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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: **Wednesday, August 20, 2014**  
**10:00 a.m. (Note different day than usual)**

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, Lisa Krasner, Lucy Peres, Diane Ross, Grady Tarbutton

Members absent: Lawrence Weiss, Barry Gold, Senator Mark Manendo

Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Elysa Kleidosty

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 the agenda as an action item.)

No Public Comment

III. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2014 Meeting.  
(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Lucy moved to approve the minutes.

Diane seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Minutes were approved.

IV. Report on Washoe County Senior Coalition meeting and presentation of the White Papers.

Grady Tarbutton and Larry Weiss

Jeff asked if Diane would be willing to touch on this in Larry's absence.

Diane said that she, Grady, and Larry each took two or three issues and briefly touched on each one for a few minutes. She said the presentation did spark some debate, questions, and comments. She said it was well-received among the attendees, which included 8 or 9 legislators as well as current and former caregivers. She said there was a wonderful turnout.

Jeff asked Diane to get a list of candidates and legislators who attended.

Grady said that Diane did a great job covering it. He said the thing that stuck out to him was legislators telling him not to forget they have BDRs. Grady suggested coming up with a list of priorities to recommend to the COA to pass on to the candidates. He said the focus should be getting BDRs and looking at things that will not only get passed but also start a long-term conversation.

Sally asked Grady if he got the feeling that they would be willing to use one of their BDRs for something they know would just be good for starting a conversation.

Grady said he didn't get the feel for that, but maybe it's something that should be done in terms of follow-up conversation. He said that they should determine what the next steps will be in terms of finding out what other agencies that serve seniors would be willing to give tours and sponsor events.

Diane said she would be willing to host a meet and greet at The Continuum and would also be willing to have community partners. She said she could put the word out, and asked about the timeline.

Diane said that the flavor and energy changes in the evening and that the hustle and bustle of the venue wouldn't be the same in the evening as in the daytime.

Grady asked what the demand would be on the candidates' time.

Lisa said that before the election is better because the candidates want to meet as many voters as they can. She said there's not a lot scheduled during the day, so that a lunchtime event might work well. She said it might be the most populated time, so they can see people in action who are gathered together; otherwise, maybe around 5:00 or 5:30 after work.

Grady said he and Diane would get together and talk more about it.

Lisa requested that the event be open to all candidates running for office in the general election.

V. Review and Update the Schedule of Events for Presenting the Legislative Issues and White Papers to Legislators, Candidates and Interested Members of the Public.

**(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff said that there were presentations to the ADSD Regional Planning Group in the Southern region last week, and in Tahoe and Reno yesterday. He said they presented not only the White Papers but also a little bit of the history and background of how they evolved and how they are intended to be used, including the idea of having individual agencies host events.

Grady said that Jeff did a great job. He said his only concern is that people don't know what to do. He suggested putting together a simple talking points sheet to help people understand what their action steps might be.

Jeff said that an action guide could be created with steps and information on what to do and how the Subcommittee can help.

Lucy also suggested doing some one-on-one meetings with agencies in the North as well.

Jeff said that would be great. He also brought up the upcoming ADSD conference in September and how it might be an opportunity to talk to some agencies that haven't they haven't been able to get in touch with yet, particularly in geographies where an agency has not yet stepped up.

Sally said that maybe the action guide or a checklist could be prepared in time for the conference to hand out to people who might be interested.

Jeff asked if Sally could get in touch with Cheyenne to find out if bags will be handed out at the conference, and if so, that maybe a one-page checklist could be placed in the bag.

Sally said she would be happy to assist with that and even suggested handing out Elder Issues in Nevada packet at the conference as well.

Jeff proposed the idea of handing out Elder Issues packets at the various Advocacy presentations that will be held at the conference.

Sally suggested having the Elder Issues packets in the bags instead, and handing out the one-page guides at the Advocacy presentations. This way, the guides are less likely to get lost and may get more attention.

Jeff said he would create the action guide and submit it to Sally by the end of the week and have either Cheyenne or himself print out copies.

Jeff said he would like the Subcommittee to get together before the conference for a breakfast the morning of the first day of the conference to determine the holes and areas where more representation from agencies is needed. He said he wants a list of who would be attending and that Subcommittee members could be assigned to speak with particular individuals from those areas so the participant schedule could be filled out.

Jeff asked Sally to have Cheyenne gather a list of pre-registrants before the conference so they can get a better idea of who to talk to.

Sally said she would send out information on the conference to Lucy and the Silver-Haired Legislative forum as well.

Jeff said he hopes to come out of the conference with a good schedule for the White Paper presentations and pre-session events.

Jeff suggested polling the group to find out whether a breakfast the day of or a dinner the night before would work best.

- VI. Discuss Senior Day at the Legislature and Decide on Planning Issues such as Who to Invite as Partners, What Type of Program and/or Meal will be Included, How Legislators will be Informed of Function, and Handouts.  
**(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein and Barry Gold

Jeff said that he has a room reserved for February 9<sup>th</sup>. He said there is still plenty of time for planning, so all of the decisions don't have to be made immediately. He said his thoughts so far include possibly having a continental breakfast of some kind as well as a lunch and keeping coffee and water supplied throughout the day. He said that AARP has agreed to be a partner on this event and the offer to join the Subcommittee has also been extended to members of the ADSD family and the community.

Grady said that maybe next step should be spend some time talking about what the events of the day should be and get an outline started. He stressed the importance of making sure participants are on the same page so there is more of a focus at the event.

Jeff agreed and said he did not want this to turn into a free for all.

Sally said what they don't want is for someone to dominate it with an issue that may not be the primary issue that the Subcommittee is concerned about. Sally said to possibly consider invitations to groups based on the eight issues the Subcommittee is concerned about.

Jeff agreed and stressed that not every group in the state needs to be present at the event; instead, he wants to make sure there is a good representation of organizations that align with what the Subcommittee is doing.

Grady said that it is important that the Elder Issues in Nevada be the umbrella of it all and that there is continuity among the intent and goal of Subcommittee members and participants.

Jeff said that it would be great if various agencies and senior groups could still come to Carson City that day and participate in other events and activities, even if they will not be joining in on the actual Senior Day event at the Legislature. He said their participation would depend on how other opportunities to meet legislators are structured. He reiterated that there is still plenty of time to plan and that a schedule of events could be drafted up at the next meeting and/or discussed at the breakfast session before the conference.

- VII. Update and Make Recommendations on Progress in Setting Up Functions for Legislators and Candidates Throughout the State to Introduce Them to the White Papers and Discuss Issues of Importance to Older Nevadans.  
**(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff said he felt that this item was taken care of in items V and VI but asked the Subcommittee if there was anything to add that wasn't covered.

Lucy said that whenever candidates running for legislative office come to her door, she hands out Elder Issues packets to take with them.

Jeff, Sally, and Grady said that was a good idea.

Jeff brought up the possibility of making some revisions to or annotated versions of the Elder Issues packet. He said he is playing with it to possibly improve or enhance the kit since there has been feedback and questions from people who have been presented with it.

Lucy asked if Jeff wanted it to be a part of the October ASDO conference.

Jeff said that would be a great idea and that he would talk to Ellen to make arrangements.

VIII. Determine if the Subcommittee is going to present possible Bill Draft Requests for Approval by the COA and Find Legislators to Request Them, and if so, Decide What Bill Drafts to Present.

**(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Grady said that the White Papers talk about legal services; the Silver-Haired Legislature has come up with Elder Abuse as a priority for the session, however. He suggested looking at the language they are coming up with to identify priorities and create specific bullet points to narrow some of these broad issues to have them become the draft BDRs.

Jeff said that, buried in the way the White Papers were designed, there are some specifics that do lend themselves to BDR development, some of which are already being picked up on. He suggested going back and combing through the work that has already been done to see if anything can be pulled from it for BDRs.

Grady asked whether the budget items like the Medicaid Waiver slots, Long-Term Care Ombudsman positions, and permanent state funding through tobacco monies for community care would have to be considered under the budget or if they could be addressed as separate BDRs.

Sally said she believes the first two have already been considered in the budget but that the community care funding through independent living grants and tobacco settlement monies is not part of the Agency budget and could be discussed as a BDR or resolution. She said a resolution for community care funding would be considered a total success and may be as good as it gets.

Lucy asked Jeff whether or not BDRs that have already been addressed would be removed from the White Papers.

Jeff said no; that he is talking about identifying items in the White Papers and see what items may lend themselves to BDRs and taking seemingly conceptual things in the White Papers and evolving them into BDRs.

Sally said that the next COA meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>. She suggested having a one agenda item Subcommittee meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and that all members contribute to the agenda item by drafting what they think should be submitted to the COA as BDR requests or concept requests. She said the group could then do some prioritization and come up with some preliminary language for a document with the Subcommittee's suggestions to present to the COA at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The COA can then decide what the Subcommittee should pursue or not. She said that none of the Subcommittee members can actually ask a legislator to carry a BDR, because it is pure lobbying and is not

educational. The Subcommittee needs the COA's approval to then go out and educate people to try and get those BDRs.

Jeff said to have the group go through the White Papers and pull out specific BDR items as well as more broader issues that could be developed into BDRs and send them to Sally to put on the Agenda for the next meeting. He also said he wants a mechanism for tracking BDR development to be created.

Sally said that when the time gets closer she will keep track of BDRs and Bills and update the lists.

IX. Discussion and Determination of Action by Subcommittee Regarding the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and the Funding of the Elder Justice Act.

**(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein and Barry Gold

Jeff said, as he understands it, both the Elder Justice Act and Older Americans Act are stuck in committee. He said he has heard from people that it is being held up due to a funding formula and from others that it is just being held up period. He said he is not sure that the "why" of it is as relevant as the fact that it is just being held up. He says the Subcommittee should be asking for reauthorization and wonders whether or not the Subcommittee should be asking the COA to send a letter to legislators on these issues.

Grady said he had a letter he used with Washoe County that he could forward to Sally that could possibly be adapted. He said it could be reviewed at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and submitted to the COA at their September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. He stressed that the letter is about reauthorization, not funding.

Sally said that the Elder Justice Act isn't necessarily going to be funded through the Older Americans Act; other sources such as the Department of Justice that may fund it. She said that reauthorization and funding are separate issues.

Jeff said that they should be treated as such. He asked Grady to send the letter to Sally and said he will make adjustments regarding the funding if necessary.

Sally said she would send it to Dale Ann as separate agenda item from the Subcommittee work.

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

Jeff Klein, Chair

Next meeting will be September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am.

Sally asked Jeff if it would be okay to only have one Agenda item: recommendations to the COA on legislation.

Jeff said yes, as long as there is nothing else pending that requires the Subcommittee's action.

- XI. **Public Comment** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item)

Lucy said she sent an e-mail to Sally about the White House Conference on Aging that will be held in July of 2015.  
Sally said she would send it to the rest of the group.

- XII. **Adjournment**

Grady moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Lisa seconded the motion to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

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2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
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