, which occurred during a Senior Staff Tour. The Division conducted two surveys; one in collaboration with the COA's Senate Bill 421 Subcommittee. Staff conducted a literature search for some of the information in Appendix B, and every Unit Chief of the Agency was integrally involved with various sections of this Plan. Together, staff developed the Goals and Objectives for the coming four years, and provided the outcomes accomplished for goals established in the most recent four-year plan.

I will summarize the State Plan section-by-section, and once I complete the summary I will ask for comments and questions.

The State Plan is introduced by a letter from our Administrator, Carol Sala. That's followed by the main body of the State Plan which includes an Executive Summary, the Narrative - an overview of the Division and the context of service delivery in Nevada, critical issues and trends and then the Goals and Objectives. The Goals and Objectives have five overarching goals that actually come from the Nevada Strategic Plan for Senior Services. Under each goal are many objectives to be achieved over the next four years, as the Division's blueprint.

The Appendices are as follows.

Appendix A is the Assurances.

Appendix B is Nevada Geographic and Demographic data. It provides information about Nevada and its geography for the Federal Government and anybody who reads this document. This information can be boilerplate for grantees to use when they write grant

applications, and includes: the Nevada geography, land mass and population dispersal, population and growth rate, supportive services resources, health access challenges, disability and aging, chronic disease and high-risk factors in aging, suicide and aging, Nevada suicide facts, dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease and aging.

Appendix C, The Division and its Programs provides information about various Boards and Commissions the Division works with. Then we see an organization chart, and a description of the seven units of operation within the agency.

Appendix D provides the community focal points and those are listed county-by-county and includes all the currently funded ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) sites.

Appendix E houses the funding formula, which gives some information about how the Division allocates funding our grants.

Appendix F provides Funding by County for all of the grant funds administered by the Resource Development Unit and the Disability Services Unit. It also includes service definitions.

Appendix H provides information about grant allocations by services delivered. It shows the services that are funded by funding stream for both Aging Services and Disability Services, and describes the Wait List.

Appendix I provides Client Profiles. It has information about the demographics of clients served under the Older Americans Act and by other funding sources.

Appendix J contains the two State Plan surveys data and analysis. One survey was completed by senior citizens and citizens with disabilities, and a second survey tapped information for providers. The second survey was conducted by the COA SB 421 Subcommittee and ADSD jointly.

Appendix K has information about what was accomplished in the most recent four years pertinent to the 2008-2012 State Plan Goals and Objectives.

Appendix L houses the Goals and Objectives for the coming four years: 2012 to 2016.

Appendix M will contain Public Comment from this Hearing.

Regarding the Goals and Objectives:

Goal 1 is Older Nevadans and persons with disabilities have a seamless and comprehensive support services delivery system to improve their independence and dignity. As an example, Goal 1, Objective 1 states that Older Americans Act Title III, Title VI (funding for Native American tribes), and Title VII, which the Elder Rights Unit

receives for the Ombudsman program and Elder Protective Services, will have ongoing coordination of programming.

Goal 2 is Older Nevadans, persons with disabilities and their families have access to a statewide network of single point of entry sites that provide a comprehensive array of information, referral, intake assessment and eligibility determination services.

Goal 3 is Older Nevadans and persons with disabilities and their families have choices they can make about their long-term care options.

Goal 4 is Older Nevadans and persons with disabilities are active and healthy with the support of evidenced-based health promotion, and disease and disability prevention programs.

Goal 5 is Older Nevadans have an efficient system that promotes and protects their safety and rights.

At this point any persons wishing to comment on the State Plan should come forward, state their name and affiliation and I will answer any questions. We will be noting any comments. Are there any questions or comments?

Ms. LaVoie – When I received the Executive Summary in the mail I was very impressed with it - just seeing the book and hearing the presentation, I'm even more impressed. I would like to make a suggestion that the Division consider some type of orientation for new directors in any program that's funded by the Division that would include reviewing this manual so that we can all see where we fit in the Division's mission.

The information in this document is phenomenal. I'm sure over time, I've seen bits and pieces of it, but never in this format. So I think this could be a valuable tool to strengthen the aging network. Service providers who are out there on a day-to-day basis are not connected to the Division and they should be.

Ms. Sala(then ADSD Administrator) – Edrie, could you clarify when you're saying directors are you talking about all the grantees whether they are a program director or a meal site?

Ms. LaVoie – Yes.

Ms. Sala – Thank you.

Ms. Cristman – Thank you; I think that's a great suggestion. Are there other comments?

Mr. Warner – Good afternoon. My name is Craig Warner; I'm the State Director for the Corporation for National and Community Service. A couple of things struck me from this

State Plan. One item I noticed speaks to a shortage of funds to carry out all the activities.

It's always a struggle finding those kinds of funds. I'm wondering if anybody has considered or knows that the Americorp State and National Agency has announced the availability of grants for this coming year. I think they are holding some training sessions the first part of April for agencies, government agencies and nonprofit organizations that would be interested in applying for an Americorp State and National Program. They do have a minimum size of the programs in mind, which is at least 10 full time people or 20 half time people. Grants are typically about \$200,000.00, and include money for a director as well as for paying allowances of the Americorp members.

One additional factor to think about is that if somebody is over the age of 50 and enrolled as an Americorp State and National Corporation member, there is an education award that comes with them in addition to their allowance. That education award can be passed down to their children or their grandchildren. I think this would be a great opportunity to not only provide more services through the Aging and Disability Services Division, but also as a benefit for the seniors, who could receive an allowance for some part time work and also pass on their education award to their children or grandchildren. I'd highly encourage the Aging and Disability Services Division to look into that possibility."

Ms. Cristman – I'll take that back with me.

Mr. Warner – Okay.

Ms. Sala – Craig, can you send some information, email to us.

Mr. Warner – Sure, I have a contact for you. When the meeting's over I'll follow up on that.

Ms. Cristman – Other comments, questions?

Ms. Sala – Do we have any comments from Las Vegas?

Mr. Martinez – Not at this time.

Ms. Sala – Thank you Robert.

Ms. Weber – Will we have an opportunity, Madam Chairwoman, to look at this again down the road and have more discussion because we'd kind of digest it?

Ms. Sala – Yes. This is your copy to take with you. You can notice that we did have "DRAFT" on every page – it literally is a draft. So if anyone feels something's missing or something is misrepresented then let us know. This is your copy to take. Eventually,

when it does become the final plan, each of the Commission on Aging members will be provided a copy.

I think it is a very good document to refer to. Historically, we have always put a section in about the population and the geography, which having a science, this always interests me. I'm always fascinated with the description of Nevada. It's pretty interesting reading and it also, for the COA members I think it gives you a good quick overview of all that we do as an agency.

I think this is the third State Plan I've reviewed over the years. I'm always tired after I read it, because I think, "Oh my gosh, we do so much," Especially in the last few years as we've taken on more programs. I think it's a good tool and like Edrie said, it's a great orientation tool for anybody in the whole network to find out what Aging and Disability Services does.

Ms. Weber – Thank you.

Ms. Cristman – Any other comments or questions?

Ms. Sala – I don't see any.

Ms. Cristman – There being no other comments or questions the public hearing is now closed.

Ms. Sala – Thank you Cherrill. If you have comments you can send them into us, or you can call and we will be glad to take your comments.