



NEVADA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2024
10:00 AM

Location of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call:**

Members: Dorothy Edwards, Courtney Warner, Molly Walt, Chris Vito, Wendy Simons, Deanne O'Rear Cameron, Anna Ladao, Stacy York, Natalie Mazzullo.

Guests: Jeff Duncan, Johna Rusch, Terri Buster, Cissy Garic, Sabrina Schnur, Joseph Filippi, Carole Hanley, Belz & Case Government Affairs, Cheyenne Pasquale, Donna Clontz, Erika Garcia, Linda Anderson, Marie Coe, Mary Squillante, Carmina, Carolyn Carr, Robin Tejada, Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Shauna Brennan, Adrienne Navarro, Arianna Morales-Ramos, Crystal Wren, Savannah Law, Autumn Blattman.

Staff: Dena Schmidt, Administrator; Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Administrative Assistant III.

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2024, meeting and the June 27, 2024, special meeting.

- Wendy Simons made a motion to approve both minutes of the previous meetings, Natalie Mazzullo seconded, motion carried.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:**

a) Administrators Report – updates on ADSD.

- Dena Schmidt gave updates on Federal Regulations: CMS Access Rule, APS Regulations, OAA reauthorization, 504 Discrimination regulation
 - a. Presentation to Seniors Veteran and Adults with Special Needs 8/26
- Budget Closing and Budget building
 - a. Concept change RFG with 4 residence or less to "Community Care Home" and certified by ADSD.

- Office Moves
 - a. Carson Goni office to College Parkway September
 - b. All Reno offices (except NEIS) now at 10375 Professional Circle
 - c. Las Vegas – Mc Carran center. 4 Building goal to have all programs located at Mc Carran center. Developmental services staging moves between August and June 2025.
 - Frail Elderly and Physically Disabled (FE/PD) Waiver case managers requirements. Working with CMS to adjust minimum requirements to enhance ability to hire staff to address growing waitlist.
5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Update from the Patient Protection Commission meetings.
- Joseph Filippi gave a presentation which can be found here: [PPC Overview \(nv.gov\)](https://www.ppc.nv.gov/)
6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Update on facility memory care units' citations and current regulatory interpretation of "dangerous items" and "toxic chemicals" relative to the "rights" of residents to have personal items in those memory care units as it relates to Nevada Administrative Code 449.2765.
- Terri Buster, and Johna Rush gave a presentation that can be found here: [2024 Commission on Aging Presentation \(nv.gov\)](https://www.ppc.nv.gov/2024-Commission-on-Aging-Presentation)
7. **Presentation and Discussion:** Introduction to Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Advocacy Attorney, Legal Assistance and Initiatives.
- Shauna Brennan, Chief Elder Rights Attorney
- Shauna Brennan gave a presentation that can be found here: [ADSD Advocacy Attorney Services & Priorities COA \(nv.gov\)](https://www.adsd.nv.gov/Advocacy-Attorney-Services-&Priorities-COA)
8. **Presentation and Discussion:** COA subcommittee report
- Deanne O'Rear Cameron was voted in as the chair of the subcommittee.
 - They had a presentation on the Health Management Associates (HMA) Document regarding program for All -Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).
 - There was also a presentation on Medicare Special Needs Plans (SNP).
9. **Presentation and Discussion:** Program Updates
- A. Adult Protective Services Update and Caseload Information
 - The Administration for Community Living provided a final rule establishing Adult Protective Services regulations. These are the first of their kind and we have until June of 2028 to comply.
 - APS continues to have a high statewide vacancy rate of 46% while meeting budgeted caseloads.
 - B. Ombudsman Report

- Ombudsman has hired all our supervisor positions, and they're trained statewide, as well as all the administrative assistant positions that support the program.
- We just did several days of interviews and are ready to send job offers to fill our last 10 caseworker positions.
- The program has been separated into two teams with the intention to provide a quality service for the residents. One team goes out and engages with the residents monthly. The other team does all the investigations.
- In addition, they started going out to the Adult Day Care centers in July and that will become a regular part of the program.

C. Office of Community Living – Intake and Operations

- Crystal Wren presented the current numbers for the Frail Elderly and physically disabled waivers. They can be found here: [CLEO Presentation for August 2024 meeting \(nv.gov\)](#)
- We are still experiencing a high vacancy rate in case management and a provider shortage.

D. Planning Update

- We had an ARPA capacity building \$4 million project to expand beds in residential facilities for groups or RFG's and those subawards have been awarded out. We are anticipating about 65 new beds, and we did prioritize beds for Medicaid recipients.
- The final state plan on aging did not receive a lot of public comments so we are finalizing that and should have it on the website about a week after we get it remediated.
- LaDonne and Cheyenne have been working through the new Older Americans Act regulations and various policies and procedures that are required in those new regulations. In total there are just under 70 polices and this is the first update in 40 years. This will bring lots of changes in conversations we'll be having related to our Older American Act programs.
- There is a recruitment for our No Wrong Door Coordinator that closes on August 4th and if anybody is interested in that they can email Cheyenne.

10. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for November 7, 2024.

- Letter of support for the RFG changes.
- Dignity of Risk contact information.

11. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment.

12. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment: 12:21 PM

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

NOTE:

- Supporting documents referenced above in the “for possible action” items may be requested from Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Commission Administrative Support, ADSD at Lorrainebelt@adsd.nv.gov and is/will be available at the meeting locations and ADSD website at [COA \(nv.gov\)](#)

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 3208 Goni Road, Building I, Suite 181, Carson City, NV. 89706. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at [ADSD \(nv.gov\)](#) and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>