



## **Meeting Minutes**

Nevada Commission on Aging  
(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034)

**Date and Time of Meeting:**  
July 13, 2020  
1:00pm until adjournment

### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Dena Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:03pm

#### **Members Present:**

Dena Schmidt  
Jeffery Klein  
Barry Gold  
Mary Liveratti  
Leilani Kimmel Dagostino  
Natalie Mazzullo  
(5) vacant positions

#### **Members Absent:**

Senator Chris Brooks  
Assemblywoman Susan Martinez  
Daniel Corona

#### **Staff:**

Shannon Sprout, Health Program Manager, ADSD  
Jeffrey Duncan, Social Services Chief, ADSD  
Cheyenne Pasquale, Social Services Chief, ADSD  
Jennifer Richards, Elder Rights Chief, ADSD  
Miles Terrasas, Executive Assistant, ADSD

### **2. Public Comment - None**

(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.)

### **3. Review and Approval of Biannual COA Funding Recommendations**

The commission reviewed the biannual report ([See Attachment A](#))

Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Gold, Mr. Klein, and Ms. Liveratti discussed the following:

- Frozen caseloads and methodology.
- Medicaid budget impacts.
- Encourage legislative leadership including congressional delegates and state legislators to protect home and community-based services.
- Provide specifics and stories to Rosen and Cortez-Masto for support of home and community-based services.

Ms. Schmidt asked if there should be a closing paragraph for concerns for potential budget cuts and impact on home and community-based services and the need to prioritize and maintain, especially amid COVID-19. Mr. Gold added they cannot count on federal funding and must protect the seniors to stay at home, with home and community-based services.

She asked for any comments, suggestions, or edits. She asked to accept a motion to approve the report with adding the growth rate for seniors, changing language from smaller communities take care of their own, and the impact of freezing caseloads.

Mr. Gold moved to approve. Mr. Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Klein commended Dena and her team for a great job under a difficult set of circumstances and the hard work to make the package the least painful and most responsive that they can.

Mr. Gold stated to add something in the report that the commission applauds the Aging and Disability Services Division for their hard work to serve Nevadan's.

Mr. Gold moved to approve the report with adjusted changes and to add the Commission on Aging commends the division for their hard work. Mr. Klein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Discussion of Membership**

Miles gave an overview of the commission's vacancies and 3 new appointments: Lisa Erquiaga, person of experience, Esther Gregurek, person of experience, & Stan Lau, Governing Body of a City

Current Membership Information:

Vacancies: (2) Governing Body of a County. Pending Stacy York's reappointment.

Filled: (7) Person of Experience, (2) Governing Body of a City  
Pending clarification from DAG on Niki Rubarth's reappointment.

5. **Next Meeting Date** Miles will send out the request for availability for an early August meeting.

6. **Public Comment**

- Nikki Rubarth, Regional Director, Alzheimer's Association Northern Nevada stated changes to walk to end Alzheimer's walks in southern and northern Nevada. Encouraging walking in neighborhoods with family members, friends, in their own locations, and asking to be part of it. We know how critical our services are at this time and how funding is at risk for so many of the programs and services we provide, we are hoping to form a team and sign up and join in northern Nevada on October 24<sup>th</sup> or southern Nevada on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Most have been wonderful supporters of walks of the past and need help more than ever. Visit [www.Alz.org/walk](http://www.Alz.org/walk) to sign up. It is not a virtual walk; it is a walk in your own neighborhood.
- Mary Liveratti stated the theme is walk everywhere. Being able to walk in your own neighborhood. If you register, you will be sent a flag to put in your yard and if you raise one hundred dollars you get a t-shirt.

7. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm

**Attachments:**

A: [Commission on Aging NRS 439 Report](#)