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## **MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging  
Joint Meeting of the Subcommittee Concerning  
Legislative Issues and the Strategic Planning  
Subcommittee

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, June 22, 2016  
10:00 a.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, Connie McMullen, Diane Ross, Susan Rhodes, Lisa Krasner, Mary Liveratti  
Members Absent: Barry Gold, Larry Weiss  
Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Camala Foley, Brian Leetch  
Public Present: Susan Hirsch
- 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. Overview of the Purpose of the Meeting, Which is to Discuss the Commission on Aging's Plans and Goals for the 2017 Legislative Session.  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, Aging & Disability Services

Sally wanted to make sure the subcommittees stayed engaged, both with this meeting, and within their own subcommittees in the future. She also suggested trying to get more Commission on Aging members on the subcommittees when there are openings to provide a greater continuity with the Commission. Sue Rhodes encouraged, not just staying engaged with the subcommittees, but also putting in the work required as a member of the subcommittee.

Sally stated that the goal of the meeting is to discuss the plans and goals of the next legislative session. The purpose of the meeting is to bring the subcommittees together to make an effort to prevent being at odds with the other subcommittee by presenting different concerns, and aligning both subcommittees on a common list of focuses. She requested that all members in the meeting participate and voice their opinions to make sure all opinions are heard and addressed. It was Sally's hope that the subcommittees turn into a cohesive unit, working together through the next legislative session.

IV. Report of Ideas and Priorities of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee  
Connie McMullen, Chair, Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Connie stated the Strategic Planning Subcommittee discussed a few points of interest they wanted to cover in the next legislative session, including:

- Budget
- Medicaid / Managed Care / Long Term Supportive Services (LTSS)
- Legal Rights / Nursing Home Rights / Mandatory Arbitration
- Caregivers / Access to Service
- Behavioral & Cognitive Health / Mental Health Outreach

Jeff said some of these topics are items the Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues has already acted on. Connie stated that the Strategic Planning Subcommittee had removed a few topics from the list the Legislative Issues Subcommittee had prepared from the previous year, such as transportation. She mentioned that no funding went to transportation in Washoe County.

Jeff said they'd still need an open dialogue on items which must be actionable by the legislature, would ultimately result in a BDR or some other actionable instrument, and would fit the current updated priorities for the subcommittees in regards to the senior population. He supported bringing the topics of Budget, Caregivers, Medicaid, and Cognitive and Behavioral Health, and Work Force should be in the new list of items the

subcommittees should focus on. He questioned Legal Rights and Nutrition, as the Legislative Issues Subcommittee had acted on these in the previous legislative session.

Diane mentioned pulling together individuals who are vested in each interest to gather more support behind the Asks of the Legislature. Jeff said the “Elder Issues in Nevada” document was designed to educate the Legislators about the current actionable issues affecting seniors in Nevada. The document is designed to quickly highlight the issues, needs, and the requests for legislative support, written mostly in bullet form and right to the point to fit the busy schedule of the legislators. The concern in design for the previous Legislative Session, and this current one, is to keep the education pieces short, because if it’s too long, it may not get read. Lisa wanted to address the inclusivity of the document, wanting to be sure not to alienate any legislators, and getting them to understand that these issues are about people, the senior population.

Sue Rhodes mentioned that requests for increased waiver slots are not necessarily accurate requests, as the non-federal cost of the waivers are county funded, and not state funded. The request of the Legislature is misrepresented, as the Legislature sees total cost and believes it is state funded. Jeff believed that there should be an added fiscal note to the waiver slot request, and in the white paper, the bullet point makes the source of funding clear.

Jeff suggested taking a stance on provider rates, providing the funding to providers to allow services to stay in business to provide support for the population. He said that Nevada currently has an inadequate provider base, not enough providers to serve the population, and is in danger of a private only network where the clients pay full rates because the providers can get that.

Connie stated she didn’t want to add transportation to the list as it is too encompassing, and felt nutrition was more of a federal issue.

Sue Rhodes mentioned mandatory arbitration in admission agreements for nursing homes, which means if there’s a care issue or a fiscal issue, or discharge issue, those signing are waiving their right to sue and are agreeing to mandatory arbitration. Currently, this is a large issue going on across the country. Some courts in some states have already invalidated the mandatory arbitration clauses. It is possible to legislate out the arbitration clauses, as has been done in other states already.

Connie wanted to add Olmstead to the priority list.

V. Report of Ideas and Priorities of the Subcommittee on Legislative Activities

Jeff Klein, Chair, Legislative Subcommittee

Covered in previous section

VI. Discussion and Possible Plan for Planning the Activities of the Commission On Aging Subcommittees 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. Making Interim contacts with members of the Legislature and Candidates. **(For possible action)**

Connie McMullen and Jeff Klein

Jeff mentioned that the next Senior Day at the Legislature will be on Feb 23, 2017, and are just waiting on the Senate for the final approval. He recapped the last Senior Day, by saying that the Elder Issues in Nevada document was made available, as well as providing event kits regarding how to organize an invitation to legislators and how to hold the events. Jeff plans to run Senior Day with the same model as the previous legislative session. He added that he hoped to have Commission support out of Washoe County during the next legislative session. Sally reiterated her desire for both subcommittees to work together with making contact in the interim with the members of the Legislature and candidates.

VII. Discussion and 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 and Connie McMullen

Sally said she'd like to see the subcommittees consider supporting/instigating a BDR regarding provider rates, depending on the action of the Silver Haired Legislative Forum. Susan Hirsch mentioned that the benefit of having broader categories was the ability and flexibility in adding and changing some facets of the items in the category throughout the session. Sally suggested changing the name of the topic "Budget" to another name, such as "Access to Services"

Susan Hirsch listed the topics and concerns:

- Access to Services – Slots, provider rates, "Olmstead"
- Medicaid / Managed Care / LTSS
- Legal Rights / Mandatory Arbitration / Guardianship / Discharge
- Workforce
- Caregiver
- Cognitive, Behavioral, and Mental Health

VIII. Create Timeline and Assign Duties to each Subcommittee for Accomplishing the Commission on Aging's Goals for the 2017 Legislature. (For possible action)

Jeff said he would try to update and redraft the proposed Elder Issues document. He said he would ask others in the subcommittees if they would like to write sections of the document and also circulate the finished draft to both subcommittees.

Sue Rhodes asked about possibly scheduling a check-in meeting, or a teleconference.

Jeff suggested having the check-in meeting on July 12 at 9:30am.

Sue Rhodes proposed making advanced arrangements to have members go in and speak during the legislature on proposed bills on the day those bills are presented.

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X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned

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3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200 Reno NV 89521
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
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9. Carson City Senior Center, 911 Beverly Drive, Carson City, NV 89706
10. Washoe County Senior Center, 1155 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, NV 89512

11. Las Vegas Senior Center, 451 East Bonanza Road, Las Vegas NV 89101

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