



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

March 3, 2021

Washoe County Senior Center, Reno, Nevada 89512

Zoom Webinar

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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 via Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Dr. Larry Weiss
Barbara Korosa
James Doyle
Linda Hardie

Rick Sorensen
Deborah Whitehouse
Sarah Deardorff
Donna Clontz

ABSENT (EXCUSED*)

* Jennifer McMenemy
* Mark Miranda

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Steve McBride

Sandra Vasquez
Herbert Kaplan (DA)

ADVISOR PRESENT

Connie McMullen

ADVISOR (ABSENT)

Victoria Edmondson

3. ***Public Comment** –
None.
4. ***Member Announcements** –
None.
5. **Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on March 3, 2021 (For Possible Action)**
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie.
Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on February 3, 2021 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rick Sorensen and seconded by James Doyle.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Update, discussion, and potential Washoe County issues and activities including housing, transportation and meal program to seniors – Steve McBride, Division Director

Steve stated they have continued the partnership with the Health Department and have done small outreach for COVID vaccines with a mobile vaccination for home delivery meal clients. There is also a transportation grant and they have waived the requirement for it to only be for outside the McCarran loop so they can provide transportation to receive the vaccine. Donna asked if there is any further discussion about reopening the centers. Steve stated that with the current events, they anticipate phased reopening around May, it depends of the situation. There is hope to have a hybrid program for congregate meals for people that are not comfortable eating at the centers.

8. *Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee - Donald Abbott

Donald stated they had their meeting and they re-elected three positions. They started the conversation for the AARP Livable Communities. They are also doing shamrocks for seniors and they are working with Steve and Abby to distribute to home delivery meal clients and meal sites. They are on board for Older Americans Month and getting into thinking of how to contribute to it. Larry stated there will be a joint meeting with Sparks in April.

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

Donna stated she attended the Sparks Senior Advisory Board and they did a presentation about age friendly. They City of Sparks is looking into it. For the Reno group, they are working on the Friendly Caller program.

10. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding recruiting new Advisory Board Members for District 5 and two for Alternate (For Possible Action)

Larry asked Commissioner Jung if she can take it to the Commissioners and see if anyone is interested.

11. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding the Friendly Visitor Calls project to selected Washoe County seniors (For Possible Action)

Donna reported that there are 32 seniors receiving the calls and there are 13 callers. She is still waiting to hear back from Reno Housing Authority. Also, at the Sparks Advisory Board meeting, Dispatch Health was very interested in the program. The word is getting out about this program and as there are more people needing the calls, they will need more callers. Donna stated she will need to connect with Abby because there are a few questions about resources. Sarah stated they had new people move in and they may be interested in the program, a flyer for this program may be useful. Donna stated she will work on the flyer and send it to Sarah to give at Sierra Manor.

12. Discussion and possible recommendations regarding issues and activities that the Advisory Board would like to pursue and support in 2021 (For Possible Action)

No discussion or comments. Larry stated to forward this item to the next agenda.

13. Discussion and possible recommendations regarding Older Americans Month for 2021 (For Possible Action)

Donna asked Steve if contact had been made with Seniors In Service in regards to Older Americans Month (OAM). Steve stated he met with Chris Ciarlo, he's been in touch with KOLO 8 and Sam's Club. They are looking at May 21st between 2pm-7pm for Stuff-A-Bus at the Sam's Club in Reno. They will use the usual social media to get the word out. In regards to ideas for OAM, Donna suggested doing a Zoom type outreach on the Friendly Caller Project. Linda would like to do a sort of author event; a Zoom event to talk about writing and maybe do a story. Barbara stated she can contact the Sparks Museum for free admission on a particular day. Steve stated that it would be good for OAM to try and do virtual type events. Any ideas and suggestions are due by the 2nd week of April. Sarah stated she contacted two performance groups that are geared towards seniors. Steve stated they can coordinate and plan it out. Sarah will contact Steve and Abby for set up. Deborah suggested a gardening presentation, such as container gardening. Augustin Jorquez, from the public stated he has a contact that may be able to do a gardening presentation; he can do a presentation about nutrition. Larry stated they will hear more from Augustin. Rick stated they can offer TMCC Silver College classes that happen in May for OAM. Andrea Pelto from the public suggested getting the Sparks Fire Chief to do a presentation. Paco LaChoy from the public stated seniors find it easier to just be able to click on a pre-recorded link since not everyone is technologically savvy. The simpler, the better. Steve stated to be weary of having an event where people are required to be attending in person. Donna asked Steve if he can talk to Chris Ciarlo to find out what County is able to do in regards to the YouTube channel. Also, it would be good to check with the City of Sparks and Julie in regards to hosting a Zoom or videotape; something that can be listed for OAM.

14. Discussion and possible recommendation on 2021 Nevada legislation relating to seniors (For Possible Action) – Connie McMullen

Connie McMullen stated that she is getting ready for the ADSD and Medicaid budget meeting. Connie presented on the following bills, there are over 900 BDRs. AJR10 would change the minimum wage to \$12 by 2024. SB75 is very complicated and has to do with revising the formula for unemployment, almost everyone is against it. SJR8 has to do with equal rights amendment. AB35 is a bill that consolidates age groups and funding sources. AB 76 is about provisions for veterans and allows for an Adult Daycare Center anywhere in the state. SB12 requires companies or organizations to give notice that they are terminating a restriction in regards to housing. SB19 authorizes entities to obtain information relating to criminal records. SB 40 is about collection of date in regards to healthcare. SB56 is in regards to behavioral health and insurance coverage.

Donna stated that last month there was a presentation in regards to SB73.

Motion to recommend Senate Bill 73 was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Deborah Whitehouse. Motion passed unanimously.

Donna stated there was another bill, SB11, it involves the county using a small portion of the license fee. This bill would allow for the county and city to use the money. Donna asked if this is something that the county can do or is it a bad idea. Commissioner Jung stated there is no extra money to provide services. Connie stated this would cost over \$27 million. Connie stated Senate Bill 73 is just as expensive, it may be heard tomorrow.

15. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board bylaws (For Possible Action)

Donna stated a couple of meetings ago they talked about the bylaws. In 2017, the statute changed the Board, but the bylaws were not updated. She and the Herbert Kaplan, District Attorney, revised the bylaws and updated them.

Motion to adopt the updated bylaws was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Deborah Whitehouse. Motion passed unanimously.

16. 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)

Linda stated she read an AARP article about the stimulus bill. One thing it has is that is that some services for seniors would receive \$1.4 million under the Older American Act. Donna stated those funds may be for extra funding.

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

None.

18. Advisory Board Members' announcements, reports and updates to include requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Advisory Board Members will take place on this item.)

April 7th is a joint meeting with Sparks.

Teach Me to Grow Healthy presentation from Augustin

Regular agenda items

Older American Month update

19. *Public comment –

Marsy Kupfersmith from the public stated this Friday, the Senior Coalition will be having a meeting. Connie and Jane Gruner will be doing a legislative update.

Connie stated that Senior Fest came up and she will entertain the possibility of having Senior Fest.

Linda stated part of the local chapter and they are focusing on children and adults for getting books donated.

Sarah stated the Volunteers of America is celebrating 125 years. It is great that a non-profit has lasted so long.

Augustin stated he was the long-term care director with Indian Health Services. He reports the tribes have lessened restrictions.

20. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Deborah Whitehouse. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.