

**MINUTES OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
March 19, 2010
Washoe County Senior Center
1155 E 9th St.
Reno, Nevada 89512**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chair Karen Davis

2. ROLL CALL

Karen Davis requested roll call. Laurie Altheide took the roll, quorum was achieved.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

PRESENT:

Karen Davis
Michelle Lacerda
Rob Morrison
Shirley LeGoy
Connie McMullen
Julia Ratti
Dennis Chin

EXCUSED:

Kitty Jung
Pierre Hascheff
Andy Whyman

PUBLIC

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF:

Grady Tarbutton
Laurie Altheide
Charlene Gaskins
Emily Hancock
Bob Harmon
Lee Derbyshire
Tricia Capello

CITY OF RENO STAFF:

Amber Martin

Change to the order of agenda items, item 4 will be heard, then item 3.

3. BUDGET – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION OF ADVISORY BOARD REGARDING THE 2010 – 2011 WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES BUDGET

Grady told the group that he had met with the Finance Department last night to iron out the last minute details. He is not able to talk about specific positions/employees due to contract requirements. Senior Services will experience one lay off.

We started last year assuming a \$700,000 – \$800,000 shortfall. Due to Nancy Kerns Cummins and Pam Fine’s due diligence, we are looking at around \$200,000. Our budget is not sustainable, that’s very important to remember. We must get to a sustainable budget. Our programs are not funded by Washoe County general Fund. We are dependent on other funding sources. I.e. Daybreak services 25 – 30 clients per day. The State has reduced the rate of reimbursement. We have to ask ourselves, how are we going to deal with this? We’ll consider rate changes, reducing programs/services, use more matching resources (office space). Daybreak may change to serving 15 -20 per day. We are negotiating with the State; medical model is \$54/day and a social model is \$40/day. We’ve been decreased to \$40/day. Julia Ratti stated that the contract is per person, they don’t pay for the entire service. If we bill per person, won’t we lose funding for those people? Grady explained that there are other variables. Julia said reduced client equals reduced staff. Grady said that is

the reality we have to deal with. We keep nibbling around the edges with per diem staff and downgrading the Public Health Nurse II to a Registered Nurse. County General funds mostly go to the Daybreak Program.

4. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

a) Gatekeeper program

Thanks to Amber for meeting with the Fire Department. See handout on Seattle's program; it's a great program for reaching our community's most vulnerable citizens.

b) Smoke Detector Program

Sparks Rotary Club started the smoke detector program. Reno Fire Department will be joining. They will also be purchasing and changing light bulbs for seniors.

c) Multidisciplinary Team

The Clinical subcommittee is meeting regularly. The Memorandum of Understanding is complete. All members will sign at the next meeting.

d) UNR Study – Most Vulnerable

We will be getting a UNR student to help us put together a list of the most vulnerable individuals in our community.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

made a motion to adjourn, seconded. Motion carried unanimously and meeting was adjourned at p.m.