



Meeting Minutes

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

Date and Time of Meeting:
March 4, 2020
10:00 am until adjournment

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Jeff Klein called the meeting to order at 10:03am

Subcommittee Members Present:

Jeff Klein
Mary Liveratti
Diane Ross
Barry Gold

Subcommittee Members Absent:

Larry Weiss

Staff:

Shannon Sprout, Health Program Manager III, ADSD
Jennifer Richards, Elder Rights Chief, ADSD
Miles Terrasas, Executive Assistant, ADSD

2. 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.)

Jeff Klein spoke about the interim work on Assembly Bill (AB) 122 advisory meeting including issues for licenses and combination of services, including assisted living, adult day care, respite, and other services. Diane stated the meeting was fascinating and involved good brainstorming. Jeff mentioned it was the first of many meetings and state and federal regulatory issues are in process and anticipate having a report out for the interim.

3. Approval of minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting (For Possible Action)

Chris Giunchigliani motioned. Motion not carried. Minutes tabled for the next meeting. Accidental vote from non-committee member.

4. Recommendations for COA on possible items to be presented at Legislative Committee for Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs for potential bill drafts during the 81st Legislative Session (For Possible Action)

Jeffrey Klein, Chair

Mr. Klein provided the following updates and then opened the meeting for discussion and suggestions:

- Potential bill drafts, awaiting feedback from the Alzheimer's Association while they undergo management changes.
- Nevadans for the Common Good is meeting on March 18th and is dedicated to healthcare issues and related issues for the session. Jeff is sending three of his representatives and pending community feedback within the next thirty days.

Barry suggested to submit recommendations the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs. To also limit the number of bill drafts given, to avoid split bill drafts and inundation. Strategize a list and present to them.

Ms. Giunchigliani spoke of the dementia conference and changing the process for meals on wheels to include checking on recipients daily. Ms. Giunchigliani expressed her concern.

Ms. Giunchigliani, Ms. Ross, Ms. Liveratti, and Mr. Klein discussed the following regarding the dementia conference, crisis, and training:

- Definition for dementia crisis and process in place. May not warrant bill draft but can the Department investigate regulatory wise?
- No standard definition of what dementia, dementia crisis is or the screening process to provide consistency.
- First responders' frequent visits and dementia reporting from sub Nevada CHIPS persons and first responders Las Vegas Fire and Rescue and initiative they are targeting best practice definitions and programs based on their experiences.
- Nothing in state law and or regulations to define a dementia crisis team – see if NRS have a definition or have a process for screening. Some of the recommendations to train first responders and primary care physicians, emergency room staff, and to conduct an initial analysis. Determine if some frequent visitors are mentally ill and determine if it is a dementia factor.
- Cleveland Clinic Training online for first responders.

Ms. Liveratti stated if the COA Legislative Subcommittee is looking at legislation, the COA Policy Subcommittee are looking at policies including personal needs allowance in nursing home to be raised, SNAP benefits, and Welfare and Supportive Services and Health Care Financing and Policy are supporting that effort. She suggested coordinating possible legislation with the policy subcommittee and mentioned Senator Chris Brooks is interested in carrying legislation.

Ms. Giunchigliani stated for the policy subcommittee to advocate for food stamps, adult diapers, and children's diapers.

The subcommittee discussed the following items:

- Re-review the last cycle on senior issues – where they ended and what is open. Select a volunteer to take responsibility and report out.
- Ms. Liveratti mentioned the flyer presented on senior issues day and the following initiatives: access to services, waiver- addressing waitlist, caregiving sick leave flexibility, PTO bill, respite care providing funding access, increase from 1,000 to 1,200. Jeff stated to follow up with each one as an action item and determine follow on for interim or next session. Ms. Giunchigliani stated she requested last time to give them to the policy subcommittee to avoid separate BDR's. Ms. Liveratti asked if it is possible for Dena to include the respite rate increase as part of the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) budget initiatives.
- Follow the Committee on Assembly Bill (AB) 122 to possibly support. Shannon Sprout stated from administrative support that the Commission on Aging (COA) Policy Subcommittee has the University Nevada Reno (UNR) lead Roni Dahir reporting an update on Assembly Bill (AB) 122 at the May 18, 2020 meeting. Mr. Klein suggested the subcommittee report an update at the next legislative subcommittee.
- Repurposing senior or recreational centers. Jeff stated the report will come from Mike. Barry added new rules from Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that did not allow certain facilities to cohabitate.
- Adult Day Care name offensive to some. Jennifer Richards stated it is in the federal regulations.
- Settings Rules update from Health and Human Services. Barry asked if the state is looking into getting a waiver.

5. Review, discuss and approve tentative agenda for the next meeting (For Possible Action)

Jeffrey Klein, Chair

The list of the agenda items for the next meeting are to be pulled from the discussions in agenda item 4.

6. 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.)

Mary Liveratti mentioned the email on Older Americans Act and it has moved to the House. Jeff Klein responded it went to the Senate unanimously. Mary asked if the committee should be contacting the house of representatives to encourage support. Jeff agreed yes encouraging representatives to advocate would be valuable.

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.