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NEVADA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA) LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2025
1:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:**

- Members: Jason Flatt PhD, Natalie Mazzullo M.Ed., Diane Fearon, Deanne O'Rear-Cameron
- Guests and Staff: Jeff Duncan, Linda Anderson, Erika Garcia, Marcia Blake, Carole Hanley, Lorraine Dolan-Belt, Autumn Blattman,

2. **Public Comment:**

- No public comment made

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2024, meeting,

- Jason Flatt motioned to approve the minutes,
- Natalie Mazzullo second the motion
- Diane Fearon abstained
- Minutes were approved

4. **For Possible Action:** Designate a Representative to Present at the 2025 Legislative Session on Behalf of the COA,

- Recommendation to have the Chair of the main COA Commissions Dena Schmidt and the Chair of the Subcommittee Deanne O'Rear-Cameron be representatives at legislation.
- Natalie also volunteered to be a representative.
- Diane Fearon motioned for both Chairs of the COA Commission and the COA Subcommittee and Natalie Mazzullo as a resource if needed as she may or may not be available at all times.
- Jason Flatt second the motion

- All approved
5. **For Possible Action:** Designate a Representative of the COA to attend the Older Americans Day at the Legislature on April 17th.
 - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Calendar/A/socialevents>
 - Diane Fearon, Natalie Mazzullo and Deanne O’Rear-Cameron are interested in attending. All are encouraged to attend.
 - Natalie Mazzullo, motioned to appoint Diane Fearon, Natalie Mazzullo and Deanne O’Rear-Cameron to attend as representatives.
 - Diane Fearon second the motion
 - All approved
 6. **For Possible Action:** Identify, Review, Discuss and Approval of Bill Draft Request (BDR’s) related to Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD)
 - Deanne mentioned that no BDRs have currently been identified, but she and Jeff Duncan are tracking some that may apply.
 7. **For Discussion Only:** Senate Bill (SB)78 – Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies.
 - This bill will be closely monitored as things develop during the legislative session.
 - Concerns were noted that the potential list of who could serve on the new Commission if it is formed would leave subject matter experts in the field of aging out of the discussion.
 - Concerns about merging the two groups could potentially be public comments if the bill is introduced.
 - Caution should be taken in combining commissions. If the combination is too broad it may cause the general commission to create subcommittees, and this will create more work as they do as much work as regular commission meetings.
 - Could increase efficiency and decrease effectiveness
 8. **For Discussion Only:** Tentative Agenda Items for the April 17th, 2025, meeting,
 - SB78 updates
 - Recap of Legislative updates
 - Older American day date and time update
 9. **Public Comment:**
 - Marcia Blake joined the meeting to find out more about the Older American Day at the Legislature. Encourages everyone to keep non-profits that are providing services to older adults informed about this day. People in the North would be able to provide support and speak to Legislators and could create a bigger impact on the causes that impact older adults. They may be able to present on the statistics or day that may be helpful.
 - Hunger Action Day will be held on February 17th. Senior hunger is a big part of the day and the Commission on Aging members are invited to join to help fight for additional dollars for seniors.

10. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment:

- 1:48pm

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:

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 <https://adsd.nv.gov> and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>