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## **Senior Services Strategic Plan Accountability Committee Minutes**

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9:00 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:21 a.m.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions** - Connie McMullen, Chair

- 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), Assemblywomen 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: Wendy Knorr (Alzheimer's Association), Charles Perry (Nevada Health Care Association).
- Staff Members Present: Linda Bowman (Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Mary Liveratti (Department of Health and Human Services), Dale Ann Luzzi (Division for Aging Services), Mel Phillips (Division for Aging Services), Carol Sala, (Administrator, Division for Aging Services).
- A quorum was declared present.

## **II. Approval of the May 3, 2006 Minutes**

Jerry Johnson would like the minutes to reflect the following change “*a Senior Fair was held for the Culinary Union and another one for Bartenders Union Retirees*”. With those change the minutes were approved.

## **III. Workgroups Reports - Barry Gold, Vice Chair**

**Health sub committee** met via video conference on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Present were Janice McIntosh, Liliam Shell, and Linda Quandt. Absent from the sub committee meeting were Barry Gold and Sherry Rupert. The sub committee provided the committee with a handout that they had created with suggested priorities. Liliam is going to follow through with the Health Care Committee to see what this committee can piggy back on. The next step to move these recommendations forward is to make this document a best practices model.

**Transportation sub committee-** This sub committee did not meet. It was suggested that this committee needs to look at what other states are doing to solve their states transportation needs. A document needs to be developed that would represent best practices. Connie suggested that a recommendation be made in the annual report that would call for a transportation summit.

**Out of state placement-** This sub committee did not meet. But Linda Bowman from Medicaid did attend the meeting that was held in Reno on May 30<sup>th</sup> lead by Judge Doherty in Reno. There were between 15-20 total people in attendance but no representatives from BLC. Judge Doherty came up with three issues that she wanted to peruse. Liability was once again a hot topic. Connie will contact Wendy Knorr to make sure we have an update for the next meeting. At this meeting Judge Doherty felt that Mental Health was sure a big issue that it would be a separate workgroup.

## **IV. Cinematography Project - Sue Rhodes, Committee Member**

This is tabled until the next meeting.

## **V. Annual Report Preparation/Timelines - Carol Sala, Administrator, Division for Aging Services**

Mel Phillips presented the committee with the first draft of the annual report. The committee reviewed the report and gave Mel comments, suggestions and direction. Mel will have the final draft ready and sent out to the committee before the next meeting. All committee members will have a draft before by June 19<sup>th</sup> and it has to be back changes comments back by the 26<sup>th</sup> so the draft will be ready for the meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>. At the next meeting the final draft will be reviewed.

## **VI. Overview of NRS439B - Restraining Costs of Health Care - Linda Bowman, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy**

This item is tabled until the next meeting there was not a representative from Medicaid to address this topic.

## **VII. Discussion of Other Committee Meetings Attended by SPAC Members**

Carol Sala listened to the Legislative Committee on Persons with Disabilities meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The item of interest to this committee was agenda item number four "Presentation Concerning Money Follows the Person – Strategies for the Provision of Nevada's Medicaid Services". Jon Sasser, Sherry Manning, Constance Anderson and Tina Gerber-Winn were at the table to present. The committee asked what budget items pretended specific to the physical, mental and disable issues. Tina's response was that the issues need to be directed from the department level and all the divisions need to be going in the same direction. Money follows the person grant has been centered on people being transfer from nursing facilities. It is also part of the large systems transformation grant proposal that Nevada department of DHHS has made application for to CMS.

Sue Rhodes announced that Beth Am Adult Day Care is the new owner of the Lied Adult Day Care center. This transition is the result of EOB closing. The first thing on the agenda for Beth Am is to add two toilets. After that, they plan on doing complete remodel and updating of the current facility. Harrah's foundation toured the facility on May 31<sup>st</sup> and is considering this for their "Make a Difference Project".

Lilliam announced that Nevada Health Centers are the new owners of five more facilities. They are also opening a medical clinic July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bright Health Center in Las Vegas. Sierra Family Health Center just opened in Carson City.

Barry announced that Medicare Part D enrollment is officially over. Marilyn Wills, DAS SHIP program, held a three day event before the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline and had over 300 walk ins and appointments. The next issue Medicare recipients are going to face is the "Doughnut hole"

Barry made a motion that this committee formally recognizes Marilyn Wills and her staff for all the hard working that was done in assisting with the implementation of Medicare Part D. Sue Rhodes seconded the motion. Jerry Johnson mentioned that Senator Reid is doing a formal recognition for Marilyn and her staff. Carol said that there will also be recognition done at the department level.

Connie attended the Silver Haired Legislative forum and made a presentation on behalf of this committee. Sherry Manning was also present with Connie.

The delegation that attended the WHCoA in December is meeting June 2. They will be reviewing the report that Governor Guinn sent back to the WHCoA committee. They will also be working on a plan of how they can continue to move the issues forward for the next 10 years. This is yet another group that can help move the senior issues forward.

## **VIII. Announcements/Upcoming events**

**IX. Public Comment** (Action may not be taken on matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

There was not public comment.

**X. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda** - Connie McMullen, Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> in Reno. The location has yet to be determined.

Items to be placed on the next agenda:

Cinematography Project - Sue Rhodes

Recommendations from the June 14, "Senior Solutions A policymakers summit"

**XII. Adjournment** - Connie McMullen, Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.