



Meeting Minutes

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

Date and Time of Meeting:

February 24, 2020
1:00pm until adjournment

1. Roll Call and Verification of Posting

Dena Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:06pm.

Subcommittee Members Present:

Connie McMullen
Chuck Duarte
Mary Liveratti
Donna Clontz

Absent:

Barry Gold

Staff:

Dena Schmidt, ADSD Administrator
Shannon Sprout, ADSD Health Program Manager
Jennifer Richards, Elder Rights Chief
Miles Terrasas, ADSD Executive Assistant
Kirsten Coulombe, DHCFP Social Services Chief
Evette Cullen, DWSS Social Services Program Specialist
Sherri Rasmussen, DWSS Social Services Program Specialist
Adrienne Navarro, ADSD Social Services Chief

Dena provided an overview of the Policy Subcommittee.

2. Public Comment – None.

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3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee (**For Possible Action**)

Dena listed the nominations for the subcommittee.

Donna Clontz

Chuck Duarte

Mary Liveratti

Barry Gold

Mary Liveratti nominated Chuck Duarte for Chair.

Chuck asked how often the meetings are held. Dena explained they're held quarterly and more often towards legislative session. Chuck Duarte accepted the nomination.

Mary motioned to nominate Chuck Duarte as Chair. The motion was seconded by Connie and passed unanimously.

Chuck asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair; Mary Liveratti nominated Connie McMullen. Mary motioned to nominate Connie McMullen as Vice-Chair, Donna Clontz seconded, and passed unanimously.

4. Presentation of the Following Medicaid Policies and Options within Each Policy. Discuss and approve recommendations to the COA for possible action to support policy changes. (**For Possible Action**)

Sheri Rasmussen, DWSS Social Services Program Specialist III

Presentation on Spousal Impoverishment Provision for Married Applicants and Recipients of Home and Community-Based Services

- Spousal Income Limits
- Personal Needs Allowance
- Spousal Resources

Sheri provided a handout with spousal impoverishment background information about how Medicaid has protections for spouses of applicants/recipients to ensure prevention of impoverishment. Mary Liveratti stated part of it's federally mandated and asked if the state has any flexibility with the Medicaid policies.

Sheri answered they have flexibility with certain policies; resources being one and with the state plan amended, allows the at home spouse maximum resource allowance. Mary asked if that included their home. Sherri stated their home is not a countable resource. Sherri continued, the effective date was in September of 2019 and ensured anything from September for institutional was assigned the maximum.

Chuck asked about the assignment of income to the community spouse. They discussed community spouse countable resource and the priority to change the personal needs allowance. Dena asked what other states personal needs allowance is. Sherri did not have the answer but will follow up. Discussion ensued among the subcommittee about the minimum and maximum allowance.

Dena, Chuck and Sherri discussed the following:

- Medicaid's budget initiative regarding income limits.
- Budget Initiative sent to Medicaid with the resource.
- Medicaid has not addressed the question; Sherri must give them information to evaluate financial impact.
- Increased potential eligibility for nursing home care, impact on county match program and county payments.
- Resource Limit
- Could be getting court order so just a shift to no court order in the cost with no fiscal impact. Bypass legal evaluation at DAG and expedite for recipient.

5. Discussion of Outreach to Seniors for SNAP Enrollment. Discuss and Approve Recommendations to the COA of Policy Changes Needed to Increase Outreach Efforts. (For Possible Action)

Evette Cullen, DWSS Social Services Program Specialist III – Community Partner Liaison

Evette Cullen introduced herself and gave an overview of outreach services provided by DWSS including targeted outreach partnerships. Evette stated she's open to suggestions for targeted outreach to seniors. Dena suggested low income senior housing sites. Donna agreed on the senior low-income housing and senior recreation programs. Shannon stated they can look at language in the subawards. Chuck asked about the program Double Bucks. Evette will follow up. Discussion of the snap benefit amount and administrative changes to SNAP and if DWSS done an evaluation on the proposed changes. Sherri responded there should be no impact.

6. Approve Policy Discussion Items for Next Meeting (For Possible Action)

Senator Chris Brooks stated a reminder for the Commission that bill drafts are available for needed changes.

Policy discussion items for next meeting as follows:

- Update on the next steps EVV
- Overview of all respite services to evaluate gaps along with dementia services
- Update on AB122
- Review Homemaker
- DSNIP Plan Update
- MCO RFP option to eliminate the carve out for long term Nursing Facility placements.

7. Next Meeting Date – May 18th, 2020

8. Public Comment – No public comment.

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9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned.

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