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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, August 11, 2015  
10:00 a.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, Lisa Krasner  
Members Absent: Grady Tarbutton, Barry Gold, Sen. Mark Manendo  
Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Brian Leetch  
Public: Jane Gruner, Wayne Alexander, Connie McMullen, Susan Hirsch,  
Ernie Nielson, Donna Klontz

- #### II. **Public Comment**
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There was no public comment

III. Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2015 Meeting  
(For possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Diane moved to approve the minutes for the April 22, 2015 meeting.

Larry seconded the motion.

Minutes for the April 22, 2015 meeting were approved.

Jeff requested a moment of silence in honor of Lucy Peres.

IV. Report on Legislatively Approved Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Budget, Appropriations Bill SB 514, and the Future of Managed Care.

Jane Gruner, Administrator of ADSD

- Jane reported ADSD received 173 new placements for the waiver programs for seniors. She also stated they received money for a new Strategic Planning and Accountability Committee. There was also a tax rebate program associated with SB 514 with an allotment of \$5 million for seniors. Development of this program will be planned during the IFC meeting in October. SB 514 contained permissive language to allow for money to be moved between Medicaid and regional centers. For managed care to be looked at and acted upon, a report needs to be provided for the governor's office and IFC for approval.
- Had first meeting between DHHS, Medicaid and ADSD with the 2 current managed care organizations. Since the meeting, other managed care organizations have contacted the director's office to let them know of their interest. The director's office and in ADSD agreed that the meetings from here on out should be made public and transparent to the public. She said people should be notified shortly when the meetings will start to occur on a regular basis, as to ensure consumers and providers can follow along and find out the process, as with what will be covered and provide input.
- Jane stated the managed care programs haven't been defined yet, but feels it should be part of the report that goes forward. If the state goes with managed care, they'll be the only option as there will be no other fee-for-service
- There is still another meeting with managed care and the director's office, at which point, there will be a more clearly defined direction to move towards in regards to managed care which the subcommittee will be able to advocate for.
- Jeff stated his concerns were with seniors receiving the care they have currently, and the correct care.
- Jeff also stated it would be beneficial for the subcommittee to look at other states to see how care coverage has changed; therefore allowing the subcommittee to participate more efficiently in the upcoming meetings.

V. Report on Activities of the U.S. Congress and How the Members of the Commission on Aging (COA) Legislative Subcommittee Can Keep the COA and the Aging Network Informed and Communicating with the Nevada Congressional Delegation.

Jeff Klein, Chair

- Jeff stated the COA Legislative Subcommittee supported the Older Americans' Act (OAA) and gained the support of Senator Heller. The act passed the senate, virtually unopposed. The OAA is currently sitting with the House Committee on Education and Workforce.
- SB 704 (Community Based Independence for Seniors Act) has yet to make it out of committee in the senate, but has been scheduled on the legislative calendar. This would bring community based services on a demonstration process into Medicare.
- SB 1362 – a policy change which would amend the Social Security Act to expand the waiver authority associated with PACE. This bill would change the definition of the covered population to include a younger disabled population, allowing them to age naturally into the service program. This has made it through the Senate and is currently in the House.
- Larry expressed his concern about SB 1362 becoming too complex with the association with PACE.
- Jeff said it makes getting PACE off the ground an option if it's passed. The question is if there's going to be a PACE alternative as a managed care vehicle, which should be part of the discussion going forward.

VI. Discussion and Possible Plan for Interfacing with the COA Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee and the Commission on Services for People with Disabilities, Including but not Limited to Participation in the Olmstead Plan and the No-Wrong-Door Strategic Plan. **(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

- Jeff said that the groups need to work together and not get pitted against each other, or else every group will end up losing. He suggested analyzing how to best communicate with the other groups as to not isolate one group while writing waivers for different programs and to work effectively with each other.
- Concerns were expressed about the “conflict free” idea, wanting to prevent one agency from monopolizing clients as well as prevent a completely new assessment when discovering a client may also benefit from another program.
- Sally stated that it would be a great start for a strategy for the next legislature by reaching out to other groups, however mentioned it may be a topic for another date as it will take longer than the time allotted.
- Jeff asked everybody in the committee to come up with ideas in regards to the strategy to discuss during the next meeting.

VII. Discussion and Possible Plan for the Activities of the Legislative Subcommittee for Maintaining Visibility with Nevada Legislators and the Aging Network During the Interim. **(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

- To keep in touch with the legislators, Jeff proposed going from legislator to legislator to see who may be available during the interim, and how best to contact each.
- Connie and Diane discussed inviting legislators and candidates to subcommittee meetings.
- Jeff said a list of the key interim groups that are meeting can be obtained and work with the other groups, however there isn't a current list available, so this can be a potential topic for another meeting. He also mentioned making a list of candidates as they become announced.
- Jeff asked the committee members to look at the elder issues in Nevada to see if there's anything that needs to be updated and kept in focus.

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

Jeff Klein, Chair

- Jeff asked for all members to review the issues plan and bring thoughts to the next meeting. He asked all thoughts to be sent to Sally in order to have those sent out to the group prior to the meeting.
- Sally suggested continuing the Interfacing topic during the next meeting.
- Larry requested an update on the activities of the US Congress, as well as how the Legislative Subcommittee members can keep the COA and aging network informed and communicating with the Nevada Congressional Delegation.
- Sally also suggested meeting every 6 weeks while outside of the session.
- Jeff suggested the end of September or early October, proposing Tuesday, September 29, 2015 or Tuesday, October 6, 2015.
- Lisa can't make Tuesday schedules.
- Connie suggested changing the meeting time to 9:00am on Wednesdays.
- Jeff altered his proposal to Wed, September 30, 2015 at 9:00am or Wed, October 7, 2015 at 9:00am

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- Donna stated 130 seniors organized to become advocates and are interested in seeing everything the subcommittee has been doing and helping northern Nevada.

X. **Adjournment**

- Diane moves to adjourn the meeting.
- Larry seconded the motion.
- Meeting Adjourned.

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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
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