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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA) LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2024
1:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:**

Members: Jason Flatt PhD, Matalie Mazzullo, M.Ed., Diane Fearon, Deanne O'Rear-Cameron

Staff & Guest: Jeff Duncan, Agency Manager, Carole Hanley, Lorraine Belt-Dolan, Erika Garcia, Autumn Blattman, Kirsten Coulombe, Jane Gruner, Steve Messinger, Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Susan Waschevski, Linda Anderson, Joseph Filippi, Belz & Case Government Affairs Scribe by rewatch.

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public comment was made

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the April 26, 2024, meeting,

- Minutes were tables until the October meeting.

4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Nominations for Chair:

- Deanne O'Rear-Cameron self-nominated for the Chair position,
- Natalie Mazzullo motioned to accept Deanne as Chair
- Deanne second the motion
- Unanimous approval.

5. **Presentation, Discussion:** Health Management Associates (HMA) Document Regarding Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

- Money that was provided from the Americans Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was used to contract with a vendor to dig deep to establish what services are currently available for the blind and disabled population.

- A report was submitted and can be found on the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy ([DHCFP website](#)).
- The report has recommendations relating to having a better integration for dual special needs plan
- The Division is not taking action to include PACE in the budget as it only services a small number of the population. The focus is on improving services for the greater population to impact as many lives as possible.
- Most resources are currently available without the interdisciplinary structure that PACE would provide.
- Individuals in a PACE program can only see providers within that program so if a favorite physician is not a provider, they are unable to see that provider.
- The gap in benefits is the care coordination piece of the integration.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** On Medicare Special Needs Plans (SNP)

- The Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP) allows Medicare Advantage plans to contract with states with Medicaid agencies to assist in the coordination of benefits.
- Currently 9 Medicare Advantage plans service 88,000 individuals with another one to start soon.
- A phase in approach is being reviewed that would allow dual eligible Nevadans to access the DSNP program.
- A potential program expansion to include full benefit duals, Medicare beneficiaries and special low-income benefits is being explored.
- Development of a star rating requirement modeling the federal Medicare program is being considered.
- Exploring ways to expand supplemental benefits that are offered through the DSNP program.

7. Requirements are being put in place regarding quality with the **For Discussion Only:** Tentative Agenda Items for October 17, 2024,

- Executive Summary Report
- Housing for Diverse Communities
- Ovation Properties Coordinated Living of Southern Nevada.

8. **Public Comment:**

- No public comment made

9. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment: 1:37PM

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

NOTE:

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

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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