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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging  
Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 2016  
1:30 p.m.

Place of Meeting: **Aging and Disability Services Division**  
**9670 Gateway Drive Suite 200**  
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**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call  
Members Present: Jeff Kein, Diane Ross, Lisa Krasner, Barry Gold  
Members Absent: Larry Weiss, Grady Tarbutton, Sen. Mark Manendo  
Staff Present: Sally Ramm, Brian Leetch  
Public Present: Connie McMullen , 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. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2015 Meeting. **(For possible action)**  
Jeff Klein, Chair

Diane moved to approve the October 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes.  
Lisa seconded the movement.  
October 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes approved.

IV. Tribute to Lucy Peres and Introduction of New Members  
Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff – “Lucy was one of our originals. My favorite recollection of Lucy in association with this group was when she retired, we moved the time of the meeting so she could sleep in a little longer. She decided to call in all the time so she could sit at home and do it in her pajamas. I will always have that memory of Lucy participating in our meetings by telephone, just sitting at home in her pajamas. She was a tireless advocate, a good soul, and a good spirit. We were blessed to have her amongst us. I know from my perspective, she will be terribly missed, and is terribly missed over time. As we take on some of our broader deliberations, Lucy’s voice was always there for that extra linkage to that broader world in which we live and ocean in which we swim.”

Sally – “Lucy was my role model in a lot of ways because she worked for the state for many years, and when she retired, she became such an active advocate in so many ways. She was an active member of RPEN (Retired Public Employees of Nevada). She became very active in the Silver Haired Legislative Forum and Silver Haired Congress, and was a moving force there. She led the legislative forum very effectively for a long time, then she became involved in the CoA Legislative subcommittee, practically at its inception, so she was everywhere. There are 2 things I remember about Lucy, the first is it was *not* Lucy “Perez”, it was Lucy “Peres”, P-E-R-E-S. She was very adamant about that, and I don’t blame her. The second thing is, I was surprised when I first met her at how tall she was. She’s a tall lady; you know how when you picture people in your head when you only talk with them over the phone. She was always *always* so gracious.”

Jeff stated the new member is Mary Liveratti. She has had a long service to the community in her career. She’s the current state president for AARP. She is on the board of the Alzheimer’s association. He feels she will bring a great deal to the policy deliberations.

V. Update on Study of Managed Care for Blind, Aged and Disabled and possible plan for involvement in the study of the Legislative Subcommittee. **(For possible action)**

Jane Gruner, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division

Jeff stated on March 28, 2015, Sen. Hardy chaired the Seniors Disabled Veteran's Committee.

- Immediate issue about what's going on in respect to Managed Care
  - First time the topic of the Medicaid Managed Care has officially been on the agenda of the legislative body
- Issue of rates for providers discussed
- Had series of listening sessions statewide
  - Co-chaired by ADSD and Medicaid
    - For possible assessment and possible implementation for the waiver populations in the state
      - May be additional listening sessions and focus group scheduled
      - Determine if Medicaid Managed Care is appropriate for Nevada

Barry stated the surprise was that Betsy Aiello from Medicaid stated the "final" recommendations would be ready to be given to the Governor and legislature by December; however he claimed Richard Whitley felt it was too early to make recommendations for 2017 and couldn't appropriately fit it into the budget.

- The train has left the station and is moving, and seems to have the blessing of a lot of people
  - Issue is with the lack of clarity about the contract specifications in regards to the plan, as well as fiscal ramifications and the provider needs
  - Need robust input from consumers and providers and advocates throughout the process
    - Possible legislative oversight
- Expressed his perspective of rolling out the Managed Care program in certain communities instead of all at once, as a form of a pilot program to test viability and structure security of the program

Diane asked about what Managed Care would take over

Jeff stated the program would, in theory, take over the entire Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) continuum, not just specific parts

- Rules for Managed Care operations can come out at any time
- Timeline was "likely in April, definitely by May"
  - Network Adequacy was strongly stressed
    - If there's not an adequate network in rural Nevada, state may be brought on as a Fee-For-Service

Jeff proposed the CoA develop a stance on Managed Care and a position on the process

Barry stated Managed Care will be taking the provider rates and using that as a benchmark to set cost.

- Jeff mentioned that the provider rates they're looking at are the rates at which Medicaid pays providers, not the customary and usual rates
  - In order for providers to participate, rates will need to increase to raise the benchmark, otherwise providers won't be able to meet their cost of operations

Jeff said he would take a plan to the COA and request it to be a consent action item to proceed with the commission's blessing

- Regarding what relevant post-acute care should entail
  - Believes this would be a beneficial approach, as there would be an audience to speak with about the Managed Care issues and what the future contains for LTSS

Barry said Sen. Hardy asked what might be the best function

- In terms of Managed Care, determine which committee would be the best at submitting a Bill Draft Request (BDR)
- One proposal would be to request a legislative oversight for the committee, from the agency or provider advocate and legislation
  - Need to determine as these committees don't meet too many times, and they'll come up with their list of BDRs

Connie feels a new BDR for this would be an insult, as people need a better rate now, not by 2017 or 2019

Jeff proposed getting a list together of which LTSS groups may be at the table in regards to rates, and invite them to a conversation

- Connie suggested getting a list of public/state contracts for an idea of where to start for the groups to reach out to

Jeff requests every member of the subcommittee to put together a list of groups relevant to the conversation, as well as who they think would be good representation of those groups, then at some point hold an informal discussion

- Wants to invite a representative group to come together to discuss rates as a coalition of interest
- With respect to Managed Care, will start working on analysis of CMS headline requirements for State Managed Care and try to develop a briefing paper for the COA on implications of the process on the state of NV broadly, but seniors in particular
- Jeff will go to the COA for their blessing
  - Barry added he would like to ask the COA to make a direct ask of the agency what the next step will be for the COA after the listening sessions for a plan of continued involvement in this process

Jeff asked for a motion to invite of a representative coalition of interest over rates

- Diane created the motion
- Lisa seconded the motion
- Motion carried

Jeff asked for a motion to request the COA's opinion and approval for the subcommittee to get involved with the briefing paper discussion/study regarding Medicaid Managed Care in Nevada as it affects seniors

- Diane created the motion
- Lisa seconded the motion
- Motion carried

VI. Update on Federal Legislation and Discussion and Possible Plan on 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. **(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff wanted to thank Sen. Heller for crafting the compromise for the Older Americans Act that passed the senate without any dissenting vote.

Jeff said he will send out an e-mail regarding federal issues that affect the seniors in Nevada

- Will leave the list as it is right now, but will still look at federal issues that impact seniors

Nevadans for the Common Good will have a convention in May

- Will be an issue of senior interest affecting federal legislation on the docket
  - Will be asking candidates to take a position on the issue

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, Including:

- i. Planning for Senior Day at the Legislature. **(For possible action)**
- ii. Orientation regarding the legislature and possible legislation for the Commission on Aging.
- iii. Interim contacts with members of the Legislature and Candidates. **(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff felt the subcommittee is in the same place it was in two years ago

Connie requested Barry and Jeff do not fully sponsor, as the Senior Coalition said they could put in some money to help sponsor

Jeff was in favor of strengthening the community voice in the Senior Day at the Legislature

Barry felt the first week of the Legislative session was a great time for the Senior Day

- Jeff asked Barry to reach out to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) regarding reserving a date for Senior Day
- Jeff said he will donate a constant contact network to email legislators, as they did last time

Connie stated the Senior Coalition has already set up a date in October. Jeff said he will work on an update for elder issues

- He also mentioned working on a plan for contact in the interim

VIII. Discussion and Initial Choices of Topics to be Included in the Elder Issues in Nevada Report for the 2017 Legislature. **(For possible action)**  
Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeff wanted to look at the headlines and see if these are still the top priorities/headlines of the subcommittee

- If not, are there any that should be added or dropped?
- He wanted to consider working on an issue brief once headlines are determined
  - Must be actionable by the Legislature
- Wants to have a complete set of documents no later than the end of the summer

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

Sally suggested retaining topics V, VII, and VIII, as well as adding reports of the activities of the coalition on rates and the activities on the process of information gathering for Managed Care

- Doesn't believe the federal legislation should be included in the next meeting

Jeff wanted to schedule a tentative date for the first week of May, Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 1:30pm

Barry stated he wished to include a COA recognition for Debbie Smith

- Proposed a thank you/tribute or even a Debbie Smith Saving Seniors Award
  - For exemplary service and helping seniors

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Susan proposed a cleaned up document for the elder issues in order to see what has already passed, and more easily facilitate focusing on the remaining issues

XI. Adjournment

Diane moved to adjourn the meeting

Lisa seconded

Meeting adjourned

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