



NEVADA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Friday, January 31, 2025
12:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:**

- Members: Dena Schmidt, Jeff Duncan, Assemblyman Duy Nguyen, Dorothy Edwards, Courtney Warner, Molly Walt, Deanne O'Rear Cameron, Anna Ladao, Stacy York, Natalie Mazzullo
- Guest & Staff: Shauna Brennan, Helen Uriarte, Adrienne Navarro, Crystal Wren, Erika Garcia, Lori Lutu, Cheyenne Pasquale, Cissy Garic, Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Shannon Walker, Carrie Greeley, Autumn Blattman, Linda Anderson, Claire Thomas, Carole Hanley

2. **Public Comment:**

- No Public comment made

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of the November 7, 2024, meeting.

- Molly Walt moved to approve
- Natalie Mazzullo second the motion
- No changes noted
- All approved

4. **Presentation and Discussion:**

- New staff members:
- Miles Terrasas has a new position as the No Wrong Door Coordinator.
- Jaeron Mickle is the new Public Information Officer
- Kim Adams is the new Quality Assurance Manager
- Budget hearings are scheduled for Tuesday February 25th, 2025, for budget account 3151(Admin account), 3204 (OCHA Program), 3208 (Early Intervention), 3209 (AT Program), 3281 Adult Protective Services and Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs).

- Wednesday March 26th, 2025 are the Developmental services budget, Community Based Services and the Part C programs.
 - High level 10-minute presentation on February 6th to the Senate Health and Human Services.
 - A 30-minute presentation on the ADSD mission, vision, & priorities to Assembly Health and Human Services is scheduled for February 10, 2025.
 - The Director's office has a hearing in front of the money committee on Thursday February 6th, 2025.
 - The Assembly and Senate Health are both getting started quickly.
5. **For Possible Action:** Designate Commission on Aging representatives to support legislation during the 2025 Legislative session.
- Dena Schmidt, Deanne O'Rear Cameron, Natalie Mazzullo, & Molly Walt were designated to support the COA during the legislative session.
 - Molly Walt motioned to approved
 - Stacy York second the motion
 - All approved
6. **For Information and Discussion:** Discuss Older Americans Day at the Legislature, tentatively April 17, 2025.
- Legislative information: The 83rd (2025) Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on February 3, 2025.
 - Here is the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS), link for the 2025, 83rd session of the Nevada Legislature:
 - [83rd \(2025\) Session \(state.nv.us\)upcoming legislative meetings](https://state.nv.us/upcoming-legislative-meetings) –
 - Verification of the date is being done members will be updated if it changes.
7. **For Possible Action:** Identify, Review and approve support for any Bill Draft Requests that are related to older adult services or the Aging and Disability Services Division. Senate Bill (SB)78 – Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies.
- The bill sponsors will be making an amendment to the bill to leave all boards and commissions with the state agencies they are currently with.
 - Only the licensing boards will go under business and industry.
 - As the bill is currently written, it removes experienced people that currently sit on the COA and decreases the total number of members.
 - Suggestion to have the bill amended to reflect the wishes of the commission members.
 - The revisions suggested were to add the two people with cognitive disorder experience to the current COA structure. Making the Assembly and Senate seats non-voting so they do not affect quorum.
 - The members agreed to leave the appointments being made by the Directors office in the bill.
 - Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature Is February 25th, 2025

- Currently there are 174 Assembly Bills, 154 Senate Bills, and 986 Bill Draft Request (BDR).
- Molly Walt motioned to have SB78 section 60 amended to add the two voting members with cognitive experience.
- Dorothy Edwards second the motion
- The motion was amended section 60, remove suggested membership, add the current membership of the COA plus 2 members with cognitive experience in the current bill language and keep the Director appointment.
- All approved

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

- Recommends presence at the Senior Hunger Day at the Legislature
- Older Adults Awareness Day/ Senior Coalition Day falls on April 17, 2025, so the next Subcommittee meeting is being scheduled around that date.
- Waiting for the bill draft to get some sustenance to identify which needs to be followed or give testimony on.

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

A. Adult Protective Services Update and Caseload Information

- Progress is being made statewide vacancies, which is about 30% for social workers, Las Vegas has a higher rate at 52%.
- Pending several social workers being hired.
- Recruitment work continues with the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) and University of Nevada Reno (UNR).
- Presentations and hosting several social workers students as practicum students to help the vacancies.
- 728 cases were opened in Decembers. 630 cases

B. Ombudsman Report

- Caseload continues to increase, and the cases are more complex.

C. Office of Community Living – Intake and Operations

- PowerPoint is available with meeting materials on the [ADSD website](#).

D. Planning Update

10. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Tentative Agenda Items for May 1, 2025.

- Dena Schmidt, Chair

11. **Public Comment:**

- Molly Walt thanked APS for their quick and professional responses when going out on cases in the rural areas.

12. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment: 1:24pm

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)
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