



NEVADA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024
10:00 AM

Location of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call:**

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

Guests: Carole Hanley, Cissy Garic, Autumn Blattman, Sabrina Schnur, Linda Anderson, Marie Coe, Erika Garcia, Chuck Duarte, John Lum, Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Susan Waschevski, Arianna Ramos, Kelcy Meyer, Lea Case, Susie Deller, Cheyenne Pasquale, Tammy Sever, Belz & Case Government Affairs-Scribe by Rewatch, Omayra Garcia Vega, Lorraine Belt-Dolan.

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2024, meeting

- Chris Vito made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting and Wendy Simons with the change of correcting the last name Simons in the body of the minutes, seconded, and motion carried.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:**

a) Administrators Report – updates on ADSD.

- ADSD conference went very well, received positive feedback, hopefully the next one will be in 2026 potentially in Southern Nevada.
- Budget, not much to update at this point we are waiting for the next round of budget planning.
- Federal Regulations have dropped from CMS including 504 and there are probably the most in history that affect our administration on community

living and will most likely impact our budget. We will be keeping you updated as we get more information.

- Infrastructure tasks and compliance and quality monitoring across all our ADSD programs.
- New Rights attorney Shauna Brennan has joined the team.
- Natalie Mazzullo and the university have volunteered to testify at the legislature next session.
- Sam D'Ambrosio-Garcia is our new Community Engagement Manager, she is responsible for working with all our public advisory bodies and supporting our community engagement efforts.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** COA subcommittee report

Chuck Duarte, COA subcommittee chair

- The PACE program gave a presentation which can be found here: [PACE PowerPoint Presentation \(nv.gov\)](#)
- Role of the NV Insurance Commission Office in the PACE program oversight.
- Communication with Administrator Stacy Weeks at Medicaid. Add Medicaid and the PACE discussion to the next meeting.
- The subcommittee would like to have a future discussion of Medicare special needs plans.
- The impact of the Homeowners Association and their rulings on seniors living in those communities.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Program Updates

A. Adult Protective Services Update and Caseload Information

- Statewide we have a 34% vacancy rate including both social workers and adult rights specialists, and in Las Vegas for social workers is a 60% vacancy rate.
- We opened 794 cases in April and that is higher than expected for the trend.
- We do have a new web intake available for the community and out of the 1836 intakes taken in April 922 were online. This has helped our intake workers take more live calls.
- We have hired several adult rights specialists and a social worker, but we've had some retirements and promotions.

B. Ombudsman Report

Marie Coe, Manager, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, ADSD

- Updates on staffing we have hired another supervisor for Las Vegas and 7 new OMB in the field and 6 new support staff statewide.
- The vacancy rate is 20% with 8 vacant positions statewide.
- Divided the duties into two specific teams, one that does the non-complaint visits and one that does the investigations.

- Update on previous bills, SB45 the increase in residents' allowance has increased from \$35 to \$156 and will be revisited annually.
- State Ombudsman conference and we are now one of the leading states for advocacy in the residents' allowances.
- SB298 which was the increase in discharge protections and increase in rights for residential facilities, we have one resident going through the process and they can be represented by legal services which could not have happened in the past.
- AB202 the cameras in the rooms and we haven't had any issues with this yet.
- Starting in July they will start visiting Adult Day Care's and they will be talking to residents and families and staff.
- There has been a push to track corporate affiliation and transparency for facilities and that will become public knowledge.

C. Office of Community Living – Intake and Operations

Arianna Ramos, Social Services Manager, Office of Community Living Intake and Operations, ADSD

- The vacancy rate is 37% statewide for this team, this affects how many people we can serve, and how our intake team can process. We've connected with everyone from 2022. Everyone still waiting is from 2023 on.
- You can find the presentation on the numbers of persons served here: [AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/agingservices)

D. Planning Update

Cheyenne Pasquale, Social Services Chief, Office of Community Living Planning, ADSD

- Presentation can be found Here: [ADSD-COA Planning 5.2.2024 \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/adspd-coa)

7. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for August 1, 2024.

- Letter of support for PACE directed to Administrator Weeks at Medicaid and possible presentation by Medicaid- DHCFP
- Special meeting for NRS439 report funds for healthy Nevada.
- Update from regulatory on interpretation of elder rights in dementia units, HCQC current interpretation of elder rights in dementia units.
- Report from chair of the Patient Protection commission.
- HOA's and who is over that, and elder rights help for seniors in their own homes.
- Federal regulations that have dropped.
- DHCFP to give update on PACE program.

8. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment.

9. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment: Molly Walt moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 pm Natalie Mazzullo seconded, and motion carried

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 \(nv.gov\)](http://COA.nv.gov)

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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