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Dear WCRAS Advisory Board Members,

I also was unable to access today's public meeting, which is governed under Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

Great question, Bonney, and I echo the urgent need for an update on how these **public** funds are being spent. NHS has had more than enough time to share its plan and general timeline with the public.

Additionally, I'd like to know when the public will receive the continuously requested updates on the PSA between NHS and WCRAS that we were told was going to be re-negotiated two years ago, then it was a year ago, and we have yet to hear anything or even be informed how the public will be included in this process. I'm tired of meeting with leadership and given empty promises.

Why is NHS not contractually required to attend these WCRAS AB quarterly meetings?

As a reminder, while the PSA is a bilateral agreement between NHS and WCRAS, it directly impacts the public, every other shelter, rescue, and animal welfare organization in Washoe County and yet we are still kept in the dark. How can the rest of us collaborate, plan, budget, and fundraise effectively to help pets, and their people, when we aren't simply informed of this primary PSA, and the resulting increasing number of homeless pets not pulled from WCRAS by NHS per the PSA's unintentionally harmful "right-of-first refusal"?

Finally, I'd like to ask how it's possible that WCRAS's Leasee, NHS, was not **required** to inform WCRAS about it's planned remodel to a Washoe County owned building? NHS continues to claim that it values WCRAS as a partner, but continues to act as if they don't even exist or as if NHS's actions don't directly impact WCRAS operations and accordingly the operations of the rest of us trying to collaborate in every conceivable way to save the lives of homeless pets in Washoe County.

Only Washoe County leadership can contractually, legally, and effectively hold NHS accountable for it's contractual responsibilities as the Leasee. When will this Advisory Board

Speak before the Washoe County Commissioners demanding that it do so? Animals are needlessly suffering in Washoe County and WC taxpayers continue to be inappropriately taken advantage of. The public has a right to know and a right to all of this requested information, which is easily provided, and accountability should be easily enforced by WC Commissioners, and County Counsel.

Thanks,
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