



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

April 6, 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 3:05 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
Rick Sorensen

Pamela Roberts
Hawah Ahmad

ABSENT (EXCUSED*)

*Linda Hardie
*Mary Ann McCauley
*Casey Reed

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Steve McBride
Abby Willrich
Ryan Crane

Herbert Kaplan (DA)
Sandra Vasquez

ADVISOR PRESENT

Donna Clontz

ADVISOR (ABSENT)

Dr. Larry Weiss
Connie McMullen
Victoria Edmondson

3. ***Public Comment** –

Barry Gold stated the Medicaid division has a new website talking about the redeterminations that are happening. After the health emergency is over, the redeterminations will be starting; the idea is they don't want people to lose their Medicaid if they don't need to lose it. Hawah stated the social security offices are now open. Also, 3G transfers are happening, it's necessary to check medical devices that use the network.

4. *Member Announcements –

Hawah stated tax services are available at the Reno Senior Center, but the waitlist is full. Ryan stated if someone calls, they can direct seniors who need a tax service for other options.

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

Motion to approve the agenda as amended for item 12c to be for District 2 was made by Pamela Roberts and seconded by Rick Sorensen. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on March 2, 2022 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Pamela Roberts and seconded by Rick Sorensen. 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 need to discuss the letter written on November 15, 2021. She questions the Board if they would like to wait for the recommendations to come out and would like to edit the letter to move it forward. Donna asked if Steve or Abby have any new information and stated the letter really laid out the most important things for seniors in Washoe County. Hawah stated that under the homeless services budget, there is a space for a case manager. Hawah asked about the funding for homemaker services. Abby stated there is funding for seniors actively in the program and there are 293 seniors on the waitlist. Hawah suggests waiting on the budgeting process and then edit the letter to the commissioners to resend it. Pam stated they should edit the letter and resubmit it. Steve stated the information on the letter largely represents the need. Abby will edit the letter. Ethan suggested taking out the transportation portion of the letter. Hawah stated it would be better to send the transportation portion to RTC. Pam stated she likes how the letter is and thinks they should keep pushing for the ideas. Donna stated there are organizations in the community that provide transportation services, aside from RTC. Hawah suggested generalizing the transportation item and not just name RTC.

Motion to approve the letter as amended was made by Pamela Roberts and seconded by Rick Sorensen. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Update, discussion and possible recommendations on transportation issues in Washoe County, including informational trifold (For Possible Action)

Attachment [RTC TransitServices.indd \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

Abby stated the attached trifold was provided by Susie at RTC; they will ask for more to provide on the information rack.

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

Andrea Pelto stated they have been busy working on events for Older American Month.

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

Paco not present.

11. Discussion and review of Senior Advisory Board member's meeting attendance and compliance with Bylaws

Hawah stated they just need to review who is in compliance. Abby stated it was more of a concern with Casey, but all is ok.

12. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding recruiting a new Advisory Board member for District 1, District 2, District 4, and District 5 (For Possible Action)

- a) Mavis Kay Bonzer (District 1)
Attachment: [4-6-22 Mavis Bonzer App.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)
- b) Thuy Tran (District 2)
Attachment: [4-6-22 Thuy Tran App.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)
[4-6-22 Thuy Tran Recommendation Ltr.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)
[4-6-22 Thuy Tran Reference Ltr 2.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)
- c) Kodandaraman Venkataraman (District 3)
Attachment: [4-6-22 Kodandaraman Venkataraman App.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)
- d) Jane Baudelaire (District 4)
Attachment: [4-6-22 Jane Baudelaire App.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)
[Jane Baudelaire Resume \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

Thuy introduced herself, she has lived in Reno for 25 years. She has always had a heart for seniors, women, and the military. She would love to be involved in the community and see what she can contribute to senior services. Donna Clontz stated she knows Thuy and she would be a great addition to the Board. Mavis Kay introduced herself and stated she volunteers at the Reno center and she sees the need there is and she would like to contribute to senior services. She has lived in Reno since 1987 and has worked in accounting for most of her life. She is passionate on helping the homeless population. Donna stated she has met Kay and she would be a terrific addition; Rick also stated he supports Kay's recommendation.

Motion to forward the applications to the Board of County Commissioners for approval to the Board was made by Rick Sorensen and seconded by Pamela Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Attachment [List of Events.xlsx \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)
[List of Vendors.xlsx \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

Steve stated they have closed registration for the info fair on May 3 from 10am-1-pm. Attached are the list of vendors and list of events. He hopes to see everyone at the kickoff event on May 3. Hawah suggests sending some talking points to everyone because she won't be able to attend. Steve stated there will be a news release for O.A.M. and if someone is on camera, it would be good to keep the talk pertaining to the events. Donna recognized Ryan Crane for creating a great O.A.M. book. Andrea stated she would like to highlight the event at Washoe Valley regarding dogs. Mark Newman from the public stated he wanted to see how the meeting ran.

Hawah asked if help is needed to distribute the booklets, Abby stated there is a system in place regarding distribution of booklets.

Donald Abbott highlighted Senior Prom for O.A.M. and they are also having a community event on April 30 at the Sparks high school.

14. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities and possible recommendation regarding Washoe County application to be age friendly (For Possible Action) – Donna Clontz and Barry Gold

[Attachment: AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities Introductory Booklet \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

Motion to move forward with a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioner for Washoe County to be an age friendly was made by Pamela Roberts and seconded by Ethan Hovest. Motion passed unanimously.

Barry Gold presented (see attached). AARP works with the World Health Organization and Sparks was the 631st community to join to be age friendly. An application needs to be turned in, it is free of cost and there is no rush. The community can work on a 5-year plan and the AARP research department helps with office support. Donna states the timeframe at the moment would help Washoe County with the surveys. Page 8 of the attachment explains the first steps to take to be age friendly. Donna also states there is a huge workshop that helps with being age friendly. Pam asked if anyone has been kicked off; Barry stated he doesn't know of someone has been kicked off the program but there may have been people that decided to stop the program.

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

No discussion.

16. *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: 4-6-22 Joint Goals Wrksht.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

No discussion.

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

[Attachment: 4-6-22 Monthly Washoe County Public Meetings Chart.pdf](#)

No discussion.

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.)

Hawah states James Doyle turned in his resignation today, his seat will need to be filled
Item 13 and 14

19. *Public comment –

Mark Newman stated he will bring the age friendly idea to the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board.

20. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm.