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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging
Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, February 19 2015
2:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging and Disability Services Division
445 Apple Street, Suite 104
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Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present: Jeff Klein, Larry Weiss, Diane Ross, Grady Tarbutton, Barry Gold

Members Absent: Lucy Peres, Mark Manendo, Lisa Krasner

Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Elysa Kleidosty

Public Present: Susan Hirsch

II. **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.

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2015 Meeting
(For possible action)
Jeff Klein, Chair

Grady moved to approve the Minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting.
Larry seconded the motion to approve the Minutes.
Minutes from January 13, 2015 meeting were approved.

IV. Report on Senior Day at the Legislature, held February 9, 2015.
Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff said a good number of legislators were reached and that the event was well-attended. He said it dramatically raised the visibility of senior issues within the State and also said that he has gotten positive feedback. He recognized and thanked the Subcommittee members and others for their work in putting the event together over the last year.

Sally said she thought the event couldn't have gone any better. She added that Jane Gruner was especially complimentary of the event and the Subcommittee overall. Sally also mentioned receiving a hand-written note from one of the legislators, which in her years of experience working during the Session, she has never received.

Grady was happy with the participation from the senior delegates and how prepared they were for the event. He said that Lisa Krasner provided great introductions to new Attorney General Adam Laxalt and other key figures. Diane thought that it was a wonderful event and that there was a great turnout. She added that the environment was warm and friendly.

Susan provided feedback on things that were positive and went well in addition to some things that could be improved on. One of the things she noted as needing improvement for future events was the overall set-up of the room. Changes to table placement and furniture arrangement would help to alleviate crowding and improve flow. Another benefit would be to have more trained volunteers to help guide people to the issue stations. She also said they should make sure that the volunteers know exactly what the issues are so they can perpetuate conversations that highlight those issues. Also, Susan suggested the possibility of having a slide show running in the background so if they run out of materials people can still have information available.

Since Larry couldn't attend the event, he asked Jeff for some clarification on the room set-up.

Barry joined the call and added that he also got positive feedback from Legislators and others about the event.

Jeff said he felt a genuine willingness to engage around these issues from both sides of the aisle.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on Plans for the Commission on Aging Legislative Subcommittee activities to follow up with Legislators and others that attended the Senior Day at the Legislature.

(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Grady said that one way to follow-up would be to encourage the over 50 seniors whose contact information they obtained from the event to attend Jane Gruner's presentation on March 6th. He mentioned that he and Jane already gave a presentation to Senior Outreach Services with over 200 people in attendance and that they can continue to give people talking points at these presentations so they know what to support. He also mentioned contacting Legislators via e-mail. Jeff agreed that they should send e-mails out to and maintain contact with Legislators as well. Jeff said he would like to see those communications last longer than the actual Legislative Session.

- VI. Discussion and Decision on What Advocacy the Members of the Subcommittee Will Do for the Remainder of the Legislative Session, Including but Not Limited to Contact with Legislators on Bills, Participation in Budget and Other Hearings, and Gathering Older People to Attend the Legislative Hearings.

(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff, Grady and Sally discussed the roles and differences between paid versus unpaid lobbyists and whether or not they require registration.

Jeff encouraged those Subcommittee members who intend to be engaged in the remainder of the Legislative Session to register so that they would feel comfortable moving forward.

Jeff asked members to send him some e-mails with specific questions they would like Legislators to raise during upcoming hearings that would highlight the main "Issues". They will then narrow down the questions and pinpoint which Legislators they would like to have propose them to get them on the record. Susan and Grady suggested updating and simplifying the "talking points" that were handed out to the seniors and using them as a vehicle for senior participation.

Jeff also brought up the idea of stories from seniors who are impacted by these issues being shared at the hearings.

Sally suggested that they be written down so they could be added to the record.

- VII. Consider and Make Recommendations for Topics and/or Agenda Items and Date for Next Meeting

(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff would like to schedule the next couple of meetings at a time that accommodates at least one of the hearings so he can come up from Las Vegas and participate. He would like Sally to contact members to come up with a date and time that works with everyone's schedules. He asked for a consent motion from the group to be able to schedule the next meeting at a later date.

Larry moved to postpone the scheduling of the next meeting.
Grady seconded the motion to postpone scheduling.
Motion carried – scheduling of meeting will be postponed and will be coordinated by Sally.

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Grady mentioned the recent release of a newspaper article that summarized the February 9th event as well as the KNPB TV show. He said they have gotten positive feedback from those who watched.

IX. **Adjournment**

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting.
Diane seconded the motion to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

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2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
7. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89706
8. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701
9. Carson City Senior Center, 911 Beverly Drive, Carson City, NV 89706
10. Washoe County Senior Center, 1155 East 9th Street, Reno, NV 89512
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