

Nevada Commission on Aging
November 17, 2014
Report from SPAC Subcommittee
Connie McMullen, chair

The COA Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee met October 21, 2014 to review activities. The Subcommittee went over the presentation of senior mental health at the Governor's Behavioral Health and Wellness Counsel meeting held Oct. 6, 2014. The presentations focused on senior suicide, depression, mental illness, over medication in nursing homes, Alzheimer's disease, and dementia. While the presentations were cut short, the information and concerns were voiced. The next and final meeting will be held December 9, 2014. It is anticipated that recommendations regarding senior mental health will be taken up during the meeting.

A discussion about the Medicaid Waiver Survey required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid was provided, along with notice of public comment on the Draft Transition Plan for home and community based settings posted on the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy website. The transition report must be sent to CMS by March 17, 2015, detailing how Nevada plans to be ready for the Medicaid 1915(c) Waivers (HCBW for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Related Conditions, HCBW for the Frail Elderly, and HCBW for Persons with Physical Disabilities and Related Conditions), and 1915 (i) State Plan Services (Adults Day Health Care, Home Based Habilitation Services, and Partial Hospitalization). A workshop for public comment on the Home and Community Based Services Draft Transition Plan was scheduled November 10, 2014.

The SPAC Subcommittee met with the Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities Olmstead/Strategic Planning Subcommittee on October 17, and 24, 2014 to review the recommended Scope of Work and Planning of Olmstead Consultant Tony Records. Mr. Records will be interviewing individuals and stakeholder groups statewide, and reviewing documents to measure the states efforts towards its previously adopted Olmstead Plan. The report will be monitored as work is completed, with a final document to be completed before the upcoming Legislative Session.

An update on the Nursing Home Industry and the Behaviorally Complex Care Program was postponed as committee member Daniel Mathis, President & CEO, Nevada Health Care Association, had a meeting conflict. The items will be discussed at a future meeting.

A review of the current 555 Bill Draft Requests posted on the Nevada Legislative website was acknowledged. On the placeholders, 4 BDRs listed involve Guardianships, one regarding licensing of guardians from the Attorney General. Bill draft 512, the CARE Act (Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable), advises caregivers and families and seeks to improve discharge practices from hospital settings. A more detailed review of bills will be provided at future meetings.

