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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging  
Joint Meeting of the Subcommittee Concerning  
Legislative Issues and the Strategic Planning  
Subcommittee

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

Date and Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, July 12, 2016**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Place of Meeting: Aging and Disability Services Division  
9670 Gateway Drive Suite 200  
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**Draft Minutes**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call  
Members Present: Jeff Klein, Connie McMullen, Sue Rhodes, Diane Ross,  
Larry Weiss, Barry Gold, Lisa Krasner  
Staff Present: Sally Ramm  
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.

III. Discussion and Possible Decision on Topics for the Elder Issues in Nevada White Paper. **(For possible action)**  
Jeff Klein and Connie McMullen

- Jeff said in each section, they changed the formats so there is an action needed. Under that they would identify the key issues in each of the categories
  - Revisions from what they did the last time
  - Format changed around
  - Follow new approach
- Jeff stated that the subcommittees wanted to make changes to the issues:
  - Adding LTSS to Medicaid
  - Removed Nutrition
  - Removed Transportation
  - Modified the format from the previous year:
    - Struck out current request for legislative support
    - Inserted "Action Needed"
      - Added key issues and revised the context
  - Under Access to Services, under Action Needed
    - Waiver Slots
    - Provider Rates
    - Olmstead
  - Caregivers:
    - Possible increase for workplace protection for caregivers
  - Legal rights:
    - Mandatory Arbitration
    - Unsafe Discharge
    - Guardianship
  - Medicaid:
    - Medicaid Managed Care/Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- Jeff said they wanted to work with this list to update the Elder Issues in Nevada White Papers, as well as to notify the COA about the issues the subcommittees are taking on
- Sue and Connie both said they felt good about that
- Jeff asked if the subcommittees are in agreement with the proposed items of interest
- Sue and Connie said they felt good for the new list.
- Jeff restated the topics as follows then asked for a motion to accept the topics as revised:
  - Behavioral, Cognitive, and Mental Health
  - Access to Services
  - Caregivers
  - Legal rights
  - Medicaid/LTSS
  - Work Force
- Sue moved to approve the topics for both subcommittees.
- Jeff asked for any opposition

- None opposed
- Motion approved.
- Connie suggested getting down to one of the sections where Sue was recommending the reimbursement rates keep pace with inflation
  - Addressed issue with an increased min. wage to \$15, they would need to keep in mind the providers as they will be impacted by that
    - If federal min wage changes, they review the reimbursement rate as well
  - Wanted to put language in the document that addresses the provider reimbursement rates, like the request of a certain amount for reimbursement isn't strapped to a lower rate
- Jeff addressed the subtopics concerning:
  - Access to Services: Waiver Slots, Provider Rates, Olmstead
  - Caregivers: Increase Workplace Protection for Caregivers, engage with AARP in conversation to see caregivers side to determine if there will be any other considerations
  - Legal rights: Unsafe Discharges, Guardianship, Mandatory Arbitration
  - Medicaid/LTSS: Medicaid Managed Care, LTSS
    - Connie stated she felt the main issues with Medicaid Managed Care are work force and reimbursement

IV. Create Timeline and Assign Duties to each Subcommittee for Accomplishing the Commission on Aging's Goals for the 2017 Legislature.  
(For possible action)  
Jeff Klein and Connie McMullen

- Jeff stated Feb 23, 2017 will be the day to spend time with the legislators, Senior Day
- Wants to have the Elder Issues White Paper completed before to engage with candidates and existing legislators to help educate them about the issues, and offer the opportunity for their input as well
- Try to organize an introductory experimental session for legislators with agencies in their community
  - Asked agencies to invite legislators to their facility
  - Able to present issues, as well as put a face to the issue
  - Jeff asked if the subcommittees would like to proceed with the similar pattern in timeline as the last legislative session
  - Connie stated that she would like the white papers to present to the legislators
  - Sue and Larry voiced their approval for the timeline
  - Sally proposed getting a brief overview of the white paper set up to get the information approved in advance of the COA meeting
- Jeff asked if the subcommittee members would mind helping write on a desired topic
  - Sally will write the Legal Rights section

- Connie said she would like to work on the Access to Services, the Reimbursement, as well as Managed Care
  - Sue wanted to work on the same thing
- Jeff said he and Susan Hirsch would write the Behavioral section
- Larry said he can write the Caregiver section
- Diane said she can work with Larry on the Caregiver section
- Connie decided on Access to Services, Waivers, and Olmstead
- Sue volunteered to work with Connie, but questioned Work Force, as it touches each category
- Sally suggested leaving Work Force in the other white papers, but writing a summary as to what it entails
- Jeff suggested circulating working drafts, then get together at a later date to work on the white paper as a group
  - Jeff stated he wanted to try to get the drafts by early August, targeting Friday, August 12, 2016 (tentative) to discuss the paper development
- Lisa said she wanted to work with Sally on Legal Rights

V. Discussion and Possible Plan on Content of Subcommittee Reports to the Commission on Aging at the July 19, 2016 Meeting. **(For possible action)**  
 Connie McMullen and Jeff Klein

- Jeff said he wanted to present the topics and the approach and ask for the approval from the COA to proceed
- Connie wanted to make sure that those missing on the subcommittee could voice their opinion before the COA meeting
- Sally expressed concern about giving more detail about the content to get the approval from the COA
- Connie suggested getting the information to more of the members of the COA before the meeting to make sure they're better informed going into the decision
- Jeff said he would put together a page paper for the COA to distribute to them before the meeting
- Sally said the opinions of the COA members, in terms of being related to the issue papers, can be incorporated into the Elder Issues White Paper
- Jeff stated they'll have an opportunity to review the substance of the white paper in September to edit, accept, or reject the paper
- Connie expressed concerns about trying to get Jane Gruner's input before her retirement on August 13, 2016

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There was no public comment.

## VII. Adjournment

Jeff thanked everybody for attending the meeting.

Jeff adjourned the meeting

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