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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
NOTE NEW ADDRESS

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

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016
1:30 p.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, Diane Ross, Lisa Krasner, Barry Gold,
Larry Weiss, Mary Liveratti, Sen. Mark Manendo
Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Brian Leetch, Jane Gruner
Public: Susan Hirsch, Jamie Rodriguez, Amber Howell
- 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 March 29, 2016 Meeting. **(For possible action)**
Jeff Klein, Chair

Barry stated he wanted to address page 4, changing “what was wanted” to “what might be the best function”

Diane motioned to approve the adjusted minutes

Lisa seconded the motion

Amended minutes are approved

IV. Update on Study of Managed Care for Blind, Aged and Disabled and possible plan for involvement of the Legislative Subcommittee in the study. **(For possible action)**

Jane Gruner, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division

- Jane said Medicaid is finishing up focus groups with the medical agencies outside of the state services
 - Identified a contractor for the overall analysis
 - Going to the Board of Examiners to get the contract approved
 - Has not seen anything that has been stated at the listening sessions or focus groups that indicate there’s a lot of cost savings
 - Most states without a lot of institutional care have shown that it hasn’t saved money
- Barry asked if there was any update on the timeline on when the recommendations and budget should be expected and if they will be in time for the 2017 legislative session
 - Jane doesn’t believe there’s a lot of chance unless the director puts anything in, like a subgroup is added to Managed Care.
- Barry asked how they would be looking at the provider input, as they are in a great position to help evaluate the current contractors
 - Jane said she hasn’t been privy to the information, but will look into it
- Jane stated the it was clear that rural Nevada feels that Managed Care is not the right way to go for their services
 - They feel they may not receive the support they need
- Jane stated that provider rates is a legislative issue
 - A more accurate assessment of provider rates and costs should be acquired for Managed Care
- Jane wanted to say that this currently is a money issue, but above all, it’s a human being issue, about our mothers and fathers, uncles, aunts, siblings, neighbors, and ourselves

- Something that shouldn't be forgotten, it will cost money either way, so there needs to be a standard of what is expected in Nevada

V. Discussion and Possible Action on Forming a Coalition to Inform the Legislature Regarding the Effect of Current Provider Rates on Provision of Care and the Importance of Adequate Increase in Provider Rates.
(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

- Jeff said there has been testimony regarding rates, and it's one of the banner issues for the Nevadans for the Common Good to address the following week at its convention
 - There are roughly eight or nine Asks at their meeting
 - A couple are in education and a couple in Health Care
 - Both deal with rates and Medicaid/Managed Care
 - Community was heard on this subject
- Jeff asked how the subcommittee should engage or not engage in these coalitions regarding informing the Legislature and informing the COA
- Jane suggested that SPS and the Legislative Issues Subcommittee have a combined face to face meeting
 - Would love to have this meeting in early June
 - Plan the COA meeting two weeks later to have everybody working on the same page and in unison on the same issues
- Jeff said he liked the joint meeting and having it as a precursor to the next COA meeting in order to unite the subcommittees instead of the possibility of them competing against the other about which elder issues are more important than others
- Sally suggested making provider rates one of the elder issues
 - Jane stated rates are about every form of support available for individuals, not just as a residential issue
 - Jane suggested looking at the consequences if the services are cut
- Jane said she hoped that each group, not just the subcommittees, but every group which would experience an impact from the provider rates would weigh in for the BDR

- VI. Discussion and Possible Plan for the Activities of the Legislative Subcommittee for Maintaining Visibility with Nevada Legislators and the Aging Network During the Interim, Including:
- i. Planning for Senior Day at the Legislature. **(For possible action)**
 - ii. Orientation regarding the legislature and possible legislation for the Commission on Aging.
 - iii. Making Interim contacts with members of the Legislature and Candidates. **(For possible action)**
- Jeff Klein, Chair

- Jeff mentioned the next Senior day at the Legislature is scheduled for February 23, 2017
 - Will start planning and follow the action taken during the previous legislature and would like to engage with organizations involved with the senior community to participate in the Senior Day
 - Wants to get some space in the orientation process for the legislature
- Barry said to make contact with the legislators, it's best to wait until after the primary, as there may be a shift in who will still be present
- Sally suggested duplicating the visits and functions performed during the last legislative session, feeling they were very successful
- Jeff stated he wanted to get a greater sense of engagement from the grantees, particularly around the rural communities
 - Wants to promote the idea that senior issues are everybody's issues
 - Suggested putting together an educational road show in an attempt to increase participation.

- VII. Discussion and Possible Selection of the Initial Choices of Topics to be Included in the Elder Issues in Nevada Report for the 2017 Legislature. **(For possible action)**
- Jeff Klein, Chair

- Jane suggested asking reporters to ask about senior services during an interview, which would be added to the papers and increase awareness
- Jane stated the Community Foundation of Western Nevada taking on caregivers as their next issue to raise awareness of current concerns
- Jeff restated the list of topics that were covered during the last legislative session
 - Behavioral and Cognitive Health
 - Budget Issues
 - Caregivers
 - Legal Rights
 - Medicaid

- Nutrition
 - Transportation
 - Work Force
- Sally stated all three Asks from Legal Rights were passed by the legislature
- Sally suggested changing the focus of the Work Force Development topic, and said Provider rates should be included
- Jane stated that Nutrition would be weaved throughout DHHS, and would be a good topic to have
- Sally suggested taking the list down to three or four combined topics, rather than having an extensive list

VIII. Consider and Make Recommendations for Topics and/or Agenda Items and Date for Next Meeting
(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

- Jeff stated that the committee should email Sally with headline issues and changes to list from the last legislative session
- A proposal for the next Legislative Issues Subcommittee was made to hold it on June 15, 2016
- A proposal for the Joint Subcommittee Meeting with the Legislative Issues Subcommittee and the Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee was made to hold it on June 22, 2016, however a doodle would be created to see if this date would work with both subcommittees

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- Susan Hirsch stated that this year is different in that there's a chance to have a large impact on the senior issues in Nevada in profound ways
 - She suggested thinking of priority issues in terms of Managed Care and rates, as well as other issues, creating a level of hierarchy in terms of the gravity of each issue
- Sally said she wants to address what Managed Care issues can be addressed through the legislation
 - Jeff stated setting parameters on expectations for Managed Care, for example, "what are the parameters for performance, and how does this need to be incorporated into the decision making in making contracts?"

- He feels there are opportunities to frame aspects and parameters for expectations without micromanaging the administration
- Susan Hirsch said she feels this goes back to the role of the Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues, which is to educate. She said the subcommittee is best able to educate about these issues and about some things that seem to be insignificant, yet have huge implications for the senior population. She also thinks that in the first round, the subcommittee will have more heavily education purpose, and the second round, which will have very specific Asks.

X. Adjournment

Lisa moved to adjourn

Diane seconded the motion

Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues Meeting of May 3, 2016
adjourned

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