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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

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

Date and Time of Meeting: September 8, 2014  
9:30 a.m.

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

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

Elko: Great Basin College  
Berg Hall Conference Room  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, NV 89801

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

**II. Public Comment**

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**III. Approval of the Minutes from July 21, 2014 Meeting (For Possible Action)**

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

**IV. Welcoming Remarks**

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

**V. Administrator's Report**

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

- Update the Commission on Activities and Developments in the Division Since Last Commission on Aging (COA) Meeting
- Budget Update
- ADSD Integration Update
- PACE update
- 2014 ADSD Statewide Conference : MP2: Action Nevada

**VI. Presentation and Discussion on Suicide Among Seniors**

Misty Allen, Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinator

**VII. Mental Health Update**

Jane Gruner, Administrator

**VIII. Report from the Senior Services Strategic Plan Accountably (SPAC)**

Subcommittee and Vote to Appoint Daniel Mathis to SPAC (For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Subcommittee Chair

**IX. Report for the Legislative Subcommittee and Vote to Allow the Subcommittee to Support Legislation Based on Proposals in the White Papers on Behalf of the COA (For Possible Action)**

Jeff Klein, Subcommittee Chair

**X. Dates of Next Meeting (November 17, 2014, March 16, 2015, June 15, 2015, September 21, 2015, December 21, 2015) and Consider Agenda Items (For Possible Action)**

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

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## XII. Adjournment

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7. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89706
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9. Carson City Senior Center, 911 Beverly Drive, Carson City, NV 89706
10. Washoe County Senior Center, 1155 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, NV 89512
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**MINUTES**

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- I. Ms. Gruner called the Quarterly meeting for the Commission on Aging (COA) 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. Link: <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 improved 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 had 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 previously were filled by a member from the rural areas and the other one representing elder advocate. The third vacancy is a county representative.

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 because of some bad publicity and the loss of approximately \$80 million dollars funding. 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 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

The subcommittee was informed that Tina Gerber-Winn was meeting with the new Health and Human Services director to update him and request funds to update the Olmstead Plan and the Strategic Plans. The subcommittee sent a letter to the Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council regarding

mental health and seniors. In the council's report, it said they plan to invite testimony from senior advocates and expert's in geriatric mental health issues to educate the council so they can make recommendations to improve services to this growing population. They had a presentation from Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association, regarding Skilled Nursing Facility Beds regarding for people with Alzheimer's disease and a new proposed three tiered payments. The proposal has been submitted to CMS. The committee reviewed and voted to use the white papers that were drafted by the legislative subcommittee. There next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2014. (Attachment A)

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

I. Mr. Klein said the subcommittee has started presentations on the information package "Elder Issues in Nevada". They provided the presentation to the Legislative Committee on Health and the AB9 committees. They are starting briefings at host setting incorporating areas senior agencies in August and continuing to the start of the 2015 session. A senior day will be held on February 9, 2015. The subcommittee continues to meet with Nevada's senior communities to start dialogue with Nevadans for the Common Good. The subcommittee is monitoring changes in the federal Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBW) for potential impact on Nevada service agencies. (Attachment B)

II. Review the Final NRS 439 Report Submitted to the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services  
Connie McMullen, Subcommittee Chair

Ms. McMullen informed the Commissioners that they had a copy of the final report that was submitted to Director Romaine Gilliland. Jane Gruner stated that Mr. Gilliland read the report and has identified priorities listed in the report as areas to support in the budget. She thanked the subcommittee again for all their hard work preparing the report. The report is available on the ADSD website at : <http://adsd.nv.gov>

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

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8. If you have any items for the agenda, please email Dale Ann Luzzi no later than September 1.

IV. **Public Comment**

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Jacob Harmon representing the Northern Nevada Alzheimer's Association Invited everyone in attendance to the Alzheimer's Association Listening session on August 20 at the Reno office. Mr. Harmon also stated that this had been a very productive meeting and he was excited about the momentum from COA.

V. **Adjournment**

Ms. Gruner adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am

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## Legislative Subcommittee Report

**Nevada Commission on Aging  
Legislative Subcommittee Report  
September 8, 2014  
Jeffrey Klein, Chair**

The Legislative Subcommittee has adopted a strategy designed to provide legislators and candidates with a frame of reference for addressing senior issues and to continue to provide avenues for seniors to provide first hand feedback to Nevada legislators. The Subcommittee will also continue to frame issues and recommendations for consideration by the Nevada Commission on Aging as they are identified and to work collaboratively with other COA Subcommittees.

The Subcommittee recognizes the importance of a legislature well-oriented to senior issues, the importance of providing a framework on senior issues for legislators new to senior issues and an opportunity to provide for dialog between legislators/candidates and Nevada's seniors. To accomplish these goals, the Legislative Subcommittee has adopted an action plan:

**Commission on Aging Legislative Subcommittee Action Plan:**

- Familiarize legislators with senior issues. **(Completed & approved by COA)**
  - Creation of top 8 issues including description, impact, and history of issue in Nevada.
  - Create a report that includes demographics and defines the current environment in Nevada for older people.
- Utilize the tool created above in a series of face-to-face meetings with legislators.  
  
**(In process/ first program 9 legislators & candidates at Washoe Senior Coalition)**
  - Hold the meetings in various provider facilities and offices around the State. **(Over 8 agencies have programs in planning with the Subcommittee statewide)**
- Plan additional forums/town hall meetings in format used in past three years.
- Reach out to legislators who are no longer in office to facilitate education of newer legislators on senior issues.
- Encourage members of the subcommittee and the Commissioners to establish personal relationships with legislators. **(Advocacy session presenting Subcommittee plan at ADSD conference/ J. Klein & B. Gold presenting)**
- Testimony on issues and COA White Paper presentations at legislative committees (Health & AB 9 by Subcommittee members). **(Presentations over summer by Jeffrey Klein, Barry Gold & Sally Ramm)**

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Legislative Subcommittee Report  
September 8, 2014  
Jeffrey Klein, Chair**

The Chair has also initiated an outreach effort to meet personally with both legislators on Interim Committees and with legislators as they are appointed to Committees.

Request for COA Approval: White Paper Subcommittee Follow-Up Actions

The Legislative Subcommittee continues to refine the "Elder Issues in Nevada" package based on feedback and changing circumstances. As we complete updates, the Legislative Subcommittee intends to report back to the COA and seek approval for the new updates.

In order for the Legislative Subcommittee to provide follow-up during the pre-session evolution of BDRs and discussions of legislative policy as well as during the session when response to BDRs and legislative initiatives might be appropriate between opportunities to consult the COA; the Legislative Subcommittee seeks approval by the COA to act on behalf of the COA on those items contained in the COA approved "Elder Issues in Nevada" package to include:

1. Letters to appropriate legislative committees stating positions or lending support;
2. Testimony at appropriate legislative committees stating positions or lending support ( as we have done recently with both Health & AB 9) ; and,
3. Facilitation of BDR development.

We believe that this approval will expedite the Subcommittee's work on behalf of the COA.

Examples of Elder Issues in Nevada legislative "asks":

- Budget – Increase and/or support request for waiver slots to adequately meet needs in community
- Caregivers: Support Care Act
- Legal Rights: Support Attorney General bill to regulate private guardians
- Medicaid: Support Oral Health Coalition recommendations
- Workforce: Continued Health Committee workforce initiatives including community health workers support

We look forward to reporting progress on both our efforts to engage with legislators on "Elder Issues in Nevada" information sharing and evolution of BDRs which support the COA's goals on behalf of Nevada's seniors.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeffrey Klein, FACHE  
Chair, Legislative Subcommittee

## SPAC Subcommittee Report

Nevada Commission on Aging  
September 8, 2014, Meeting  
SPAC Subcommittee Report

The Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee met August 14, 2014. The first item on the agenda was discussion of the Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council, and input the subcommittee could make for the Council's October 6, 2014 meeting. Senior Mental Health will be on the council's agenda, and Administrator Jane Gruner is expected to present. The subcommittee discussed the need for funding of services for suicide, depression and for in-home visits. Nevada has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation among senior citizens, as well as being one of the fastest growing states with people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Chairman McMullen attended the Commission on Services for People with Disabilities (CSPD) meeting held July 29, 2014. Recommendations were made to the Legislative Committee on Seniors, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs during the work session. It was noted that one of the recommendations was to fund an update of the Strategic Plans for Seniors and People with Disabilities. Funding services for Assistive Technology Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired was another recommendation discussed. The SPAC Subcommittee would like the COA Legislative Subcommittee to support the CSPDs recommendation supporting the Strategic Plan Updates.

A presentation on the COA White Papers was made August 1, 2014 before the Senior Coalition of Washoe County. Several current legislators and legislative candidates attended the educational forum. The White Papers were well received. All candidates in attendance discussed the issues, appeared to have a good grasp of the topics, and answered questions presented by coalition members. The presentation was informative and educational.

An overview was given by subcommittee member Barry Gold on Nevada Health Link. It was acknowledged that seniors and boomers carry much of the enrollment in Health Link plans. Gold said he would continue to follow the Insurance Exchange as Nevada heads into open enrollment period, and transitions to the federal program.

The subcommittee moved Jerry Johnson into a voting member status, replacing Charles Perry, who has served on SPAC since 2002. Daniel Mathis, Director of the Nevada Health Care Association, replaces Perry as a non-voting member.

The next SPAC Subcommittee meeting will be held September 23, at 9:30 a.m. Members are expected to discuss testimony to be made before the Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council.