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## COMMISSION ON AGING LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging

Legislative Subcommittee

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

Date and Time of Meeting: June 18, 2019

10:00 am 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

Aging and Disability Services

1820 East Sahara Ave.

Las Vegas, NV

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

Members: Jeff Klein, Diane Ross, Mary Liveratti,

Guests: Connie McMullen, Jane Gruner

Staff: Shannon Sprout, Crystal Wren, Kate Lucier

Call to Order/Roll Call

Jeff Klein, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

2. Public Comment – No public comment

- Approval of minutes from the January 2, 2019 and April 1, 2019 meetings no changes for the January minutes, two changes for the April minutes. Mary Liveratti motioned to approve as amended, Diane Ross seconded. Motion approved.
- 4. Preliminary review of 2019 Legislative Session outcomes Jeff stated that he was pleased by some of the bills that were passed. He was not shocked, but sad that AB90 did not make it. He was pleased to see the homeless and housing tax credit bills move forward. The RJ has had one article on the tax credit bill. Budget bills all made it. There was an open discussion and Mary stated that she was amazed at how many bills passed. Jeff removed a lot of dead bills from the list if they were not targeted by COA. Will work on a list of passed bills that COA worked on, testimony or tracked items. He left some dead bills to watch in the interim or for further planning. Mary agreed this was a good idea. Mary stated that she talked with Dena last week and the ADSD team will get together to discuss the bills that passed and how to implement which is a big to-do list. For the next meeting need to look at interim studies to track. It had a big impact on bills this session for items and studies that went through last session. Jeff stated that the Committee needs to weigh in on the regulations of some items that passed and the impact it will have on the senior community. Exemption of durable medical equipment on sales tax would be something they want to monitor or watch. Also, residential-group regulations need to be watched. Mary commended everyone on the work that was done for the last interim. She also stated that this was the best session ever. The budget presentation went well. Kudos to the ADSD staff on their work and how the Legislature had trust in the executive branch. Jeff would like an update from Homa on the guardianship bills, need to understand the regulations and would like her expertise in assessing the bills that passed. Homework for Committee: look at bill roster, identify issues they want to follow-up with legislatively in the interim, which items we need to keep an eye on for regulatory, long-term example on how minimum wage issue evolves. If Medicaid rates stay the same for waiver, do we create a situation where providers drop out because the rates are insufficient to support higher wage requirements or changes in overtime? The Committee needs to identify what we need to do between now and the time the wage increase takes effect in order to advocate for the Medicaid changes to rates. Mary moved that before the next meeting we do legislative wrap-up bullets of lessons learned, concerns about legislation that passed or didn't pass, and what we should focus on in the interim, including interim Committees that will be meeting. Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5. Planning for 2019 Legislative Post-Session: The Committee needs an analytic perspective so that we can learn from the way the session went to help future planning. E-mail specific items to Jeff so he can put a document together to get to Kate for a discussion at the next meeting. Mary agreed that from a Committee perspective we need to outline what is important. Jeff (with Committee permission) will get input from a variety of other groups (AARP, Alzheimer's Association, NV Common Good, etc.).

The Committee agreed to incorporate their input. The Committee needs to put together a list of initiatives to follow during the interim. Jeff to provide list to Kate by the beginning of August and Jeff will work to craft into a document that will be sent out prior to the next meeting.

- 6. Agenda items for the September 17, 2019 meeting:
  - Add items on list of bills for committee to consider evaluating for interim work
  - Look at aging network and delivery at large to include impact based on business tax, etc.
  - Jeff will take agenda recommendations over the next month
- 7. Public Comment Connie stated that she had an off the record conversation with Suzanne (Medicaid Administrator). Now that Mike Willden is gone, they are revisiting Managed Care. Connie is concerned that companies put several caregivers in a home within a 24-hour period which is not conducive to continuity of care.
- 8. Adjournment Jeff adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am