



Meeting Minutes

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

Date and Time of Meeting:

April 14, 2020
1:00 p.m. until adjournment

1. Roll Call

Dena Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Commission Members Present:

Dena Schmidt, ADSD Administrator
Senator Chris Brooks
Jeff Klein, President, Nevada Senior Services
Barry Gold, Director of Government Relations, AARP
Chris Giunchigliani
Mary Liveratti, Nevada Executive Council, AARP
Leilani Kimmell Dagostino
Nikki Rubarth, Alzheimer's Association
Stacy York, Executive Director Storey County
Natalie Mazzullo

Commission Members Absent:

Assemblywoman Susan Martinez
Daniel Corona

Staff Present:

Carrie Embree, OCHA Governor's Consumer Health Advocate
Crystal Wren, ADSD Social Services Chief II
Tammy Sever, ADSD Social Services Chief II
Shannon Sprout, ADSD Health Program Manager III
Kirsten Coulombe, DHCFP, Social Services Chief III

2. Public Comment – None

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3. Approval of Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Meeting.

Mary Liveratti motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Chris Giunchigliani and passed unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Updates

A. Jeff Klein, Legislative Subcommittee:

Mr. Klein stated they continue to focus on reviewing issues, monitoring the AB122 process including combined licensure issues involving assisted living, adult day care, respite, and other services. In addition, settings rules, licensure, and cross agency processes. Nevadans for the Common Good delegate assembly are looking at a variety of senior issues; more on their issues list once the delegate assembly meets. Reviewing variety of federal issues on agenda active participating both nationally and regionally in the COVID-19.

B. Chuck Duarte, Policy Subcommittee:

Mr. Duarte provided the following updates:

- Chair and Vice-Chair Nomination. Chuck Duarte for Chair and Connie McMullen for Vice-Chair.
- Spousal impoverishment for married applicants' provisions, highlight changes that occurred and increasing amount without the court order.
- Outreach to seniors for SNAP presentation from DWSS to further outreach in senior living homes and senior recreation programs.
- Double Bucks Programs expansion in Washoe and Clark County as well as Tribal Communities.
- Future policy action items such as: AB122 update, review on homemaker programs, dual special needs plan, and Medicaid policy option.

Dena provided the following information for Dual-eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP). Medicaid intends to follow through. They sent contract language to the managed care staff. Services they are looking to provide are dental, vision, hearing aids, transport to and from medical visits and pharmacies, personal emergency response services, nursing hotline, telemedicine, meals, and fitness as funding is available. Those services would be the minimum if going to provide D-SNP in Nevada. Chris asked if anything on mental health or diapers. Dena responded. Barry asked what services in telehealth are covered. Dena replied Medicaid covers a multitude of services but does not have the specifics on the extension of services.

5. Discuss and Approve Recommendations of ADSD COVID-19 Impact

A. Overview of NV CAN Project.

Dena gave an overview of the NV CAN project (See attachment A) and opened for questions and discussion. Barry asked if there are any HIPAA constraints. Dena stated they are referred to UNR Sanford Center for Aging which currently has a compliant geriatric assessment program. Ms. Liveratti stated they are looking for volunteers with experience to assist with the social support team.

B. Budget Implications Discussion.

Dena stated all agencies were asked to provide the following budget reductions: 4% for current FY 20 and projections for 6%, 10%, and 14% for FY21. ADSD reviewed all programs they can put a waitlist on and those they cannot, in addition to which services can be reduced. The hiring freeze provides savings. Currently in a holding pattern – many budget asks are being scaled back and revised to budget neutral and only funding requests that are critical. Infrastructure needs continue to be priority such as fiscal, human resources, and information technology. Information Technology's efficiency is critical and are included in the budget request to be mobile and continue the ease of access.

Jeff Klein added one of the issues at the national level are to reduce states obligation to the Medicaid program and the FMAP percentage by 20%. There is an opportunity to get ahold of congressional leaders to make the changes in the funding package, allowing states to function with less drastic cuts

Ms. Giunchigliani asked if the Governor's office is aware. Mr. Klein responded the National Governor's Association is supportive.

Senator Brooks asked for a document with the information of the breakdown to be shared with him for advocacy.

Jeff Klein motioned the Commission on Aging endorse the national LCAO position to reduce Nevada's burden under the FMAP. The motion was seconded by Chris Giunchigliani. Barry Gold abstained. Motion carried.

Additional updates from Ms. Schmidt on federal funding:

- First round of federal funding has come through. PAC team created a one-page short form emergency application for funds.
- 2 million dollars funds on a rotating basis, accepting applications, reviewing funding twice a week.
- Ensure grantees can request as they need them. Issued 2 million back to the community, mainly nutrition, food, and grocery delivery.
- Second round of funding expected 8 days out – the needs continue to grow. ADR grant application additional funds for agencies service coordination, personal care planning, and services they need.

6. COVID-19 Updates and Information

A. Continuity of Operations Plans

Dena stated all services are continuing but offices are closed to the public. Majority of teams are working remotely; some go into the office on a rotated schedule to reduce the amount of people in the office.

B. Update on COVID-19 Relief Federal Funding for the Aging Network

Dena commended ACL's partnership and regional representative for providing guidance and support throughout COVID-19. The opportunity to submit the state plan with a one-year extension to address any new needs that come out of the pandemic. A 3-year plan rather than 4-year plan, due to the state plan being aligned with the funding cycle and to avoid desyncing. Information from the Nevada CAN project will also be used. Dena provided an example of the learning curve among COVID-19 such as Older Americans Act requiring a disaster declaration to allow flexibilities with funds. Ms. Giunchigliani recommended sending a letter to congressional and senate to acknowledge examples of a good partner.

7. Adult Protective Services Reclass

Ms. Giunchigliani motioned to support the recommendation of the APS reclassification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Liveratti.

Ms. Liveratti and Ms. Schmidt discussed the impact on funding including a 5% increase for staff and the funding streams currently supporting the program. Ms. Liveratti asked how this would move forward during the budget reduction process. Ms. Schmidt responded they are reviewing all funding sources available. Motion passed.

8. Program Updates and Information

A. APS Update

Tammy Sever provided an update on statewide case information. (See Attachment B). Ms. Giunchigliani expressed concern for under 60 disabled young people that normally go to school, have extra support, and mentioned for future planning purposes, what happens when they are isolated? In addition, the burden on the family 24/7 where they previously had an educational break and PT/OT, speech, and other services. Ms. Giunchigliani also commended the APS team for their due diligence. Ms. Sever reviewed training opportunities and Senator Brooks suggested training for legislatures as well.

B. Home and Community Based Caseload and Waitlist

Crystal reviewed the CBC Waiver Presentation and asked for any questions. (See attachment). Barry Gold asked why it is taking more than 45 days to be processed, what are the major reasons, what percentages of people are over 45 days for DWSS processing and what is the delay? Crystal responded most are documents

that must be verified such a trust, etc. but can follow up with DWSS. Crystal also mentioned about 20% of the applications are over 45 days. Discussion about ownership of a trust and the eligibility for the cares act ensued. Dena stated she will follow up with more information. Ms. Wren provided the Combined Caseload Statistics and opened for questions and discussion.

C. Food Security Council

No update – the Food Security meeting was not scheduled.

D. Ombudsman Report

Jennifer Williams Woods gave an update on the ombudsman program (See Attachment C).

9. Next Meeting Date – July 14, 2020

10. Approval of Agenda Items for Next Meeting -

11. Public Comment – Jeff Klein – March 26th OAA was reauthorized.

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12. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:36pm.

ATTACHMENTS:



Nevada CAN
Community Outreach

A.



APS Caseload
Statistics.pdf

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