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MEETING MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging  
Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues

(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034)

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Teleconference  
Initiated from the Aging and Disability Services Division  
445 Apple Street, Suite 104  
Reno NV 89502  
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I) Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Carl Martinez, Chair. It was held via teleconference. Those in attendance include Nevada Commission on Aging members Carl Martinez and Dr. Uphinder Singh. The Aging and Disability Services Division was represented by Sally Ramm, Elder Rights Attorney; Marilyn Wills, Deputy Administrator; Cherrill Cristman, RD Unit Chief; and Jeff Doucet, Management Analyst II. A quorum was not met.

II) Welcoming Remarks

Mr. Martinez thanked members for attending.

III) The subcommittee will discuss and identify priorities that should be addressed as a result of bills passed and not passed during the 2009 legislative session with respect to services for older persons within the State of Nevada. Priorities considered may include but will not be limited to such issues as transportation, guardianship, medical care, and mental health services for persons over 60 years of age. After identifying priorities the subcommittee will make recommendations to the Commission on Aging to assist the Commission in fulfilling duties imposed by NRS 427A.038. Recommendations may include but not be limited to evaluating results of the 2009 legislature, preparing for future legislative sessions, and participation with the new Legislative Commission on Issues of Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs.

It was suggested that the subcommittee meet every other month to discuss issues, since the legislature is no longer in session.

The full commission supports Mr. Martinez staying as the chair for the Legislative Subcommittee.

Issues brought to the full commission were as discussed. It was suggested to narrow the categories and have key points for each issue:

- (1) Guardianship- Subcommittee will present issues on licensing private guardians, guardianship laws, and protections for the ward, time involved in guardianship appointments, and finding ways to simplify the legal and procedural issues.
  - (2) Long Term Care- Subcommittee will look at issues concerning long term care.
- IV) Discussion and possible action on appropriate ways in which the Commission on Aging may communicate with groups which may provide support to those legislative issues that the Commission identifies and prioritizes, and which groups would be contacted.

The next collaborative meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

V) Consider Topics and/or Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Agenda will remain the same for the next meeting. Additional items to discuss at the next meeting include:

- Consideration for holding subcommittee meetings every other month.
- Make a decision on Long Term Care and Guardianship issues
- Thank you letters and certificates to be sent to legislative members for their support
- Introduction to the new statutory committee

VI) Schedule Next Meeting

At the chair's discretions, the next meeting for the subcommittee will be held in October. The next meeting of the Subcommittee is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

VII) Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item).

VIII) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.