



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

May 4, 2022

Washoe County Senior Center, Reno, Nevada 89512
Game Room
&
Zoom Webinar

<https://zoom.us/j/92347908306?pwd=K2k5UGdYSEVXVGNuRGFPZ3pub2kwQT09>

1. ***Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair- Hawah Ahmad.
2. ***Roll Call** – Hawah Ahmad asked for the roll call; Sandra Vasquez took the roll. There was a quorum present via in person and through Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Martha Lavin
Ethan Hovest
Linda Hardie

Rick Sorensen
Pamela Roberts
Hawah Ahmad

ABSENT (EXCUSED*)

*Mary Ann McCauley
Casey Reed

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Steve McBride
Abby Willrich
Ryan Crane

Herbert Kaplan (DA)
Sandra Vasquez
Amber Howell

ADVISOR PRESENT

Connie McMullen

ADVISOR (ABSENT)

Dr. Larry Weiss
Donna Clontz
Victoria Edmondson

3. ***Public Comment** –

Barry Gold stated the Medicaid division had a home and community-based spending plan that they submitted, and it was approved. They are taking their to get the funding approved. One of the things they brought was Home Delivered Meals; it means more money for home delivered meals. This is one-shot money, and they don't know if the funding will stay in the budget or it's just a one-time thing.

Molly Rose Lewis, from Senator Rosen's Office, stated her thanks for the Older American Month event and the event the Reno senior center hosted for Senator Rosen regarding a bill that will help Medicare negotiate drug prices.

Andrea Pelto also expressed her thanks for the Older American Month event, it was very helpful to people.

Mark Neumann stated he was at the Sun Valley Citizens Advisory Board and has been speaking with Abby regarding hooking up the computers to the internet.

Molly Stewart stated the current function of the Public Administrator's office is revamping their service, especially to help senior citizens.

4. *Member Announcements –

Hawah stated yesterday's event went really well.

5. Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on May 4, 2022 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Rick Sorensen and seconded by Linda Hardie.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on April 6, 2022 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Pamela Roberts and seconded by Ethan Hovest.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Update, discussion, and possible recommendation on the American Rescue Plan Act (A.R.P.A.) funding process for Washoe County (For Possible Action)

Hawah stated they sent their letter to the county commissioners and inquired on the status.

Commissioner Kitty Jung stated there is another batch of money coming in and that is when the Board will be considered. Also, on June 1st they will have their guidelines for non-profits and there is a good amount of money for non-profits. Amber Howell stated they had their budget and they submitted priorities and the ARPA funding.

8. *Report and discussion on services provided by WCHSA Senior Services Division – Steve McBride, Division Director

Amber Howell stated TADS (Temporary Assistance to Displaced Seniors) was transferred completely to Our Place and as of Monday, they are full. They also had the Older American Month kick off yesterday, which was well attended. They have put in a budget request for homemaker services and additional funds for the Day Break program. The state stopped their homemaker program with little notice and made the waitlist for homemaker services go from 120 to 300. Steve stated the process is to contact the referred senior and also from there they are able to provide other services. Amber stated there was left over funds from the state homemaker program and they were able to get 8 more vehicles with that funding.

9. *Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Donald Abbott

Donald stated their next meeting will be May 25. They also are having a lot of Older American Month events, including the Senior Prom. There are a lot of fun things happening in Sparks for seniors. Andrea Pelto stated she is looking forward to the K9 event. Hawah stated on May 10th, the Sparks Library will have a Housing discussion event. Andrea also let people know there will be an event to discuss transportation.

10. *Update on Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Paco Lachoy

Paco not present.

11. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding recruiting a new Advisory Board member for District 5 (For Possible Action)

Hawah asked if any Alternates are in District 5, Sandra stated Mary Ann McCauley is in District 5 and she could be asked if she'd like to be moved from the Alternate seat to a District 5 seat.

12. *Discussion of plans for Older Americans Month 2022 and Stuff-A-Bus 2022

Hawah asked how many people attended; Steve stated roughly around 900. Steve stated there was quite a bit of media coverage. Stuff-A-Bus is also coming later in the month. Amber stated they have a great PIO that has done the media coverage. Pam stated she is very proud of all the Boards, they did a great job. Martha Lavin stated she wants to acknowledge all the ladies that were in the cafeteria. Abby stated case workers and county staff were the ones working in the cafeteria. Hawah stated she would like as many Board members as possible to attend Stuff-A-Bus. Steve stated all of the social media has links to events.

13. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities and the application for Washoe County to be age friendly (For Possible Action) – Donna Clontz

Hawah stated the application is going forward, they have a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Jung and it will be on May 24. Hawah asked the Board to attend the meeting, this will put seniors at the forefront. Barry Gold stated AARP is very excited to have Washoe County join to be age friendly and they can work on the efforts so there is no double work since Sparks and Reno have started the process as well.

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

Hawah asked if they could do a new sign up at the end of the month. Commissioner Jung stated she loves this project; it was great to do for the pandemic. Andrea asked if people need to go through a sign up, Abby stated to just track it so they know how many people are getting calls. Volunteer callers need to go through Todd Acker to be a Washoe County volunteer.

15. *Report, discussion, 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

[Attachment: 5-04-22 Joint Goals Wrksht.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

Hawah stated they will need to revisit this item after they become age friendly. Rick stated it would be good to revitalize this item.

16. *Report and discussion on senior board members to attend ongoing Washoe County public meetings

[Attachment: 5-04-22 Monthly Washoe County Public Meetings Chart.pdf](#)

Hawah stated they will need to revisit this item as well. Pam stated she attends a CAB meeting but has not attended a meeting yet. Hawah asked that they consider creating an item for Incline, Sun Valley, and Gerlach to give reports in future agendas.

17. *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.)

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District 5 seat

GID representation

18. *Public comment –

Mark Neumann stated they need brochures in Sun Valey and the internet issues are due to the building. Amber Howell stated they will be providing a Sun Valley resource guide very soon and have done one for Incline as well.

19. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.