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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, October 7, 2015
9:00 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, Grady Tarbutton, Lisa Krasner
Members absent: Larry Weiss, Barry Gold, Sen. Mark Manendo
Staff present: Brian Leetch
Staff Absent: Sally Ramm
Public present: Connie McMullen, Lea Cartwright
- 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 August 11, 2015 Meeting. **(For possible action)**
Jeff Klein, Chair

Diane moved to approve the minutes.

Grady seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

IV. 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 said he will send out a set of links for tracking the Older Americans Act (OAA).

- The OAA has moved from the Senate to the House Committee.
- Nevada has previously been penalized in funding because of the formula which was based on data when Nevada had fewer seniors compared to other states.
- Sen. Heller and colleagues were able to negotiate a compromise that transitions the funding formula to account for states which had an increase in senior population.

Jeff stated that SB 1362 deals with PACE and involves the younger disabled population on a trial basis

- If the younger disabled population could be picked up in their 30s and 40s in the PACE community, then it could more easily facilitate the aging in place population.
- Jeff said he'll send out an update on this bill when one becomes available.

SB 704 brings an amendment to the adult day care.

- Implies that some money in Medicaid would be shifted to Medicare.
- Jeff said he'll send out updates on this bill as well.

Jeff believes there will be more updates on these bills during the National Adult Day Services Association Conference.

Diane asked if the PACE bill was meant to change the age, which Jeff commented that it is.

- Jeff stated that mental health will be addressed through PACE.
- Grady added when an individual enrolls with the PACE program, they are accepting the providers that PACE has, just as with Managed Care.
- Jeff said he will send out a set of summaries on PACE so the members will have it as a point of reference.

V. Discussion and Possible Plan for Legislative Subcommittee Participation in the Olmstead Plan and the No-Wrong-Door Strategic Plan. **(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Connie said she was nominated to be the CoA subcommittee representative.

- Olmstead has become such a high level vehicle to drive decision making when it comes to people who are disabled having access to community based services.
- Seniors were discussed as being part of the new report of the Olmstead Plan.
- She stated mental illness and seniors were excluded from the Olmstead Report.
- She also said seniors don't have a loud voice in the community.

Grady said he feels the author of the current proposal knows the disability side, acknowledging there's no age limit to disabilities.

- He suggests whoever comes in to replace the original author have a background dealing with the disabled and seniors as well.
- Grady said that as long as the Olmstead Report is written well and doesn't discriminate against the disabled or senior population, it can avoid a meeting with the Department of Justice, as other states have had settlements in which seniors and the disabled communities were excluded, but received recognition and services after a hearing.

Connie addressed one stipulation in Olmstead which is resources available.

- She said the state has new money and new sources of revenue and feels that the state saying there are no resources available wouldn't work anymore.

VI. 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 but not Limited To Planning for Senior Day at the Legislature and Legislature Orientation. **(For possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Grady said the Senior Day went well at the legislature.

- There was representatives from the Governor's office
- He said he thinks it's essential to have another Senior Day at the legislature again.

Diane stated that she felt the seniors felt empowered for the first time during Senior Day.

Grady proposed the Legislative Issues Subcommittee reaches out and provides leadership in the community.

- This proposal included spreading the information that AARP has a new state director and is doing good things.

Jeff asked if Senior Day had everybody's support, and asked for a proposed date.

Grady made a motion for an early date during the next legislature for another Senior Day.

Diane seconded the motion.

Jeff wanted to shoot for the same week as the previous Senior Day, right after orientation during the first week of the Legislature.

Grady asked about a second Senior Day mid-session.

Jeff stated the Legislature is pretty restrictive, however the subcommittee can have some activities throughout.

Grady's motion to start planning the Senior Day early passes unanimously.

Jeff proposed the potential for a legislative orientation to the CoA so they can see what the subcommittee is asking for.

Diane moved to approve Jeff's proposal.

Grady seconded the motion.

Jeff also proposed opening up to not only the legislators, but the candidates as well.

VII. 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 requested the subcommittee look at the elder issues selected last time and see if they want to change anything.

- What would the subcommittee want to point out as a concern to the legislation?

Grady said he wants to include an update on the last session.

- Take a look at ADSD's state plan and see how their priorities align with the subcommittee's priorities, as well as how to go about taking the next step to address the concerns.
- He stated that the subcommittee should take a financial approach with the legislators; saying the home and community based services can save money.

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

Jeff said the next meeting will review the headline topics and determine if there's anything missing.

Jeff asked Jane to do an ADSD overview

- Medicaid Managed Care, HCBW Transition Plan, etc.

Jeff said he wants a meeting in November, but will poll the subcommittee to see when would be best for the next meeting date, as some members will be traveling.

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Lea Cartwright volunteered to help out with the subcommittee.
Jeff welcomed Lea and thanked her for her help and assistance.

- X. **Adjournment**

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.

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