

# MINUTES OF THE WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

October 7, 2015

Washoe County Senior Center, 1155 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, Nevada 89512  
Game Room

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. – by the Vice-Chairman of the Board, Connie McMullen.

**2. ROLL CALL** – Connie McMullen asked for roll call; Lisa Bonilla took the roll. There was a quorum present.

**WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT:**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>		<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
Connie McMullen	Jeanne Herman	* Dr. Larry Weiss
Dennis Chin	Marsy Kupfersmith	* Victoria Edmondson
Donna Clontz	Wayne Alexander	*Donna Clontz
Gary Whitfield		

\*Excused absence

**WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT**

Leslie Williams  
Lisa Bonilla

**3. \*PUBLIC COMMENT** – Dennis Chin informed the group of a phone call he received from a senior looking for housing. He would like to have a report regarding senior housing. Dennis Chin also notified the group about a program in Iowa that focuses on dental health issues for seniors that is being funded by a block grant that was awarded to them. He would like to know if the county could look into the possibility of setting up a dental clinic for seniors in the community. Marsy Kupfersmith announced St. Mary’s Fitness Center will be having an Active Aging Summit October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. It will be \$10, lunch included, and will have multiple agencies participating. Vicki Maltmen apprised the group of a program in which the school district in the County of Westmoreland gave a discount on property taxes if seniors helped out in the schools.

**4. Update on the Nevada Open Meeting Law and Washoe County Requirements- Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney** - Leslie Admirand gave the group with a handout regarding the open meeting law and provided an overview of the open meeting law, legislative intent in enacting the open meeting law, common issues and the five main pillars of the open meeting law. Leslie also discussed the definition of the public body and sub-committees and when each group would be subject to the open meeting law.

**5. Discussion and possible motion for new member recruitment to fill one (1) vacancy in District 2, two (2) vacancies in District 2, one (1) vacancy in District 5 and one (1) vacancy for an Alternate Member – Connie McMullen** – Due to the loss of Advisory Board Member Clinton Smith, there is a vacancy in District 2. Marsy Kupfersmith is currently the at-large member, with a vacancy for an alternate member. Recruitments will take place and the positions will be posted by the Manager’s Office. Action will be taken on this item next meeting.

**6. Discussion and possible motion to fill the Secretary vacancy on the Executive Board of the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board - Connie McMullen** – Connie announced the vacancy to the group and if there is anyone interested in the position to pass their information along to Lisa Bonilla or Chairman Dr. Larry Weiss and be prepared to vote for the next meeting.

**7. Discussion and possible action to consider reducing the number of members appointed to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board – Connie McMullen** – Connie McMullen suggested taking into consideration the county will be making code revisions and any recommendations made. Jeanne Herman had requested her District stay the same with the number of board member from District 5. Kevin Schiller explained that the issue is not a matter of reducing the size of the board but rather the combination of the Senior Services into Human Services. He has also believes he has requested to change the code and is awaiting approval. Until there is change in the code, there cannot be change in the vacancies on the board.

**8. \*Public Comment** – Robert Mulvana, SCAC, wanted to find out if non-profits fall under the open meeting law. Vicki Maltmen wanted to thank the group for allowing her to attend the meeting and for her nomination for the vacant position in District 5. She explained to the group she is a senior and a retired police officer and would like to be a part of the board. Dennis Chin wanted to get an update on the library receiving more computers. Reverend Augustin Jorquez reported to the group he was speaking to Monte Williams, head of the Statewide Native American Coalition who had asked him to ask the board if they are able to collaborate more with the Native American Coalition. Ken Ratterath explained to the group that Amber Howlett, Director of Social Services, asked him to convey to the group there was a scheduling conflict and thus unable to make the meeting.

**9. Adjournment** - Dennis motion for the adjournment of the meeting. Gary Whitfield second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.