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Administrator

## Meeting Minutes

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

### Date and Time of Meeting:

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

#### 1. Roll Call and Verification of Posting

Dena Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

#### **Commission Members Present:**

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

#### **Commission Members Absent:**

Natalie Mazzullo

#### **Staff Present:**

Dena Schmidt, ADSD Administrator  
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

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None

3. Discussion of Vacancies: Two vacancies, one for member of governing city, one for member of governing county. Please refer interested individuals to the Governor's website.

Dena discussed vacancies and asked for any recommendations. Mary and Dena discussed membership requirements. Larry Weiss asked if Senior Advisory Boards count as a City or County agency. Chris stated she would reach out to Clark County Commissioner Mike Naft. Dena will follow up with the recommendations.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the November 19, 2019 Meeting (For Possible Action)

Mary Liveratti stated her corrections for the minutes. Motion to approve with changes. Chris G moved; Leilani seconded. Motion approved.

5. Subcommittee Updates and Approval of Subcommittee Recommendations (For Possible Action)

Legislative Subcommittee - Jeff Klein, NV Senior Services, Subcommittee Chairperson

- Review subcommittee recommendations

Jeff Klein provided the following updates:

- Reached out to Nevadans for the Common Good, who held their first delegate meeting. Their new statewide lead organizer discussed the agenda for Aging to possibly collaborate with NV Senior Services, with a series of follow up meetings leading to their next delegate meeting in March.
- Currently awaiting feedback from Alzheimer's Association until senior management changes are finalized and is expecting feedback from other agencies.
- Focused initiatives Washington Budget on Aging issues Older Americans Act, waiting on Senate for the reauthorization – trying to push to the senate to pick up the house version. Dena asked about the end of current continuing resolution. Jeff stated they granted an extension and is unsure of the extension date and then expanded on nutrition budget.

Policy Subcommittee – Dena Schmidt, ADSD Administrator

- Elect members of subcommittee

Dena reviewed policy implementation, recommendations, bylaws, , and suggestions for members. The following persons were suggested:

- Mary Liveratti
- Barry Gold
- Chuck Duarte
- Donna Clontz
- Connie McMullen

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- Shannon Sprout

- Dena Schmidt
- Kirsten Coulombe

Mary Liveratti motioned to approve, Stacy York seconded, motion approved. Dena agreed to reach out to individuals to see if they are interested in becoming members of the policy subcommittee.

6. Discussion of ADSD Budget Initiatives and Recommendations to Support. (For Possible Action)

Dena Schmidt, ADSD Administrator

Dena stated the budget initiative process is in progress with various meetings to analyze and prioritize. She explained ADSD infrastructure including IT, HR, and Fiscal growth as priority to address the growth of the agency and to ensure staff is equipped with the proper tools. Mary Liveratti asked how many staff ADSD has. Dena explained the total FTE is 1195 plus 300 contract staff. Barry asked how many work in aging programs versus disability programs. Dena explained the breakdown cannot be done due to a lifespan of services. Mary Liveratti provided an example of previous years FTE's compared to current. Barry asked how many of the FTE/contract staff are not involved in aging. Senator Chris Brooks asked what the regional breakdown is. Dena said she will work on the requested information and get it back to the members.

Dena continued with the modernization of infrastructure; to eventually have all programs into a case management system and to utilize a business consultant to analyze operations. She spoke of the following initiatives:

- Training/onboarding to streamline and create a professional development center.
- Policy/regulatory unit and caseload analysis.
- Mary asked about the Olmstead standards in caseload and if the Department has that standard. Dena stated yes, anything over 90 days goes under mandate.
- Population approach to Healthy Aging, help the community build capacity.
- Creation of Consumer Health Advocacy and Protection Unit. The unit will consist of Consumer Health Assistance, Adult Protective Services, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Community Advocates, ADSD Resource Centers, and coordination with Nevada 2-1-1 to have No Wrong Door and gather data for gaps in services and intervention points.
- Align services in the home and community-based waivers, frail elderly and physically disabled waiver. Focused on home delivered meals as priority.
- Shift Homemaker funding to community providers.

Shannon Sprout presented on Streamlined Eligibility for ADSD programs.

Chris stated it should be in NAC, not NRS and asked for clarification on the FPL. Chris Brooks asked if criteria requirements are in the NRS. Shannon responded. Mary expressed her concerns for embedding in NRS. Chris suggested talking to the Governor's office due to the accessibility of programs and other agencies. Chris asked about the Taxi Assistance Program and Jeff Duncan responded. Discussion of the model for Taxi Assistance, RTC and other opportunities. The commission discussed household composition. Dena stated ADSD's collaboration with Welfare for streamlined services.

Chris G expressed her concerns regarding aging in need of adult diapers. Senator Chris Brooks and Chris G discussed taxis and ride shares. Barry made a motion to support ADSD's review all options for streamlining eligibility, Jeff Klein seconded, motion passed. (1:05:08)

7. Adult Protective Services Update

Carrie Embree, Governor's Consumer Health Advocate

Carrie introduced Tammy Sever, Social Services Chief over APS and explained the Social Work Supervisor Training – used to develop formalized supervisory training serving the vulnerable adults, investigation process and staff supervision. Carrie informed the Commission of the National consultants 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year deliverables law enforcement conference in April.

Tammy Sever stated progress with working in the community and collaborating with developmental services and law enforcement. She spoke to success stories, and new District Attorneys in Clark County attending the conference. Leilani and Tammy discussed options for Metro.

Carrie reviewed caseload statistics with new expansion data. Chris asked for clarification on self-neglect, Tammy responded. Dena stated the reclassification study. Chris asked for motions to be added to next agenda item to support the reclassification of APS social works and supervisors. No motion accepted as the item is not for possible action.

8. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Caseload and Waitlist

Crystal Wren, Chief of Community Based Care

Crystal Wren reviewed caseload and waitlist numbers and asked for any feedback. Mary asked about staffing. Barry asked why people are waiting so long, Crystal explained some delays have to do with eligibility with Welfare and Medicaid. Barry also asked how many people placed going into residential facilities? Larry Weiss asked for data for call ins. Crystal stated she will provide the requested information at the next meeting.

9. Food Security Council Update

Stacy York, Member, Executive Director Storey County

Stacy mentioned strategies for increasing SNAP participation. Discussion of income disclosure being a concern and how to revise it.

10. Administrator's Report Update

Dena Schmidt, ADSD Administrator

Jennifer Richards, the new Advocacy Attorney is starting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Discussion of production and finish date of Elders Count. Chris mentioned to connect with Southern Nevada Strong.

11. Next Meeting Date – A poll to determine the next date will be sent among the Commission.

12. Approval of Agenda Items for Next Meeting (For Possible Action)

- Add Adult Protective Services reclass.

13. Public Comment

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Barry Gold commends Dena on her presentation at Senior, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs Legislative Commission.

14. Adjournment

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