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**COMMISSION ON AGING**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging

Legislative Subcommittee

(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034)

Date and Time of Meeting: April 1, 2019

1:00 pm until adjournment

This meeting will be in person at the following locations:

Location: Aging and Disability Services

3416 Goni Road, Building H Conference Room

Carson City, NV

Teleconference: 888-363-4735, Participant Code: 5517730

Members: Jeff Klein, Larry Weiss, Diane Ross, Chris Giunchigliani, Mary Liveratti,

Connie McMullen, Jane Gruner

Guest: Donna Klontz

Staff: Dena Schmidt, Shannon Sprout, Crystal Wren, Kate Lucier

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Jeff Klein, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

1. Public Comment – Jane Gruner discussed the updated 2019 Legislative Bills. Jeff to send Kate the updated version to send out to everyone. She stated that it was a fantastic Senior Day, it was really outstanding.
2. Report on Senior Day at the Legislature, held February 22, 2019 – Jeff Klein

reported on Senior Day. This was the third time around and the best one yet. There was great attendance and engagement from the Legislators. They have done one follow-up with the Legislators to thank them. There were relevant agencies in attendance (Medicaid, DPBH, ADSD, etc.) Jeff thanked Barry Gold for organizing the speakers. Larry agreed and complimented work well done. They were able to listen to the Caregiver bill. Jeff stated that the group can learn from the event and will circle back at a future meeting to look at what can be done better in the future. Chris asked if the subcommittee has done an analysis on what to do differently. Jeff stated that there should be a debrief to assess logistics, attendance, outcome of session, and legislative members and leadership. The question was raised of how to enhance the ongoing aging network with providers and consumer input after the session to function in the interim to drive future sessions. Jane complimented Connie on marketing the event. Donna stated that Barry did a great job organizing the speakers and senior participation. Jane complimented the providers in Las Vegas that attended to show statewide representation in Carson City. Jane suggested that there be a room in Las Vegas where people could go to watch the hearings. Food was an issue – breakfast was gone quickly. It should be put out in two waves. Also, they waited too long to serve lunch and seniors were hungry. Some people left and there were leftovers.

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Plans for the Commission on Aging Legislative Subcommittee activities to follow-up with Legislators and others that attended the Senior Day at the Legislature **–** COA was there to hear the Caregiver bill. There was a good turnout for the ADSD budget hearing. There was also a presence for housing. We are working to getting the bills list out weekly. Jane is doing a good job of keeping it up-to-date. Connie stated that the ADSD budget hearing went well, but there wasn’t any mention of the waitlist and the Legislators didn’t ask about it either. The waitlist has a lot to do with access to care. Overall it was good and could be contributed to the white paper such as nutrition, Olmsted Win waiver in line with Frail

Elderly disparity between physical than Frail Elderly. There was a discussion about more requests for more waivers and the competition for funding. There was also a discussion about nutrition in aging and home delivered meals as well as congregate meal rates and potential increases for both. Connie said that she saw the Governor at the Chavez event and that he was very proud of the budget for home delivered meals.

1. Review Legislative Calendar, distribute and discuss list of current bills of interest and status of active bills associated with COA Elder Issues and related legislative initiatives – Jeff stated that he hoped the weekly bill update is helpful to everyone. There was a discussion of bills that are being tracked: AB131 – Seniors, Veterans and People with Special Needs – there may be an interim study on training. Connie stated that she is concerned about SB446 which seeks get personal care out in the rural communities, but it seeks to take 75% of Medicaid rate to agencies and give it back to the caregiver, but doesn’t take into account the taxes, insurance and cost of doing business. They have a meeting scheduled with Suzanne Bierman, the new Medicaid Administrator to discuss these issues. There was a discussion about training and licensing for group home providers. Chris requested a status of SB362 – dementia and Alzheimer’s issues for people located in group homes. Bills to flag: AB414 – respite for seniors. SB196 – last six months of life but does not include dementia patients. AB90 – Caregiver bill. There’s a lot of controversy about the minimum wage bill and some of the requirements with overtime. Legislatures need to understand that any increase in wages has to be aligned with what providers are paid otherwise it will decrease revenue on a fragile provider group already and will further impact access to care. Connie asked if there would be another budget hearing. Dena stated that ADSD has not heard about another budget hearing, but that they have heard that the budgets may close in early May. Jeff stated that they will continue updating the weekly bill list.
2. Review, discuss and approve tentative agenda for the June 18, 2019 meeting -

Add Session Review

1. Public Comment – No public comment
2. Adjournment – Jeff asked for a motion to adjourn. Chris motioned to adjourn; Larry seconded.

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2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200, Reno, NV 89512
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
7. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89706
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