



Meeting Minutes

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

Date and Time of Meeting:
January 29, 2021
9:00am until adjournment

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Jeff Klein called the meeting to order at 9:04am

Subcommittee Members Present:

Jeff Klein
Mary Liveratti
Diane Ross
Barry Gold
Larry Weiss

Subcommittee Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Dena Schmidt, Administrator, ADSD
Miles Terrasas, Executive Assistant, ADSD
Melanie Gross, Administrative Assistant III, ADSD

Presenters:

None

2. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)

- Jeff Klein opens public comment congratulating Mary Liveratti of Lucy Peres Award, when Lucy retired we moved the meeting time from 8:00am to 9 or 10 am for Lucy to attend. She was a special part of our life. Very happy Mary Liveratti who is such a part of our lives and many groups and initiatives.
- Diane Ross, congrats to Mary Liveratti. Another meeting Jeff Klein made a comment that there are 70% of older people in Clark county that do not have connectivity. Should we be discussing this and where did we get that figure? Jeff Klein replies that this is an appropriate topic for us to address. He believes that senior's access to connectivity is a health and security issue. Jeff has been trying to get information to the vaccine task force. Those who have been trying to register clients and participants for the vaccine are running into the problem that the seniors do not have

connectivity at all. Many do not have computers and may be working with cell phones or tablets. Navigating the vaccine websites has been challenging. The vaccine websites are difficult even when one has the right equipment. This is a significant and generic problem for those who are most vulnerable are who are really locked down. Only about 30% of clients at NV Senior Services (Jeff notes that around 3600 clients will be seen this year probably) are able to communicate online. Most seniors are only reachable by phone. In some cases, individuals have to be hunted down in person as they have no available technology. Barry Gold adds that just this week a hotline has been opened an 1-800 line for this reason exactly. A barrier is that each county has different rules and different provides. He states that there are over 309,000 seniors over the age of 70 within our state and last week we only received 36,000 doses of the shot in total. The vaccine shortage is real. People who are tech savvy are making multiple appointments and only attending one which is throwing off the scheduling of vaccinations. Jeff Klein, Jeff walked through his personal vaccine experience. Mr. Klein is very concerned about Clark County and their plan on having second shots administered at the convention center. A concern is the distances involved to get to the site and into the building. Once at the site the long lines could turn into another issue and navigating this process is not going to be good for those with mobility issues. Barry Gold still cannot get a definitive answer on how one is able to declare underlying conditions. It is unclear if we will need a doctor's note or if it will be self-declaratory. No one has been able to speak to that decision yet.

- Mary Liveratti, really touching to receive the award. Knew and worked with and advocated with Lucy Peres. It means a lot to Mary and her family as both Mary and her husband worked a lot and advocated a lot with Lucy. Jeff Klein adds that Lucy meant so much to so many of us. Keeping the award meaningful is a joy in the world these days. Need to remember the high spirits of those folks who have been in our lives for so long. We have been really blessed. Thrilled about last year and this year. Since started doing engaging with again have been really blessed. Not able to get is organized this year. Next year thinking about organizing something special because of how we lost a real close friend who has been really involved with this. From a COA perspective and Engaging with Aging want to do something extra special next year as it is important to honor his memory.

3. Approval of Minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting

Mary Liveratti moves to accept minutes. Barry Gold seconds. No oppositions.

4. Virtual Senior Lobby Day

Jeff Klein asked the COA for the approval to utilize this model and the flexibility without having to go back to the COA to adjust as we plan for Legislative session. The COA approved this proposed flexibility and the Legislative Subcommittee can move forward with planning efforts.

Barry Gold shared this virtual template with some other groups that may use this format. The setup that has been approved will be for one hour each lobby day. This groups still needs to decide if we would like to host them one week apart or how far apart? Also, what time of day would we want to host each of the two days? The Legislative building will be locked to public, meaning that only legislators, staff, and selected media will be allowed in. Public testimony will be done through the zoom platform. Potentially lobbyists will have to register for some kind of a virtual thing as opposed to in person. Only way we would see normal lobbyist registration would probably be dependent on vaccinations. Since we will not be in the building the Nevada statutes on lobbying alter the way we would do business. Barry reviews the lobbying statute and possible changes in the virtual world. He notes that right now one can still call Legislators and set up zoom meetings. Lobbyist registration still says closed and still trying to work out details. Recently the 120 day calendar has been posted. Timing of the 2 virtual lobby days would probably be in late March to early April. Spoke about doing 2 to 3 issues that we know will be bills in this session. The first is Home and Community Based Services funding as this group always fights for that, second, the Sick Leave Flexibility Bill and the Order of Protections for Vulnerable Adults put forward by Aging and Disability Services. If something else becomes increasingly important we could possibly add one more issue for the virtual senior days. Barry brings up that these lobby days will need a moderator and who would make sense for this position. Possible moderators could be Dena

Schmidt with ADSD or maybe Mary Liveratti who is getting the Lucy Peres Award. Barry explains that the moderator would introduce the speaker frame out each of the issues. Continues that we would need to get legislators themselves to speak on the bills and get them on the program. Used to have a long list of staff who would come a speak, but they are not players for what we are doing right now. Getting Senate Majority leader or designee, Senator Minority leaders from both and have them speak about what they do and that they believe strongly in senior issues. We would want to make sure to include a Q&A through the chat during the presentations. AARP has zoom licenses for up to 500 people. Barry states that we will need personal contacts to reach out to the Speakers to get them to attend and speak. We will have to send invites to Legislators through email and follow up with phone calls. Barry suggests that we reach out to this group's community partners and stakeholders, agency staff, volunteers, constituents, and members. Since it will be virtual it will be easier to get all of these people to attend. The only issue with virtual events is the no show rate is increased on virtual events. AARP has CVENT a registration system that will register people and can be used for this event. Mary Liveratti brings up that we should reach out to Leadership and see when they may be available? Barry Gold replies yes, but thinks they will want to not make any commitments until things are settled in. Mary Liveratti agrees that we should let this session start first. She adds that we will want to reach out to the Legislative leaders and get their availability before booking the exact dates and times for these two events. Jeff Klein adds that we can be flexible on the virtual lobby events chosen week and time of day. May also want to partially time it on when we think something will be heard that is important to this group.

Barry Gold notes that we used to not be able to host these events on the same day as another group. An advantage to the virtual platform is that we can book lobby days on the same day as other groups. Thinks that some of the other groups will host an in person but outside event for the legislators. Mary Liveratti adds that the Alzheimer's group has already set up their advocacy day scheduled for March 9th. They are going to set up their promise garden up outside of the Legislature. Asks the group if we should we set up a display outside as well? They used to allow tables outside of the Assembly and Senate and she wonders if we can have an unmanned with our materials available for legislators as they walk by. Barry Gold agrees that this idea is something to consider. But, he adds that by late March we will all have a better idea of what we can and cannot do during session. Having a one page issue brief with this groups three topics we are focused on available is good. Barry proposes that since Mary Liveratti lives in Carson City that she may be the one to set something up. The booth or handout would have to do be done independently from the Legislative Subcommittee and to make sure it is not associated with AARP. Mary Liveratti adds that Carol Sala may be working the session, and we may be able to ask her to bring the handout into the building and distribute or place in their inboxes. Barry Gold agrees that something in-hand is much more effective than only emails. He adds that something in the legislator's hands would be nice. Barry confirms that he did get a commitment from Dena Schmidt for some administrative support from ADSD during Legislature if needed. In the past, this group did receive some administrative support from NV Senior Services. Jeff Klein would not be surprised if the COVID changes and virtual platforms will be with us a lot longer than we may like. This session will be an important learning experience. Would not be surprised if the next biennium's session is a combination on in persons and virtual.

Barry Gold requests that Nevada Vaccinations be listed as a topic for the next COA meeting in February - as this topic will be extremely important. Dena Schmidt replies that the COA will be putting this topic on their agenda as a standing item. Because of the consistent changes and new information Barry would like to keep the vaccine discussion ongoing.

Jeff Klein adds that there was talk from the White House about tying some funding to the vaccine requirements, lockdowns, and vulnerable seniors. We should expect to see considerably more legislative direction to the states from the federal government on these issues than we are used to. The issue of locked down vulnerable Seniors and their lack of ability to make and get to appointments and their overall mobility and access is a nationwide problem. Jeff adds that this general discussion and COVID/ vaccine related changes will be with us for a long time. It is important for this group to keep up these discussions and be a voice and make sure to support our communities and continue to work at it.

Barry Gold asks Dena if anyone or any organizations have reached out to ADSD regarding Meals on Wheels? Barry was on a call recently and the issue of their access to home bound people was brought up. Many people who do not have access to the outside world are still getting in-home services such as home care or meals on wheels on a weekly basis. On the phone call it was brought up that maybe a nurse could ride along on these kinds of visits to get vaccine access to those who do not leave their homes. Barry notes that we will need to utilize all of these kinds of tricks to get access to services to all. Dena confirms that there have been meetings with DPBH's teams and mentioned this many times. For now, the lack of vaccines there has not been the capacity to make that an available service. Some of the rural communities in Nevada (Churchill) have already implemented this service. Dena continues that this is a community level solution. Dena notes that the desire to put medical staff on ride along home services has been relayed even for more populated regions in Nevada. At this time, the amount of vaccine is a factor. We may begin to see more creative initiatives to get the vaccine out to the communities as the vaccine becomes more available. Dena did get a data request asking for the numbers on age and its relation to COVID, so we are looking at this and providing it to the Directors Office. Barry asks the follow up questions of, does DPBH tell the communities how to distribute the vaccine or does this decision fall on the counties themselves? Who has the leadership? The counties seem to be winging it on their own. Barry continues that there seems to be a big discussion on the vaccine interest form that is submitted through DBPH. Some of the counties seem to be saying that they are not distributing that was and so it may be both hands talking to themselves. Jeff Klein responds that Clark County is semi-organized chaos and could be thought through differently. There are dramatic differences between how each vaccine site is operating. Jeff has applied to become a vaccine provider, but it was not an easy process to navigate. In all the steps to complete the process are handled out of order. Jeff adds there has been talk that if they are approved that they could start off with 100 doses. Jeff Klein agrees that the home food and in home service providers are all natural environments to get our vulnerable seniors' access and need to all be involved. Jeff Klein notes that there will be similar barriers to get the COVID vaccine to this population just like getting them access to flu vaccines. Pharmacies such as CVS or Walgreens have small isles and capacity restrictions. This kind of conditions are not ideal for seniors. We

have the lowest vaccination rate in all 50 states. Mary Liveratti suggests that we could give diabetics the vaccine as they are already giving themselves shots anyways. The pharmacy could distribute out to people in their pick-up of diabetic shots. Barry gold notes that the barrier is that the vials that are being distributed to the pharmacies have 5 - 6 doses each and therefore cannot be pieced out easily. Jeff Klein notes that we may get some more direction from the Federal government regarding distribution of vaccines and broader regulations on vaccinators. Mary Liveratti touches on the fact that a lot of that population should be flagged already as we already have the search capacity for medical personnel. A registry of people should be available if the help was needed for like a flu epidemic, etc. One difficulty is that people may be double counted if someone has reached out are willing to assist but are already working in a medical position. Jeff Klein replies that is exactly right and this topic is going to be prevalent in the upcoming weeks.

Marry Liveratti suggests that maybe COVID and the impact on our Senior population should be the fourth issue that this commission focuses on. Barry adds that depending on where we are this topic can always be thrown in because it will a continued issue through March and April. The ability to have someone from Immunize Nevada come speak as they are the subject matter experts. If nothing else we should add that topic as a community service. Mary adds that we should speak toward not just the vaccine issue but also the lack of food, medicine delivery, isolation and other issues that stemmed from COVID. Barry suggests that the first speaker at the Virtual Senior Day could frame these issues for the group. Barry throws out Dena as his suggestion for the moderator. He follows up that because ADSD put together Nevada CAN that the agencies response to COVID was appropriate. Dena notes that in the initial budget presentations she tried to go into Nevada CAN, but they were asked not to focus so much on COVID and the last year. Nevada CAN and the Elders Count will be used in future presentations. Dena forwarded latest COVID numbers and updated information out to the whole group. Jeff Klein notes that COVID case referrals are coming in from different establishments, not just hospitals anymore in the last two weeks. He states that 80-85% of incoming cases are those who are diagnosed with dementias. We are beginning to see disproportionate hospitalizations with seniors with dementias versus whole population on seniors. This discussion is starting to circulate nationally. Jeff also suggests that there are other populations that have been underreported and have not been flagged yet. Dena adds that the DD Council is doing a lot of advocating on behalf of that population.

Jeff asks the group if there is anything that should be added to the layout that Barry created for the Virtual Senior Lobby Days. Diane adds that the Nevada Geriatric Telehealth Collaborative is looking at telehealth as a very important piece that has come to light because of COVID. Diane thinks that telehealth and connecting these populations could be really helpful. She continues that now is the time to try and connect these isolated seniors with the bandwidth and technology they need. Jeff Klein and the group agree that this is something to follow. Barry adds that we can follow this and watch for any telehealth bills that are moving forward. Nevada already passed some reasonable Telehealth legislation. Because of the emergency proclamations many of these accessibilities have been increased. We have the format for Virtual Senior Day that we can use these types of COVID related topics to fill any time gaps. These are topics the public will want to hear updates and get information on. Diane adds that many isolated clients who returned to adult day programs had a decline in their physical and cognitive

behaviors. Diane thinks that telehealth piece of it is so critical even in the maintenance of their general health.

Jeff Klein notes that there are some bills moving, and Senator Rosen has really become a strong advocate on some of this group's issues. She has bills that deal with access to technology for our nursing homes during COVID activity as well as broadband and device connectivity for Veterans. Another initiative Senator Rosen is working on the vaccine side to increase the support and modify the formula to include testing tracing and support for distribution. Jeff hopes that she will be a speaker at Engaging with Aging. Updates on these topics in the conference will be great. By following these types of conversations during session this group may be able to modify topics to tie into our initiatives and be able to follow the federal dollars – particularly the nursing home topics. Jeff asks the group if they feel an action is needed for this topic. Barry Gold states that since this has already acted on this last meeting and it has since been forwarded to the Commission on Aging. Jeff Klein agrees and notes this topic is good to go. One last comment from Barry is that it is still too soon to figure out what else this group is going to do as session has not started yet.

Larry Weiss confirms that the three issues that this Legislative Subcommittee have chosen to focus on for this biennium are:

- Home and Community Based Services, Caregiver/Employee Sick Time, and Vulnerable Protection

Barry Gold confirms. He also notes that COVID and the impact on seniors should be included. Barry also notes that Diane Ross brought up telehealth and seniors also today that should be included somehow. Barry reiterates that this groups needs to make sure to be careful and keep everything narrowly focused. As long as this group keeps an eye on the bills status we will be able to add an issue if one of the bills zips through the approval process if an opportunity presents itself.

5. Elder's Count: Update on the production of the Elders Count Report

Larry Weiss gives a brief introduction to Elders Count. He states that Dena Schmidt and Aging and Disability Services has been working really hard on it. The Elders Count is complete and posted online on the ADSD website and will be printed soon. Dena thanked Larry Weiss and stated he came to ADSD and said that the Elders Count needs to be updated as it was last done in 2013. This project evolved over time. Dena added a link to the report in the meeting chat and printing enough copies to give all the Legislators a physical copy. Dena thanks all the hard that went into this project throughout the COVID pandemic, that all agencies and peoples involved put in a lot of hard work. Dena also gives credit to Cheyenne Pasquale who put together time frames and held all accountable and made sure this project was completed.

Dena explains that the Elders Count covers a wide range of topics and is completely data driven. The report gives information based on population and is not so much based on analytics. Within the specific population many different categories are broken out and data is highlighted within each area. There are sections on economics, health status and health risks and behaviors related to our elder populations. Each of the sections within the report has some strategies and recommendations regarding policies. The COA policy recommendations were incorporated into this report. One area that has been added is infrastructure of health care and the workforce statewide. The intent is to share this

information. Dena is incorporating some of the data points from the Elders Count into the ADSD budget presentation. She intends to use this information to address waitlist for the elders, the PD waivers and DWSS's proposal to streamline the eligibility process. ADSD is trying to get the link to this report posted in a few different places line Nevada 211. Mary Liveratti gives a shout out to both ADSD and Larry Weiss who has been a force for the Elders Count for at least a decade. Mary appreciates all of the information in one place. She asks if there is an executive summary included in the Elders Count? Because it is such a large amount of information, Mary wants to know if a summary is included that makes all the information palatable for the Legislators? Larry Weiss responds that there are some pages included on policy recommendations that are general. Mary would like to know if there is a plan to roll out the report to counties and cities as a resource? Dena notes that she is involved in a monthly meet with county social service administrators that she will be sharing a letter and the link to the report with. This allows them to use it for their distribution as well. There is a staff member that is currently working on some deeper dive summaries for data in the Elders Count. As those are developed link to these analysis will be shared. Dena has committed to the Elders Count being a part of Aging and Disabilities budget ongoing and will be completed for each biennial session. Jeff Klein proposes that if Dena would like to create a three to four minute presentation that it could be fit into the Engaging with Aging conference site to pay during one of the fifteen minute open time slots. He will check with his staff to make sure that this is doable and will bump others to make time if this is something Dena would like to submit. Larry confirms that this presentation would be due by February 12th. Larry Weiss asks the group to send him and comments or suggestions once they have taken a look at the report. Mary Liveratti notes that it may be nice to contact the press and get a story out on the completion of this report. Dena Schmidt will have her Public Information Officer put something together with a link and get it out to the public. Both Mary Liveratti and Diane Ross say congratulations and great job on the Elders Count to all who worked so hard on it.

6. Review, discuss, and approve tentative agenda for the next meeting.

- Jeff Klein asks is the Elders Count should be added as topic for the next meeting. Mary suggests that the update is more appropriate to be updated at the COA as a whole. Barry adds that maybe we should play the short video on the Elders Count at this next meeting so that anyone who does not attend the main COA can be updated. Jeff Klein agrees that is a great idea.
- Virtual Senior Lobby Day
- Status of Pending Legislation

7. Next Meeting Date

Mary Liveratti asks if we are thinking of meeting in March. Jeff Klein confirms as early March date will still be early enough to edit and plan for the Virtual Senior Lobby Day. He asks the group if the first or second week of March works better for them? Barry references the 120 day Legislative Calendar. Legislative first committee passage first house on April 9th. Barry Gold votes for the first week in March to meet. Larry Weiss proposes Thursday March 4th. Barry is unavailable at 9:00am on Thursdays. Jeff asks if he would rather move the time or day? Barry suggests that we meet at 10:00am on

Thursday. All members agree on tentatively scheduling the next Thursday March 4th at 10:30am.

8. **Public Comment** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)

- Jeff Klein asks Dena Schmidt if there are any updates regarding managed care and getting the RFP – if this topic should be included as an agenda item in the next meeting. Dena replies that a vendor helped with the RFP, so it looks a lot different than in the past. There are a lot of new measures and options that will be included. Dena has not heard on expanding population there has been no discussion at this point. A while back an analysis was done by outside vendor and their recommendation was to fix what we have first before expanding. Has not heard any expanding but if she does will share with this group.
- Barry Gold noticed the HCBW waiver focused on base, projected growth and waiting list reduction. Does the Governors recommended budget include all three of those? Dena confirms that it does contain all three and that all ADSD waivers include these as well (HCBW, IDD, FE & PD). All of the waivers are projected to be funded with caseload growth and addressing the wait lists. Barry comments that this is very cool. Dena voices her gratitude to the federal partners that the FMAP funding was extended which allowed the agency to do a lot more than was initially anticipated. Jeff Klein and Dena both touch on federal decisions and their ability to really impact HHS as a whole in the upcoming weeks. Mary Liveratti asks Dena about how in the past there a movement for funding to be equitable across all the waivers especially with meals. If the waivers move to managed care would the waivers be a part of that? Dena replies that we do not have the ability to expand populations right now per legislation. The language would have to be added this biennium and then changes could be made in the next biennium. Dena notes again that she has not heard any discussion on expansion. Medicaid did get through four contracts and some of those plans are offering home delivered meals. Any ADSD initiatives that discussed home delivered meals because of budget restrictions did not move forward. Adding meals to waiver is something that ADSD plans to include in the next biennium. Mary Liveratti clarifies that ADSD would try to use current state dollar to match the federal dollars and bring in more meals. Dena confirms that using funding we already have would be easier.
- Barry Gold asks Dena for an update on the Money Follows the Person Grants. Dena starts off by stating there are two pieces to that grant. The first piece is extending the current grant. The problem here is when DHCFP built the budget they did not build in the agency match. When building the budget MFP was going away so this changes things. DHCFP is working through that first part right now. The second piece is the demonstration project application that is due in June 2021. ADSD and DHCFP are going to host a joint community meeting and workgroup to get input from the community on needs and how best to apply those funds depending on what the community needs. There are some limitations outline in the application that do need to be followed for what to use those funds for. It was decided in the last meet that this workshop will take place in early March. Dena will give updates as they come. Barry Gold asks that AARP be invited to this discussion/ workgroup. Jeff Klein adds that there are enhancements in the last federal appropriation of Money Follows the Person. MFP and nutrition are big topics of federal discussion right now. It is a good time for this group to weigh in on these discussions. He continues that there is push to make some of the COVID flexibilities permanent for the regular Older American Act rules. This would allow more flexibility with the rules and dollars moving forward easier for ADSD.
- Jeff Klein goes over Susie Lee and her new Legislative team in Washington with the Appropriations Committee. Barry Gold asks about where Yvanna Concela is going to be placed in Washington. Jeff Klein says that the rumor is that it is on the mental health and rug side. Her name has not yet been placed on any of the public rosters yet. A thought is that they have been holding back some announcements as of yet. Barry Gold voices his concerns of her bring gone and the effect it will have on the prescription drug legislation here in Nevada.
- Dena Schmidt brings up another important topic to do with legislation. Dena introduces a challenge that ADSD has been running into and something that this group may be able to advocate for. In the Governors state of the state, he asked that we all maximize federal dollars when possible. State agencies are running into barriers in transferring funds between agencies. When one agency needs to match federal dollars for grants etc. and are unable to fund, when

another agency has the match they can not do this. Historically all have been denied the ability to use funds from another agency for match. Even when ADSD is the operating entity for the Medicaid waiver so it would make sense that ADSD has the ability to fund and match Medicaid. Projects have been denied again and again with HHS meaning federal funding lost because agencies cannot cover match for others. Heather Korbolic is working on getting this issue acknowledged and some traction on it. Mary Liveratti notes that in the past when she was working at Aging Services that we were the only agencies that did not have match within the budget. Maybe if there is a way to have ADSD transferred the match it could help with this in the future? This could potentially help making moving moneys around easier in these kinds of situations. Dena gives an example of IT projects approved by CMA in Medicaid's plan, some of them were to improve and integrate the cancer and immunization registries. Medicaid did not have the 10% but DPBH did as they are the agency to operate those systems. In this example, the Governors Finance Office and LCB refused to let ADSD use DPBH's money as the match and in return both of those projects were terminated. Jeff Klein exclaims that he has no issue at all about advocating for this and thinks that this group should. He thinks that we should frame this to be an action item for the COA and make a recommendation and presentation at the COA meeting? This brings up the topic quickly and in the beginning of this legislative session. Dena as the Chair of the COA can add that as a topic and can recommend that this group as a legislative group can advocate for it. She adds that there is no reason that we should all be maximizing federal dollars. Jeff Klein has run into this issue and would like to advocate this. Dena relays the example back to the current MFP grant situation and the barrier of ADSD covering the match. All members of this legislative committee are in agreeance that this is important and should be included as an agenda item at the COA. This group with work with Dena Schmidt to make this topic actionable at the COA Meeting

- Jeff Klein updates the group that Lance Anderson is now at Guidepost Health and Washington based. Lance is a Director at Guidepost a consulting organization specializing in LTSS and related issues.
- Ky Sisson thanks the committee for advocating for this elder population to get the vaccine. Ky adds that we have all worked through the technological issues and he appreciates the attempt to make the vaccines more accessible for seniors easier. The 1-800 number that just came out looks promising. Ky offers up his time wherever needed and however it is needed throughout the Legislative Session. Ky also thanks the committee for being apart of Aging is Awesome and all of the continued support. Aging is Awesome season five does air a week from tomorrow on CBS in Reno and FOX5 in Las Vegas. Barry adds that if he goes to the AARP website there is a useful landing page. They are advocating for better access to the vaccine for seniors as well as an easily accessible and understandable place to find out all the details about vaccines. The 1-800 number is a fabulous start to this request. Jeff Klein and his staff have identified about 6 or 7 reporters in the media who are reasonably good about following elder issues and the vaccine. Maybe at some point Jeff will send an email out to this group with their details. He tried to send thank you when he spots news stories on aging and vaccines in Nevada.

9. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.