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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: Tuesday, December 2, 2014
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, Diane Ross, Larry Weiss, Barry Gold, Lisa Krasner, Grady Tarbutton

Members absent: Lucy Peres, Senator Mark Manendo

Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Elysa Kleidosty, Jane Gruner

Public present: Connie McMullen

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.

Elysa brought up the new process for posting agendas, minutes and meeting materials for future meetings, which will officially go into effect in January of

2015. These items will be posted online and a link to access them will be sent out to Subcommittee members prior to the meetings, as opposed to the previous method of sending large files via e-mail to all of the members. The material can also be accessed without a link, however, at www.adsd.gov under "Boards and Commissions." This new method is designed to de-clutter e-mail inboxes, allow easy public access to materials, and just streamline the process overall. She asked that members please send meeting materials to her a few business days prior to the meeting so they can be posted along with the agenda and draft minutes from the previous meeting. She said if any of the members had questions or concerns to call or e-mail her. There was no further public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2014 Meeting
(For possible action)
Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff asked the members for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3rd meeting.

Larry moved to approve the minutes.

Diane seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Minutes were approved.

IV. Reports on Events Held to Discuss the Elder Issues White Papers and to Talk About Future Events.
Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff said they had reported on most of the events that have already taken place, but they have an updated Excel spreadsheet (meeting material) that outlines committee assignments and planned events. They need to fill in the blanks and get participation from key Legislators and groups that are not represented by the Subcommittees. He said he is open to suggestions from members about getting legislator participation and finding hosts for future events.

Diane suggested the possibility of the senior centers as being possible locations for future events.

Jeff said that the senior centers would be appropriate places to do that. Some suggested materials (meeting material), including a sample letter, have been circulated to organizations as a guide on how to organize an event. They are suggesting that COA members be present and to invite Legislators to these events to tour the venues, meet caregivers and recipients, and participate in a discussion on the Elder Issues. The goal is to build relationships, identify specific interest areas of Legislators, and encourage communication during the Legislative Session. This will help the Subcommittee know who potential champions for specific BDRs or issues will be. Hopefully the majority of these events will be held prior to the session so they can get feedback.

Jane said they need to get these legislators to understand the consequences of not funding these programs.

Grady asked if something specific could be developed to help to further their understanding of the consequences since the White Papers are more high level. Jeff said yes, and they will use the forms they've created to help with that. He will be having some upcoming meetings with present and former Legislators and other key figures in the field.

- V. Discuss and Decide on Plan of Action for Engaging with the Behavior Health and Wellness Council Meeting at their future meetings, Including a Report on Priorities Sent to the Council after the October Meeting by Jane Gruner.

(For possible action)

Jane Gruner, Administrator, Aging & Disability Services
Division

Jane said the Council Chairman was fine with items 4-8 on the recommendations because they were combining the Subcommittee's issues and the Council's issues, but he was not interested in anything that had money involved, so items 1-3 will have to be taken out and addressed in different ways.

Sally asked what happened to the idea of having someone speak during public comment.

Larry said he and Grady spoke with Donna Clontz and she will be speaking at the next meeting on December 9th.

Grady said they gave her some talking points and she is ready to go.

Larry said he wants to more heavily address the issue of senior suicide and will be working to draft some solutions.

- VI. Discussion of Progress on Updating the Nevada Olmstead Plan.

Connie McMullen, Commission on Aging Commissioner
Grady Tarbuton, Member Legislative Subcommittee

Connie said there was supposed to be a meeting last week, but it was cancelled. The staff person that was in charge of the Olmstead meetings and the staff member who organized the meeting minutes and materials are no longer with the State, so there is some uncertainty about how things will progress from this point on.

Grady asked if there was a way to get a status update from Jane.

Sally and Connie said they would talk to Jane about getting an update.

Barry said they are still waiting to hear back from Tony Records on some information that was requested regarding his progress.

- VII. Discussion and Possible Action on what The Subcommittee is Asking the Legislature to do Regarding the Items in the Elder Issues White Papers.

(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff said they have started to update the format to support a rolling identification of the "asks" for the Legislators based on BDRs from the COA Elder Issues that

were submitted and approved (meeting material). This format will allow them to pick up BDRS introduced on those topics and support them with language or to lay out an issue that ultimately gets placed as things moved forward with a BDR. Diane inquired whether or not they will have “asks” on all 8 of the Elder Issues items.

Jeff said yes, they should be able to have a specific “ask” with each item.

Barry said they need to think hard about how many “asks” they actually want to have. They may not need an “ask” for each of the Elder Issues and perhaps they could narrow it down to the top 5 or 6.

Grady agreed and said they should also come up with some long-term strategies on what they are focusing on.

Jeff said they can go back and separate those items which require Legislative action from those that do not to help narrow down the focus for the “asks”.

Sally suggested that, from February on, they should concentrate on what has already been requested by a Legislator or is in BDR language. She also suggested having one consolidated budget “ask” rather than separate budget items in different “asks.”

Jeff said that it doesn’t mean they can’t support other relevant senior issues bills.

Grady requested an update from Sally on BDR tracking at the next meeting.

VIII. Discussion and Decision on Plans for the February 9 Function at the Legislature.

(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Nevada Senior Services has booked the room, and Jeff has a staff member working on meal logistics, to include breakfast and lunch with beverages (coffee and water) throughout the day. For the lunch session, there will be two formal, brief presentations of the issues to the Legislators. Jeff is planning on having staff create “one-liners” with photos so the Legislators see faces that represent the issues. There will also be posters of the Subcommittee’s key “asks” up on the walls with individuals who have available to discuss in greater detail the specific issues on each poster. In between the sessions, the plan is to staff the room for Legislators who come in and out and have people disburse to meet with Legislators depending on what the Legislative calendar looks like for that day. Barry said that other lobbyists will likely come in and that they should prepare for their attendance as well.

Diane wanted to know how other people can participate, if at all.

Sally said that there is a distinct message for this event that has already been approved by the COA, and they can point to that when others ask about participation. They don’t necessarily want to turn people away, but with too many people, the event will lose its focus and power.

IX. Report on Meetings with Medicaid Regarding New Waiver Rules and Home and Community Based Services.

Jeff Klein, Grady Tarbutton

Jeff said there were 2 recent presentations on the Medicaid waiver progress. He and Barry were present at the one in the South and Grady and Connie attended in the North. There was really nothing new to report, but he said some of the major concerns have to do with group homes, the bundling of services in different environments and how person-centered care will be applied. Until or unless there is some clarification on a Federal level, it will be difficult to know whether or not it will affect organizations that offer a variety of services in one location. State Medicaid plans must be submitted to CMS by March, and within 4 years, they must be within compliance or they will lose their programs.

Barry said there are some concerns about the clients receiving services from programs that are not in compliance and how those individuals will transition into receiving services from other providers.

Jeff said he will be pushing from the HCQC side that if there are providers wanting to offer a new service that, on its face, would not be within compliance, that providers should be notified and not have to go through the entire licensure process only to find out after the fact that the program will not meet requirements. There is concern that the rates may affect the development of new programs and that seniors will remain underserved.

Item taken out of order

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

Jeff Klein, Chair

The next meeting will be held on January 13th 2015 at 3:00pm.

The meeting will be a working meeting with the goal being to narrow down the top 5 or 6 items for “asks.”

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Barry met with someone from an organization called Silver State Voices that works on voter ID and voter engagement efforts. He asked that if anyone is interested to please let him know so he can give them their contact info.

Jeff said that Nevadans for the Common Good are going to sponsor some meetings and Nevada Senior Services will specifically be sponsoring some caregiver meetings in the coming months.

- XII. Adjournment

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting.
Diane seconded the motion to adjourn.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

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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
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9. Carson City Senior Center, 911 Beverly Drive, Carson City, NV 89706
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