

Senior Services Strategic Plan  
Accountability Committee

May 3, 2006  
9 a.m.  
Kietzke Plaza Complex  
4600 Lane, Room B 111  
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I. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions – Connie McMullen

- Committee Members present: Connie McMullen, Chairperson ( Publisher, Senior Spectrum), Barry Gold, Vice Chairperson ( AARP), David Bobzien (Commission on Aging), Jerry Johnson (Clark County Parks & Recreation, Senior Advocate), Wendy Knorr (Alzheimer's Association), Assemblywoman Kathy McClain (Nevada State Assembly), Jackie Ridley (Senior Representative), Sue Rhodes (Clark County Elder Protective Services), Sherry Rupert (Nevada Indian Commission), Liliam Shell (Nevada Health Centers), Janice McIntosh (Carson City Senior Center).
- Committee Members Absent :) Dottie Piekarz (Washoe Adult Day Care), Charles Perry (Nevada Health Care Association).
- Guests Present: Jack Mayes (Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center), Michael McMahon (Consumer Direct).
- Staff Members Present: Carol Sala (Administrator, Division for Aging Services), Linda Bowman (Division of Health Care Financing and Policy), Mel Phillips (Division for Aging Services), Dale Ann Luzzi (Division for Aging Services).
- A quorum was declared present.

Connie McMullen presented past chairperson, Sue Rhodes with a plaque on behalf of the committee for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf the SPAC. Carol Sala then presented Sue with a certificate of appreciation from Governor Guinn.

III. Approval of the March 8, 2006 minutes\*

Jerry Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Wendy Knorr seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

#### IV. Set Committee Priorities.

Connie referred to the minutes from the October 6, 2005 SPAC meeting and shared with the committee the two distinct areas that the committee agreed were priorities to take to the next legislative session. They were: Increasing Home and Community Based services and Workforce Issues. The other priority was 2-1-1, which Connie said is on the priority list of every committee's agenda getting ready for the next session.

Connie McMullen attended the Disability SPAC meeting on May 2 where Tina Gerber-Winn(DAS) and Sherry Manning (ODS) came before the Disability SPAC and presented the following information:

- Request for increased and a more skilled IT staff to help with data retrieval that is requested by committees such as Disability SPAC.
- Money Follows the Person (MFP) "In theory, MFP embodies the idea that states should provide flexible financing for long term services and supports that enable available funds to move with the individual to the setting of choice." The recommendation is to amend NRS 439-B to include a reporting requirement for any health care facility discharging or transferring an individual to a nursing facility. Nevada should consider the adoption of an approach to rebalance its budget to ensure appropriate resources for community services. Nevada could follow a model that is currently successful in Texas which utilizes a budget consolidation model. Jack Mayes, Chairperson from the Disability SPAC reported that they also plan on endorsing the development of an on line housing registry. The proposal would require any builder who used State, Local and Federal funds to register any available opening. The web application has already been purchased.
- After much discussion, Connie made the suggestion that both Ms. Gerber-Winn and Ms. Manning be invited to attend the next SPAC meeting so this committee could hear first hand the recommendations that were made.
- The following priority areas were voted on by the Committee to support:
  - 1) Supporting amending Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 439 B, Retraining Costs of Health Care, Money Follows the Person. Disability SPAC supports this also.
  - 2) Support a standing Legislative Committee for seniors, adults with disabilities and veterans.
  - 3) Support permanent funding for 2-1-1.
  - 4) Housing registry. Disability SPAC supports this also.
  - 5) Supporting a shift to community based services – request more waiver slots in the CHIP and Group Home Waiver (WEARC).

#### V. Formation of Committee Workgroups

The following workgroups were formed:

Out of State placement - Wendy Knorr (facilitator) Sue and Connie  
Health sub committee Liliam Shell (facilitator) Barry, Sherry and Janice

Transportation/housing – Connie McMullen (facilitator) Jerry Johnson  
Workgroups will meet before the next meeting and report back to the committee.

VI. Identify and Set Priorities on Solicitation of Recommendations of Possible Consideration by Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum

Connie and Barry are going to recommend that the Forum support the SPAC in its priorities at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

VII. Annual Report Development

Carol shared with the committee a report she had Mel Phillips prepare comparing the top resolutions from the WHCoA and the strategic plan for seniors. The way it is written it shows the strategic plan mirroring the top resolutions. Connie made the suggestion that the WHCoA top ten resolutions should support the state plan. It was decided that Mel would draft the annual report using this document but make those changes. The report should build on the plan from last year showing what has been accomplished and outlining any progress that has been made since the last report. In the introduction the priorities and what this committee wants to move forward to the 2007 session should be highlighted. The format should remain the same. Carol will have the draft out to the committee members before the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

VIII. Discussion of Other Committee Meetings Attended by SPAC Members

Sue Rhodes has been appointed to represent Clark County on the standing committee that is dealing with mobile home park closures. They are working on proposed changes to 118 B.

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain gave an update on 2-1-1 call center. To date 7202 calls have been answered. HELP of Southern Nevada answers the phone from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and the phones are answered in the North from 4 p.m.-12 a.m. They have just received new funding and hope to have the phones answered seven days a week.

Assemblywoman McClain was elected the chair person of the ADRC advisory board.

Jerry Johnson invited anyone and everyone to the next Senior Fair, June 8<sup>th</sup> for the Retired Culinary Union at the Cambridge Recreation Center.

IX. Announcements/Upcoming Events

Carol Sala is attending a meeting next week with the new administrator for the Taxi Cab Authority in Las Vegas. They are looking at the possibility of creating a Taxi Cab Authority in the north.

Connie shared with everyone the advertisement in the Senior Spectrum magazine for the brand campaign for the RTC. "What was...RTC/CitiLift is Now...RTC ACCESS," is

an ad slogan she provided input to create. The campaign seeks to minimize confusion among the programs. Connie invited everyone to the 10th annual Senior Fest that is being held in Reno on May 9<sup>th</sup>. They are expecting about 5000 seniors to attend the fair. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> the Carson City Senior Center is having a Senior Celebration.

X. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

XI. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda\*

The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2006 in Las Vegas at the office of AARP starting at 10 a.m.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.