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**MINUTES**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging  
(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034)

Date and Time of Meeting: July 21, 2014  
9:30 a.m.

Carson City: Legislative Counsel Bureau  
401 South Carson Street  
Room 3137  
Carson City, NV 89701

Las Vegas: Grant Sawyer Building  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Room 4412  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

- I. Ms. Gruner called the Quarterly meeting for the Commission on Aging to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Jane Gruner, Senator Mark Manendo, Assemblywoman Ellen Spiegel, Lee Drizin, Lisa Krasner, Minddie Lloyd, Connie McMullen, John Rice, John Thurman, Patsy Waits

Members Absent: Romaine Gilliland, Stavros Anthony

Guests: Grady Tarbutton, Jeff Klein, Sue Rhodes, Jacob Harmon, Stefanie Wardell, Kirsten Coulombe

Staff Present: Dale Ann Luzzi, Jennifer Gaffney, Tina Gerber-Winn, Sally Ramm

A quorum was declared.

- II. **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)

There was no public comment.

- III. **Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2014 Meeting (For Possible Action)**  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Connie McMullen made a motion to pass the minutes as written. Patsy Waits seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- IV. **Welcoming Remarks**  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Ms. Gruner welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

- V. **Administrator's Report**  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

- **Update the Commission on Activities and Developments in the Division since Last Commission Meeting**  
The Agency is working on a grant to secure moneys for new initiatives, which will streamline the information and referral process. ADSD may request letters of support from COA. Ms. Gruner referenced the AARP Long Term Services and Supports Scorecard Report and expressed disappointment at Nevada's ranking. Ms. Gruner asked that all Commissioners read the report and use the five key dimensions rated to identify ways that the COA can act to improve the ranking for older adults' long term services and supports systems in Nevada. See the report here: <http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/info-2014/raising-expectations-2014-AARP-ppi-health.html>
- **ADSD Integration Update**  
Ms. Gruner told the commission that ADSD is working on several initiatives to assist the Division in providing better person-centered services by creating integration of medical, nutrition, housing and transportation services. She also mentioned an initiative for the Program All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Medicaid and ADSD will be sending staff members to the PACE planning conference when it is held in San Diego in October.
- Ms. Gruner announces that Mr. Romaine Gilliland has been appointed as the new Director of Health and Human Services taking over for Mike Willden who was appointed by the Governor as his Chief of Staff.
- **Update to New Federal Regulations**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have made changes to key components of the Home and Community Based Waivers. The intent of the changes is to be responsive to the needs and choices of the people using those services in order to maximize independence and self-determination.

- Update on Membership  
John Rice and Lisa Krasner have applied for reappointment to COA. With the three commission members terming out on June 30 that leaves three vacancies on the commission. Two are members at large that have in the past been filled by a member who is from the rural areas and one who is an elder advocate and the third is a county representative. Ms. Gruner s

VI. Discussion and Possible Vote on Identifying Senior Mental Health Issues and How to Move Forward (For Possible Action)  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Mental health issues in the State have become prominent as a result of some bad publicity and the loss of funding to the tune of approximately \$80 million. The Behavioral Health and Wellness Council was initiated by the Governor to identify and prioritize mental health needs in Nevada. The Council came up with sixteen recommendations. Although some of these crossed age boundaries, none of the recommendations chosen by the Council were specific to seniors.

VII. Discussion and Possible Vote on the Next Steps for Educating Counties on Senior ISSUES (For Possible Action)  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

The Elder Justice Roadmap, a federal initiative to raise awareness of the key components of elder abuse including physical, sexual, psychological abuse, as well as neglect and financial exploitation in all settings. Ms. Gruner stated that this would be a good initiative to bring to the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), to help educate and raise awareness on a more local level. The Elder Justice Roadmap can be viewed at the following link:  
[http://ncea.acl.gov/Library/Gov\\_Report/docs/EJRP\\_Roadmap.pdf](http://ncea.acl.gov/Library/Gov_Report/docs/EJRP_Roadmap.pdf)

VIII. Report from the Senior Services Strategic Plan Accountably (SPAC) Subcommittee  
Connie McMullen, Subcommittee Chair

IX. Report for the Legislative Subcommittee  
Jeff Klein, Subcommittee Chair

- X. Review the Final NRS 439 Report that was submitted to the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.  
Connie McMullen, Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Gruner states that Mr. Gilliland, Director, Health and Human Services, has read the report and identified the priorities listed in the report as areas to support in the next budget. She thanked the Subcommittee for all of their hard work.

- XI. Dates of Next Meeting (September 15 and November 17, 2014) and Consider Agenda Items **(For Possible Action)**

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

- 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 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 secretary with written comments.)

- XIII. Adjournment