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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, April 22, 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, Lisa Krasner

Members Absent: Lucy Peres, Mark Manendo

Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Elysa Kleidosty, Brian Leetch

Public: Susan Hirsch, Ernie Neilson

Jeff moved to grant Lucy Peres a leave of absence from the committee.

Diane seconded the motion to approve the leave of absence.

Leave of absence for Lucy Peres was approved.

- 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 February 19, 2015 Meeting  
(For possible action)  
Jeff Klein, Chair

Larry moved to approve the Minutes from the February 19, 2015 meeting.  
Lisa seconded the motion to approve the Minutes.  
Minutes from February 19, 2015 meeting were approved.

- IV. Report on ADSD Budget and Subcommittee Plans to Provide Needed Support of the Budget for Remainder of Legislative Session.  
(For possible action)  
Jane Gruner, Administrator of ADSD; Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff opted to postpone the Report on ADSD Budget and Subcommittee Plans to Provide Needed Support of the Budget for Remainder of Legislative Session to a later time, depending on the arrival of Jane Gruner.

- V. Report on Completed Meetings with Legislators.  
Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff said the he and Susan have had several meetings with legislators and have received encouragement from them and an overall positive response. Jeff asked the others for their comments about the responses they received from meetings with legislators.

Grady stated he heard the seniors in the community haven't seen much action and are growing frustrated. He further commented on explaining to the senior community that this is the first legislative session the committee has been active with and are trying to lay down a baseline during this first session to build off of in future sessions.

Sally expressed concerns about the information seniors are receiving about bills that affect them, stating that the press hasn't given the bills much attention, however there are many bills that have survived through the first half of legislation that affect the community.

Barry described that no press can be better than press because having a lot of attention to a topic can start to gain controversy, which in turn can both positively and negatively affect bills.

Jeff agreed with Barry, then went on to discuss the recognition from the chair about the Commission on Aging's presence in meetings, showing the continuous representation the CoA has been displaying. He continued to explain that he and Susan would continue meeting with legislators, talking about upcoming meetings with Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Senator Joe Hardy, Speaker John Hambrick, Assemblywoman Robin Titus, and Assemblyman Randy Kirner, commenting on how the CoA has become more active and better known. Diane asked Grady about his meeting with AARP. Grady said he encouraged the AARP members to be activists, giving updates to them about different acts. Larry commented that he has seen more action now than he has before.

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 and Promoting Participation and Access to Attend the Legislative Hearings. **(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

For ease of grading on the rankings of the various Senate Bills (SB) and Assembly Bills (AB), Jeff suggested a rating of one (1) through five (5); "One" being strongly opposed to a bill and "five" being strongly supportive of a bill.

Barry suggested the committee pick only a few bills to get behind, as to strengthen the stance of the committee in the eyes of the legislature. Jeff suggested talking about the bills the committee either strongly supports or strongly opposes to generate stronger arguments for each. Jeff and the committee agreed on strong support for SB 177 – CARE Act. Barry suggested AB 325 should be a 5 as well, gaining strong support from the committee.

The committee agreed with AB 325 being a priority in strong support. Jeff brought up AB 222.

Grady stated that it sounds like the committee is supporting AB 222, and pointed out the bill has a lot of other external support. He decided to support the decision to vote 5 on AB 222.

The committee decided AB223 is a 5 in priority, which adds abandonment to elder abuse and removes the need to prove will and intention to prosecute abuse cases.

Connie mentioned SB 210 in a contrast with AB 222.

Grady confirmed SB 210 is also rated a 5.

Barry suggest SB 250 to be added to the list of bills to watch and support, as it allows pharmacists to partially fill prescriptions. He stated this bill allows individuals to pick up prescriptions at the same time, so long as the

pharmacist deems it's in the best interest of the patient. Barry suggested rating this bill a strong 4 and received no objections.

Jeff brought up Senator Hardy's Bill (SCR 2), suggesting it should be supported, rating it a strong 4. He proposed writing a letter to Sen. Hardy to inform him of the committee's support, as well as showing up in support of this bill, believing it to be non-controversial.

Jeff mentioned supporting the waiver slots issues and the rates issues, which are not currently in a bill, but insisted on advocating and supporting these budget issues.

Ernie stated AB 242 as a point of interest for the committee.

Grady commented that AB 242 had turned into a study.

Barry suggested that the committee mark AB 242 as a 3 (neutral) and watch it, proposing that if it passes, the committee should participate in the study.

Jeff brought up SB 269, suggesting the committee support the bill if it can be amended to incorporate the representation of the senior community.

Barry suggests monitoring AB 28, proposing this be rated a 3.

Jeff agreed with the rating.

Grady mentioned AB 51, suggesting the committee monitor the bill and rate it as a 3.

Jeff suggests taking a pass on AB 97 and AB 130, rating them a neutral 3.

He also states the committee is generally supportive of AB 164, suggesting the committee watch this bill, but leave it as a 3.

Jeff mentioned AB 253 to the committee to get a perspective of the committee's stance.

Barry expressed his concern for the bill, stating the bill strongly disenfranchises seniors.

Jeff and Barry suggested the committee take a neutral stance towards AB 253 and AB 266.

Grady questioned the rating on AB 253 and AB 266, noting the general negative perspective of the bills.

Jeff suggests rating both AB 253 and AB 266 as 2.

Jeff rates AB 289 as a 3 and AB 292 as a 4 with no objections.

Jeff asks the committee about any feelings towards AB 293.

Sally looked up AB 293 and stated that it was a bill that didn't affect the committee, suggesting it stay neutral.

Jeff agreed to rate AB 293 as a 3.

Ernie asked about SB 262.

Sally stated it had been amended into AB 325. She also said that neither SB 262 or AB 325 covers public guardians, which was one of Grady's concerns.

No rating was given to SB 262.

Jeff strongly voiced his opinion against SB 310, believing it will gut the division of aging, as well as Medicaid.

Grady stated that it's a poorly defined bill, making it difficult for any individual to assess it.

Grady stated that Diane's testimony would be critical for a stance against SB 310.

- VII. Consider and Make Recommendations for Topics and/or Agenda Items and Date for Next Meeting  
(For possible action)  
Jeff Klein, Chair

Grady requests to carry discussion of adequate care to next session  
Jeff approved and mentioned other bills and topics can be carried over to future meetings.

Grady wants to address communication in future meetings.

Jeff proposes a meeting to deal specifically with AB 310.

Barry suggests a joint meeting with the Disabilities Commission.

Jeff suggests making that a request then coordinating from there.

Grady motions to move the suggestion.

No second.

Jeff states the committee should end with an undetermined next meeting time.

Jeff says they'll determine how to ask for an audience with the governor's office in the next session, and who should be in the meeting. He continues to say that the committee should not let AB 310 slide by.

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- IX. Adjournment

Larry moved to adjourn.

Grady seconded the movement.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

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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
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