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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 December 1st, 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  
Call 775-688-2964 ext. 253 to receive the call-in number

**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 included Carl Martinez, Silver Haired Forum President Lucy Peres, Nevada Commission on Aging Member Dr. Upinder Singh, and Jeff Klein Executive Director at Nevada Senior Services, Inc. Also in attendance was Barry Gold, Nevada AARP. 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 met.

**II) Welcoming Remarks**

Mr. Martinez thanked members for attending. Senator Valerie Wiener has resigned from the Subcommittee. Jeff Klein must be approved at the full commission of the COA prior to being an official member of the subcommittee.

**III) Discussion and possible action on the legislative priorities approved by the Commission, Long Term Care and Guardianship issues**

The committee formed to explore possible legislation on guardianship issues did not convene November 17<sup>th</sup> and will meet in December. The current committee members are Kathleen Buchanan, Clark County Public Guardian; Susan DeBoer, Washoe County Public Guardian; Judge David Hardy, Second Judicial District; Donna Shilinsky, Private Guardian; Sherry Stone, Lyon County Public Guardian. The two issues of focus are guardianship issues and Long Term Care.

Sally, Marilyn, and Dr. Singh will exchange ideas about moving forward on LTC issues and bring thoughts to the next meeting.

**IV) Discussion and possible action on thank you letters and certificates to be sent to certain members of the legislature for their support of issues affecting Nevada's older citizens.**

It was decided to send letters to all legislators thanking them for the work that was done on behalf of Nevada's older citizens in the 75th session. It was also decided to provide framed certificates to certain legislators (at the next COA meeting in March) who are active in promoting the issues that are important to seniors. Jeff Klein's organization contributed artwork for the certificates. The artwork of a 92 year old lady was selected for including in the certificates. Sally will draft the letter. Barry Gold will provide a list to Sally on supportive legislative members for senior issues.

**V) Discussion of Legislative Collaborative Training Sessions to be held in early 2010.**

Barry Gold with AARP has volunteered to offer training on the legislative process for partners. Locations will be both north and south and will be determined after the first of the year.

**VI) 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
- Webinar NSCLC & AARP- NSCLC is holding a six-part webinar series to help legislators and legislative staff navigate health reform
- Health Care Reform issues

**VII) Discussion and possible action on schedule for the next meetings.**

The next meeting of the Subcommittee is scheduled for January 5th, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

**VIII) 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).**

**IX) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.