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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, October 29, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging & Disability Services Division  
445 Apple Street, Suite 104  
Reno NV 89503

To Join the Telephone Conference: Call-in number: 888-363-4735  
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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: Jeffrey Klein, Lawrence Weiss, Lucy Peres, Diane Ross, Grady Tarbutton,  
Senator Mark Manendo

Consultant Present: Barry Gold

Absent: Lisa Krasner

Staff Members: Jane Gruner, Sally Ramm, Tina Padovano

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 the agenda as an action item.)

Barry Gold brought attention to the new regulations for Home and Community Based Waivers. Changes to the regulations are causing concern among many providers due to the changes being made regarding the location and co-location of many types of services.

Jane Gruner stated that an analysis from the National Association of State Units on Aging and Disability Services (NASUADS) shows that the concern may be a matter of misinterpreting the intent of the changes. Jane Gruner will provide the analysis to all subcommittee members. This issue will be put on the agenda for the next subcommittee meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2013 Meeting.  
**(for possible action)**  
Jeff Klein, Chair

The following amendments to the September 17, 2013 Draft Minutes were suggested by Lisa Krasner:

- Item III
  - Change the wording AARP voting program to AARP voter's guide.
  - Add candidates for public office to the panel.
  - Add Candidate Debate – with candidates for office participating, current legislators and candidates.

Lucy Peres made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Larry Weiss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Update on the Content and Progress of the Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Integration Strategic Plan.  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Jane Gruner stated that surveys have been sent out to consumers, staff, providers and partners, and we will begin preparing for town hall meetings. Ms. Gruner stated that we are expecting at least 1000 surveys to be returned to ADSD.

Ms. Gruner stated that the key integration issues are as follows:

- Developing a universal Application;
- Standardizing our system of care;
- Addressing access, transitions, collaboration across programs and services;
- Accountability; and
- System Improvements.

The final Strategic Plan should be complete by December 31, 2013.

Mr. Tarbuton stated that the Strategic Plan sounds ambitious, but is very clear.

V. Make recommendations regarding the mission of the COA Legislative Subcommittee, Including but not Limited to Planning Events to Further the Legislative Agenda Determined Pursuant to the Needs of Nevada's Senior Citizens.  
**(for possible action)**  
Jeff Klein, Chair

It was suggested the Committee can help prepare newer legislators on senior issues by:

- Familiarizing and preparing legislators with the top 10 senior issues;
- Utilizing tools to meet with legislators;

- Continuation of forums and/or town hall meetings;
- Encouraging members to establish relationships with legislators; and
- Reach out to legislators that have termed out or are no longer in office.

Barry Gold suggested presenting issues to legislators by utilizing LCB's orientation for new legislators. Since the COA is a governmental entity, we could possibly utilize the orientation.

Senator Mark Manendo agreed with Mr. Gold's idea of utilizing the LCB orientation.

Jane Gruner suggested contacting the Senior Corp. to get a copy of demographics by district.

Mr. Klein suggested developing task forces and asking members to take leadership of tasks. The first thing that we need to do is to focus on a top 10 list and demographics, so we will be prepared to begin working with legislators.

It was also suggested that local officials should be involved.

VI. Discuss and Make Recommendations to Determine an Action Plan to Accomplish the Goals of the Subcommittee.  
**(for possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Action Plan:

Help prepare newer legislators on senior issues. To accomplish this task list, the following has been suggested:

- Familiarize legislators with senior issues
  - Creation of top 10 issues including description, impact, and history of issues in Nevada.
  - Create a report that includes demographics and defines the current environment in Nevada for older people.
- Utilize the tool created above in a series of face-to-face meetings with legislators.
  - Hold the meetings in various provider facilities and offices around the State.
- Plan additional forums/town hall meetings in format used in past three years.
- Reach out to legislators who are no longer in office to facilitate education of newer legislators on senior issues.
- Encourage members of the subcommittee and the Commissioners to establish personal relationships with legislators.

Grady Tarbutton made a motion to approve the list. Diane Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Discuss and Make Recommendations for Assignment of Duties to Subcommittee Members.

**(for possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Larry Weiss and Grady Tarbutton volunteered and will be in charge of developing a top 10 list.

Senator Mark Manendo agreed to help with the development of a top 10 list.

Jeff Klein volunteered to assist with the development of a top 10 list.

Sally Ramm suggested that input from Lucy Peres would be helpful. Lucy Peres agreed to help with the development of a top 10 list.

Ms. Ramm volunteered to help gather information for the list and suggested the agency be involved. Ms. Ramm asked that the committee members forward suggestions to her.

VIII. Consider Topics and/or Agenda Items and Date for Next Meeting

**(for possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Update on the Content and Progress of the Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Integration Strategic Plan.

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Make recommendations regarding the mission of the COA Legislative Subcommittee, including but not limited to planning events to further the legislative agenda determined pursuant to the needs of Nevada's senior citizens.

- Organization efforts to develop a top 10 list.

Changes to regulations for Home and Community Based Waivers.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

IX. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item)

Lucy Peres mentioned the Nevada Delegation of the National Silver Haired Congress is set on having a conference on aging in 2015. Ms. Peres asked for the Committee's cooperation and help to get this event underway. Mr. Klein asked that Ms. Peres send the information to Sally Ramm who will then circulate it to the Committee.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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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 89706

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