



**WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
(Commission Districts)**

Permanent Members

Martha Lavin (1)
Mavis Kay Bonzer (1)
Thuy Tran (2)
Adolfo Correa (2)
Denise Myer (3)
Charles Mark Neumann
(3)
Jane Baudelaire (4)
Vacant (4)
Pamela Roberts (5)
MaryAnn McCauley (5)
Vacant, At Large

Alternate Members

Mac Rossi, Alternate
Patricia Gallimore, Alternate

Ex-Officio Members

Michael Clark, BCC
Clara Andriola, BCC
Alternate
Donald Abbott, Sparks City
Council

Associate Members (Advisors)

Sue Meuschke, Associate Member
Connie McMullen, Associate Member
Dr. Larry Weiss, Associate Member
Donna Clontz, Associate Member

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER [Non-Action Item] Meeting called to order at 3:02PM
2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM [Non-Action Item] There is a quorum for this meeting.
3. Public Comment [Non-Action Item]

Timothy Johnston, VP of Outreach from the BBB and has a list of the riskiest scams. Investment scams are the riskiest type. The risk report is available online.

Molly Rose Lewis from Senator Rosen's office, Regional Rep for senior related issues in Northern Nevada. Senator Rosen's office is a resource with any issues with Medicare, Social Security, and the IRS, etc.

Jennifer Richards from Northern Nevada Legal Aid. There is an April 26th Voice for Justice event and tickets are still available. They also just had an event at the Sparks Senior Center that was very successful. Wednesday, April 24th there is an event in Las Vegas (panel discussion) on domestic violence issues in Northern Nevada.

Mark Neumann, went for a tour of the downtown Cares campus and learned that 50% of the participants are seniors.

Barbara Deavers, recognizing all the work on the OAM booklet by the staff of Washoe Co.

Mike Clark thinks the County should have a senior facility within the Cares campus. Someone passed away at the Cares campus this past Sunday and it wasn't disclosed publicly.

Mac Rossi, the parking situation is still being looked at for the Senior Center.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the Advisory Board Meeting of March 6, 2024.

Motion to approve as amended: Mark Neumann

Second: Mavis Kay Bonzer

All in favor, motion carried.

5. Updates regarding resignation of Hawah Ahmed from the Washoe County SAB board and per our bylaws discussion on Mac Rossi or Patricia Gallimore filling the At Large vacant seat. [For Possible Action] -Pam Roberts

Motion to make Mac Rossi to fill the At Large position: Mark Neumann

Second: Patricia Gallimore

All in favor, motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action to recommend possible changes to the Home and Community Based Services of the Senior Services Master Plan [For Possible Action] – Connie McMullen; Attachment:

Goal is to make sure seniors get services available via community-based services. We want to make sure the budget is retained for these services and we propose working with county staff moving forward so when this is voted on in the legislature in 2025 this is understood as important and necessary.

Additionally, this goal is about educating seniors about the resources available.

Another goal is to promote social models for adult day care as More to Life is the only facility.

Mark Neumann asking how we get information out to people? Per Connie, education about existing resources was the number one goal of the prior master plan.

Jody Bucktaw made public comment about the difficulty finding providers in the community despite the provider Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement going up. Services average \$35/hour. There needs to be advocacy around the reimbursement rate for service providers.

Jennifer Richards, last month Nevada Medicaid received approval to use funds for housing support.

Motion to approve changes to the Home and Community Based Services of the Senior Services Master Plan: Mark Neumann

Second: MaryAnn McCauley

All in favor, motion carried.

7. Updates from Washoe County Senior Services to include updates regarding Nevada Arts Council Creative Meeting. [Non-Action Item] – Cara Paoli, Human Services Division Director

Attachment:

Older American month starts May 1st and begins with the information fair at the Washoe Co Senior Center starting at 9am to 1pm and includes free lunch for anyone who attends. Target at Sparks from 1-6pm.

Senior Volunteer Fair on May 7th at the Regency at Carmella Ranch. This is the first volunteer fair and there will be more at other locations around the area.

Making plan to improve the Washoe Co Senior Center location and working with the Nevada Arts Council who will be installing art in the front entrance. The flooring replacement will be the next big project and will impact the congregate meals during the replacement.

Sue Meuschke asking for clarification on the numbers reported on meals.

8. Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee regarding their current activities [Non-Action Item] – Donald Abbott

There hasn't been a meeting since this board last met. Chairperson in Sparks is filing for candidacy and the Vice Chair is stepping in. Golden Encore performing April 12th at the Senior Center.

Sparks struggling to spend the money they were given to support emergency housing for seniors (62 and older with income below minimum.) 775-353-3359. STRAP – Sparks temporary rent assistance program.

Rebuilding Together with Northern Nevada can help with home modifications.

9. Update on Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee regarding their current activities [Non-Action Item] – Izabella Baumann

They have been working on projects for OAM. The poetry group is still going and the senior swim time is also in place.

There will not be a place for candidates running for any office to put their materials at OAM. It will be a neutral function.

10. Update, discussion, and possible action regarding Older Americans Month [For Possible Action] – Pam Roberts

Pam was absent – no report

11. Update from CARES campus tour [Non-Action Item] – Mark Neumann

Several board members toured the Cares campus – very nice facility. There are not activities because it's not intended to be a long-term facility for residents. One person a day is being graduated out of the facility. It's the largest type of this facility in the USA.

12. Advisory Board Members' announcements, reports, and updates to include requests for information or topics for future agendas [Non-Action Item]. (No discussion among Advisory Board Members will take place on this item.)

Mac Rossi City of Reno on Oddie Blvd put money into a play area that has become very popular. There is also a grant being submitted for Bocce ball and horse shoe pits. Moana Pool construction is on time and expected to open August 3rd.

Completed the County Leadership Academy and it was very well done and if get an opportunity to do this, you should! One day a month for 10 months.

Denise Myer on Monday she attended the National Donor Awareness month activity and the Arch was turned blue and green for awareness.

Patricia Gallimore Northern Nevada Hopes new clinic will open end of June or early July.

13. Public comment [Non-Action Item]

Connie McMullen who owns Senior Specturm at the end of April another issue of Golden Pages is coming out. The last one came out in 2018 and covers 5 counties.

14. Adjournment [Non-Action Item] 4:17pm