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**MINUTES**

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 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, Lisa Krasner, Minddie Lloyd, Connie McMullen, John Rice, Patsy Waits

Members Absent: Romaine Gilliland, Stavros Anthony, Lee Drizin, John Thurman

Guests: Jeff Klein, Sue Rhodes, Alex Tanchek, Lindsay Wheeler, Misty Allen

Staff Present: Dale Ann Luzzi, Camala Foley, 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 July 21, 2014 Meeting (For Possible Action)**  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Connie McMullen made a motion to pass the minutes as written.  
Assemblywoman Spiegel 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**  
Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) has been working on accessing grants to address senior issues. Nevada received a new grant for Dementia Capable Sustainable Services. Lifespan Program Grant council seniors on benefits. ADSD is working with Medicaid on Balanced Incentive Program Grant which allows seniors to access services from one online location. Ms. Gruner stated that we will also be doing a statewide training on Person Center Planning. This training will be for all ADSD and for providers and consumers that are interested. Aging and Disability Services Division has been able to support flu vaccine for seniors through the Attorney General's Office and Public and Behavioral Health Grant. ADSD is working with Washoe County to streamline emergency placements for seniors. When a senior is in need or displaced, they will be picked up by an authority and taken to West Care which can provide stability until fulltime placement can be arranged. Washoe County has developed a DVD on a Wandering Program to inform families how to prepare for a child or adult who wanders off.  
[http://www.washoesherriff.com/tmp/Start\\_Here.html](http://www.washoesherriff.com/tmp/Start_Here.html)
- **ADSD Integration Update**  
Medicare and Medicaid support individuals with integrated services and planning. A service coordinator helps service through all domains medical, social, housing, and benefits. This will make it easy for seniors to be actively engaged in the community and easier for them to access services. Medicaid and ADSD are having transition planning meetings to develop a plan for Nevada. Connie McMullen represents COA on planning groups. Once the plan is developed, there will be public hearings. On July 1, 2013

ADSD went from two hundred employees to almost nine hundred. Our efforts were to cooperate with in our own internal groups to provide better services. Our objectives were to establish acceptable reimbursement rates which were included in the 2016-2017 budgets. ADSD has received funds through the Legislature and Medicaid to develop information and case management systems. These systems will go online in eighteen months starting with Developmental Services, Early Intervention Services and aging services. In October we are sending ADSD staff to the All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) conference.

- **Budget Update**  
The budget has been submitted. The first meeting is scheduled for September 22 with the budget office. ADSD budgets priority is growth for all populations we serve. The budget is confidential until released by the Governor on October 15.
- **Update to New Federal Regulations**  
The Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) have made regulation changes to the Home and Community Based Waivers. The biggest change is integrated settings. Individuals receiving CMS supports will need to be in locations where they are actively engaged in the community to receive funds. Persons Centered Planning training will be arranged with the funds from our Medicaid partner.
- **The Home and Community Based Care (HCBC) received a special award from ECHO- the Adult and Residential Care Providers of Nevada.** ECHO is the primary organization that represents and advocates for over 280 licensed residential facilities for groups of 10 or less beds. The award was presented to staff on August 31 in Las Vegas.
- **ADSD second annual conference: Mission Possible 2** will be held in Reno next week at the Grand Sierra Resort. Please contact Ms. Gruner if you would like to attend.
- Ms. Gruner will be attending the National Association of States United for Aging and Disability (NASUAD) directors Meeting and Home and Community Based Waiver Conference in Washington DC at the end of the month.

VI. Presentation and Discussion on Suicide Among Seniors  
Misty Allen, Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinator

Misty Allen, the state of Nevada's suicide prevention coordinator, presented the Commission was a power point on suicides in Nevada Ms. Allen said the department is currently waiting on a grant proposal that was submitted to

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. During her presentation she said that senior suicide has been decreasing but Nevada still has the highest rate amount. Only one in four senior suicides was by a veteran, which is also a decrease. Focusing on staff awareness is important and training across the state. Ms McMullen commented on the new law that goes into effect October 1, 2014, limiting the amount of medications allowed and how that affects pain management in senior suicides.

Attachment A, Suicide Prevention with Older Adults

VII. Update on Mental Health **(For Possible Action)**  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Jane Gruner and Commission McMullen are presenting on senior health issues at the Behavioral Health and Wellness Council. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Ms. Gruner has been working with the State Medical Director and the Administrator of Public and Behavioral Health regarding assessments in emergency rooms and primary care physicians.

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

The presentation for the Behavior Health and Wellness Council will be October 6, 2014. Money should be given towards the need of senior suicide.

A recommendation was made to update strategic plans for people with disabilities and seniors. Health link will be moving forward. Jerry Johnson from Seniors United will be brought into a voting status. Our next meeting will be September 23, 2014. Jane Gruner made a motion to nominate Daniel Mathis as a nonvoting member of SPAC. Assemblywoman Spiegel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Klein submitted a written report. The White Papers that were developed by the subcommittee are to be used as a tool to involve broad based Nevada senior communities. The white papers were introduced in Washoe, and a series of sessions are scheduled to be hosted to give a face to the issue. There will be a advocacy session at ADSD conference that will be presented by Barry Gold and Jeff Klein. Permission was asked from COA to take the actions in the papers on an ongoing basis. Including letters to appropriate committee, testimony about the White Papers, and facilitation working on bill draft request (BDR) development that is consistent with the White Papers

called to action. Mr. Klein would like the subcommittee to proceed on supporting these issues through the session. Connie McMullen motion that the COA will support letters, testimony, and facilitation. Lisa Krasner seconded the motion. Motion is approved.

- 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

Ms. Gruner would like to thank everyone involved for all the subcommittees work being done on behalf of the Commission on Aging. The next meeting will be November 17, 2014. If you have any agenda items, please email Dale Ann Luzzi

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 secretary with written comments.)

There was no public comment.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.