

**CITY OF RENO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE and  
WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD**

***JOINT MEETING APPROVED MINUTES***

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

The joint meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) and the Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board (WCHSASAB) was held in the Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada and conducted the following business:

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by SCAC Chair Donna Clontz at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

*Members Present:*     **WCHSASAB:** Dr. Larry Weiss, Stanley Ann Dowdy, Sandra Dexter, Wayne Alexander, Marsy Kupfersmith, Garth Elliott, Sarah Deardorff, Donna Clontz, Barbara Korosa

**City of Reno SCAC:** Donna Clontz, Stanley Ann Dowdy, Wendy Boszak, Barbara Deavers, Robert Mulvana, Linda Musselman, Mac Rossi

*Members Absent:*     **WCHSASAB:** Rick Sorenson

**City of Reno SCAC:** CJ Bawden, Vanessa Dixon

*Staff Present:*       **WCHSASAB:** Ken Retterath, Division Director, Washoe County Human Services Agency

**City of Reno SCAC:** Leslie Smith, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS); Alan Roney, Recreation Supervisor, PRCS; Isabel Rios, Senior Recreation Leader

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Member Announcements**

WCHSASAB Chair Weiss announced there is a full-time position open with Americorp VISTA for the senior healthy walking program. Volunteers are needed to lead walking groups around town and to participate in the Senior Health Advocate Volunteer program.

WCHSASAB Member Elliott reported on a Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) conference he attended last week.

Tess Opferman introduced herself as the new Community Liaison for Reno City Council Member Neoma Jardon.

WCHSASAB Member Kupfersmith announced there will be a Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) representative speaking about RTC Access on October 17 at the Sparks Senior Center.

**4. Approval of Agenda:** October 4, 2017 (For Possible Action)

WCHSASAB MEMBER ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY WCHSASAB MEMBER ALEXANDER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

SCAC MEMBER BOSZAK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY SCAC MEMBER DOWDY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**5. Approval of Minutes:** July 25, 2017 (For Possible Action)

WCHSASAB MEMBER ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY WCHSASAB MEMBER ALEXANDER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

SCAC MEMBER DEAVERS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY SCAC MEMBER ROSSI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

SCAC Chair Clontz noted a typo under Item 6. The number 1,300 has an extra zero.

**6. Presentation regarding Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) housing study and senior demographics - Lauren Knox and Jeremy Smith**

A presentation was given by Jeremy Smith with TMRPA on the results of their housing study as well as information regarding senior demographics.

**7. Business (For Possible Action)**

- a. Discussion and possible implementation regarding legislation and advocacy for senior issues with policymakers including identification of issues and dates for future advocacy training and workshops regarding housing, communication, data planning, transportation, food insecurity, social and recreation programs, senior law, volunteers, financing of senior programs, and social and health services. (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

SCAC Chair Clontz suggested notifying the Senior Advisory groups of any interim committee meetings that our state is having so we can watch online.

- b. Report, discussion and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities sponsored by AARP throughout Washoe County, Reno and Sparks. (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

WCHSASAB Chair Weiss discussed efforts to create a working group with AARP.

SCAC Member Korosa discussed the results of surveys taken at Senior Fest regarding how age friendly the community is. There were 257 replies from seniors and about 50 from people under 60. There was an issue with people not filling out the survey completely. There was a significant amount of people living independently. There were also a lot of seniors without email addresses. Affordable housing was clearly the number one area people were concerned about.

SCAC Chair Clontz suggested sharing the survey results with Jeremy Smith.

There was discussion regarding how the length of the survey affects the number of people willing to participate in the survey.

Jeremy Smith discussed the survey tool the TMRPA is using called Metro Quest and suggested they may be able to help with a senior survey.

- c. Discussion and possible approval of joint projects such as Older Americans Month, Stuff-A-Bus for seniors, co-sponsorship of seminars and projects on affordable housing and financial security, transportation and other topics. (For Possible Action) – Larry Weis and Donna Clontz

SCAC Chair Clontz asked for volunteers to work on next May's Older American Month (Alexander, Deavers, Deardorff).

SCAC Member Dowdy discussed the idea of having the Stuff-A-Bus event run similar to the Christmas Drive done by Channel 2 every year.

Public Comment: There were a couple of barrels full of donations at the Sparks Senior Center that they were unable to get anybody to come and pick up.

WCHSASAB Member Elliott suggested placing barrels for donations in fewer areas with higher traffic.

SCAC Chair Clontz asked for volunteers to work on Stuff-A-Bus (Dowdy, Elliott, Rossi, Musselman).

- d. Reports, updates and possible recommendations on advisory board and committee members' shared issues and goals worksheet for Housing, Advocacy, Communication, Data Planning, Transportation, Food, Social and Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteers, Financing and Social and Health Services. (For Possible Action)

SCAC Chair Clontz distributed copies of a chart listing volunteers to work on the various areas discussed at the last joint meeting.

WCHSASAB Chair Weiss requested feedback on the various areas included on the chart at the next joint meeting.

**8. Washoe County Staff Report Update on Division Programs – Ken Retterath, Division Director, Washoe County Human Services Agency**

The volunteer program is going well. They are delivering 3,200 meals a month through the Meals on Wheels program. They just got two new trucks and recently got permission to buy a couple of freezers. They hope to start expanding the meal program.

**9. City of Reno Staff Report Update on Division Programs – Alan Roney Senior Services Division, City of Reno PRCS**

Alan Roney with the City of Reno PRCS reported that they are currently working on the Winter Senior Games and hope to get some ideas from the Las Vegas Senior Games. Pickle Ball is very popular and there is not enough indoor space available.

**10. Agenda items for the next Joint Board meeting in January 2018**

Future agenda items will include: reporting on progress of the shared goal areas; update from Jeremy Smith.

**11. Public Comment**

None

**12. Adjournment** (For Possible Action)

WCHSASAB MEMBER ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:43 P.M., SECONDED BY WCHSASAB MEMBER KOROSA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

SCAC MEMBER ROSSI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:43 P.M., SECONDED BY SCAC MEMBER DEEVERS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.