

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
AND
CITY OF RENO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes**

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

**3:00 p.m. – Washoe County Senior Center – Game Room
1155 E 9th Street, Reno, Nevada 89512**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** - Meeting called to order - City of Reno and Washoe County met a quorum.

Present: **Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board:** Dr. Larry Weiss, Connie McMullen, Dennis Chin, Wayne Alexander, Marsy Kupfersmith,

City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Wendy Boszak, Chelsea Bromley, Robert Mulvana, Vanessa Dixon, Donna Clontz, Mac Rossi, Stan Dowdy

Absent: **Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board:** Gary Whitfield, Diane France, Victoria Edmondson

City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: James Kozera, Michael Van Ness, Matthew Ladich

Staff Present: **Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board:** Grady Tarbutton (ex-officio), Lisa Bonilla (staff), Leslie Williams (staff).

City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Darryl Feemster (staff),

- 2. *PUBLIC COMMENT:** Donna Clontz wanted to apologize for the delay in the start of the meeting.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Dr. Larry Weiss recommended a change in the agenda to move the discussion of Legal Services for seniors to directly after item 5, discussion and update for the Community Foundation of Western Nevada Fund with Dr. Tracy Peterson Turner. Marsy Kupfersmith motions for the approval for the changes for WCSAB. Dennis Chin second the motion. Motion passed unanimously for WCSAB. Chelsea Bromley motion for the approval of the agenda for SCAC. Mac Rossi second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dennis Chin motioned for the approval of the minutes for WCSAB. Wayne Alexander second the motion. Motion passed unanimously for WCSAB. Chelsea Bromley motioned for the approval of the minutes for SCAC. Mac Rossi second the motion. Motion passed unanimously for SCAC.
- 5. Discussion and update for the Community Foundation of Western Nevada fund (for possible action) – Dr. Tracy Peterson Turner –** Dr. Tracy Peterson Turner gave an overview regarding what the Community Foundation of Western Nevada and its functions entail. The foundation administers charitable funds, which allows the donors the assurance that their donations to various charities are being governed and administered according to their wishes. They administer the Senior Support Fund, established last year, and have made 5 grants that help

support seniors within the community. The most recent grants went the support Meals on Wheels, the Sparks Senior Center, the Alzheimer's Foundation, and the Humboldt Volunteer Hospice. The purpose of the funds to help support seniors in 6 main focus areas; nutrition, safety, health, housing, emotion comfort and communication of information essential to seniors in order to fully participate in their communities. The fund has about \$40,000, which is governed by a committee that allocates the distribution of the funds. The Foundation administers over 220 charitable funds, legacy funds and scholarship funds. The Community Foundation fund has worked alongside Washoe County Senior Services to bring assistance to several seniors in need. In partnership with WCSS, the Community Foundation has also developed a free estate planning series at the Reno Senior Center. It will begin again September 23rd, and will run for 7 weeks.

6. *Washoe County Staff Update- Grady Tarbutton

- a. **Discussion and update on Washoe County Master Plan for Aging Services (for possible action)** – Grady provided the group with an outline for the Washoe County *Strategic Plan Goal number 2: Keeping Senior Services on Pace With Rising Senior Populations*. Grady explained to the group that the County Commissioners have made seniors a priority for this year. The strategic plan correlates with the 12 goals that the Master Plan outlined, including cross-functional initiatives and department-specific initiatives that focus on bringing services to seniors from other county departments in conjunction with Senior Services. Some of these initiatives include establishing a Senior Outreach Team and the implementation of the Senior Volunteer Ambassador Outreach Project. A grant for the Ambassador program will be accepted by the commissioners on August 11, 2015, which will be \$152,000 funded by the Community Block Grant. Additional funding will be provided by the indigent fund after the first 18 months of the program. Animal Services has partnered with Senior Services to provide vaccinations for pets of homebound seniors.
- b. **Discussion and update on Status of Federal Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2015 (S. 192) (for possible action)** – Grady updated the group regarding the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act. Senate has passed the act onto the House. Grady encouraged the group to send out letters to the support of the Reauthorization Act and all of the programs it would provide to Congressman Amodei. Dennis Chin motions for both chairs to write letters of support on behalf of the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act for WCSAB. Connie McMullen seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously for WCSAB. Donna Clontz motions for the approval for SCAC. Stan seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously for SCAC.

7. *City of Reno Staff Report – Darryl Feemster

- a. ***Summer Senior Games – Update** – As of the morning of the meeting, there are over 298 registered participants for the games. Every event has exceeded participation from prior years. They are looking for representatives from Washoe County to participate in the games and encourage anyone who is interested to get registered. This year the Summer Senior Games has received an additional three sponsors.
- b. *** Volunteer Program – Update** – City of Reno is always looking for additional volunteers, especially for the Senior Games. If interested in volunteering, contact Brenda Mahan at 775-334-2262.

8. Business

- a. ***Discussion and update on Washoe County Legal Services and Nevada Legal Services provision of legal services of seniors in Washoe County. – David Spitzer, Washoe County Legal Services, & Karen Zavora, Nevada Legal Services** – David Spitzer, staff attorney with Washoe Legal Services, gave an outline of what type of services they provide to seniors. His primary function is to represent seniors who were subject to guardianship petitions. They are able to fund that project through grants from Washoe County and Aging and Disability Services Division, with \$65,000/year and \$70,000/year, respectively. Clients are identified through court referrals, with an average of 120 clients a year. Some of the funding from Washoe County allows Washoe Legal Services to assist clients outside of the guardianship spectrum, of which there were over 600 clients served last year on consumer, wills and probates, as well as on a walk-in basis.
- b. **Discussion and update on White House Conference on Aging, including possible community-wide workshop on national policy and strategies (for possible action)** – Item deferred to another date.
- c. **Discussion and development on advocacy on behalf of senior issues, programs and services (for possible action) – SCAC Chair Donna Clontz** – The group of seniors that participated during the legislative session in Carson City has continued to grow, with about 110 participants by June. In September there will be a meeting September 9th at 9:00am at the Continuum, regarding the implementation of the Care Act, the bill that allows a patient to designate someone that would receive discharge instructions on the behalf of the patient. There will also be a meeting on the No Wrong Door Plan, a three year implementation plan regarding long-term care services, August 13 at Town Hall. Donna will provide the group with further information.
- d. **Discussion and update on the Reno Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee 2015-2017 Strategic Plan (for possible action)- SCAC Chair Donna Clontz** – Item deferred to another date.
- e. **Development of shared goals and objectives between the Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and the Washoe County Senior Advisory-Board (for possible actions) – SCAC Chair Donna Clontz** - There are three objectives that the City of Reno has identified as priorities for senior issues, all of which correlate with some of the objectives from the Master Plan. These three include transportation, communication/education/information, and resource expansion. The motion was made by the WCSAB to adopt the priorities presented by City of Reno to be shared. Connie McMullen motion to approve the adoption. Dennis Chin seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously for the WCSAB. Donna motion for the approval for SCAC. Stan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Discussion and update on marketing, communication and outreach strategies for senior issues/programs/services for Washoe County and City of Reno Senior Services (for possible action)** – Marsy provided the group with an update. Some of the ideas the committee has come up with are still on hold due to some restrictions, especially monetary restriction. Some ideas included the expansion of the Washoe County Senior Services Newsletter and the expansion of the c-mail distribution. City of Reno is also working on expanding

their media and resources for seniors, including their website.

9. *Member Items - None

10. *Discussion of agenda items for next Board meeting –

- a. Methods for contacting legislators and keeping them updated on senior issues.
- b. Commission on Aging meeting update
- c. Update on the White House Conference on Aging
- d. Follow up discussion on marketing
- e. Discussion of shared goals and objectives between WCSAB and SCAC.

11. *Public Comment – Grady announced to the group that WCSAB will be having the DA come into the September WCSAB meeting to go over the Open Meeting Law.

12. Adjournment – Dennis motion to adjourn for WCSAB. Wayne second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Stan motion to adjourn for SCAC. Mac second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.