



**MINUTES OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

February 5, 2020

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

1. ***Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair-Dr. Larry Weiss.
2. ***Roll Call** – Dr. Larry Weiss asked for the roll call; Sandra Vasquez took the roll. There was a quorum present.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT

Dr. Larry Weiss
Jennifer McMenemy
James Doyle
Linda Hardie
Rick Sorensen (3:52pm)

Danada Rausch
Sarah Deardorff
Donna Clontz
Barbara Korosa

ABSENT (EXCUSED*)

*Stan Dowdy
*Mark Miranda

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Abby Badolato
Ashleigh Sternod
Steve McBride

Herbert Kaplan (DA)

ADVISOR PRESENT

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ADVISOR (ABSENT)
Victoria Edmondson
Connie McMullen

3. ***Public Comment** –
Donna commented Reno Tahoe senior games is going on at the moment and trophies are given for Bean Bag Baseball.
4. ***Member Announcements** –
Larry stated Elvis will be performing here on December 6th from 10:30-11:30am.
Donna states Toccata is in town and if anyone is able to go to the lake, entrance can be free.
5. **Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on February 5, 2020 (For Possible Action)**
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by James Doyle.
Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on December 4, 2019 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Jennifer McMenemy. Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Update and discussion on Washoe County issues and activities relating to seniors – Steve McBride

Steve stated case management waitlist has 8 people. Case management and homemaker combined service waitlist is 23. There are 93 people on the waitlist for homemaker only. Meals served has also increased and is expected to continue to rise. Volunteers are used for helping fulfill meal deliveries. Abby stated Todd Acker is the contact person for people who would like to volunteer. Also, a large freezer is being put on the outside of the building to help with food storage.

8. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations on Senior Services Strategic Plan (For Possible Action)

Steve provided the strategic handout (see attachment). The goals on the handout gives a snapshot of goals that have been in progress or have been completed.

9. *Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Donna Clontz

Donald stated they are fully staffed and their city council members are being rotated at each meeting so that board members have a way to meet with all city council members. The board is also working on a newsletter.

10. Discussion and possible recommendations on assignments of tasks for Stuff-A-Bus and Older American Month 2020 activities and programs (For Possible Action)

Abby stated that ideas can be submitted mid-March so there is enough time to put the booklet together. Rick Sorensen stated he has 12 classes and he would like to submit them as an idea, but they do have a fee. Abby stated Ryan Crane will be the point of contact for O.A.M. ideas. May 1st is the opening ceremony are trying to avoid a political party stadium. May 29 is the last Friday of May and the ice cream social and sock hop would be good for this day. Steve stated they are looking at partnering with Sam's Club again.

11. Discussion and possible recommendations regarding a program development for registering all Senior Center participants in the 2020 census by computer (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss

Donna stated Mike Moreno may stop by and speak on this item.

12. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding recruiting new board members for District 5 and an Alternate seat (For Possible Action)

Donna showed the area of district 5 so members are aware if they know someone in that area.

13. Update, report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities sponsored by AARP throughout the county and cities (For Possible Action)

Donna stated the small planning group working on the plan are writing about the top needs in the community. When the plan is finalized, it is submitted to AARP for approval.

14. Discussion and possible recommendation to co-host a community seminar regarding current senior mental health issues and services, including topics relating to suicide prevention, elder abuse, law enforcement programs and policies in dealing with crimes against elders, training seniors and staff

in techniques to prevent, de-escalate and defuse negative social interactions with others. (For Possible Action)

Steve stated the meeting would be at the Commission Chambers on April 23. There will be tables outside of the chambers with coffee and snack. There will be a panel and there is a suggested question and answer section for the panel. Anyone in the senior community that is interested is welcome to attend.

15. Report, discussion, possible recommendations and updates on the Advisory Board member's Shared Issues and Goals for Housing, Advocacy, Communication & Information, Data Planning, Transportation, Nutrition Programs, Social & Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteering, Financing, and Social & Health Services (For Possible Action)

Donna stated she wanted to check in on the library and the census. Abby stated she will have more information after she attends a meeting on it. Donna stated N4 helps with transportation, they have a program that uses Lyft at a discount. Donna commented she used FlexRide to try it out, it went well.

16. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations on senior board members to attend ongoing Washoe County public meetings (For Possible Action)

Rick Sorensen stated he missed December's meeting.

17. Agenda items for the next Board meeting (For Possible Action)

Donna suggested an orientation meeting
Volunteer presentation

18. *Public comment –

No public comment.

19. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Rick Sorensen. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.