



JOINT MEETING
WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
AND
CITY OF RENO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Draft Minutes

Wednesday – January 2, 2019
3:00 P.M. - Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
480 Galletti Way, Sparks, NV 89431
Building 2A

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm by Donna Clontz. City of Reno and Washoe County met a quorum.

Present: **Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board (WCHSASAB):** Dr. Larry Weiss (phone), Stan Dowdy, Wayne Alexander, Marsy Kupfersmith, Donna Clontz, Rick Sorensen
City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC): Donna Clontz, Stanley Ann Dowdy, Barbara Deavers, Mac Rossi, Vanessa Dixon, Robert Mulvana, Linda Musselman

Absent: **Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board:** Sandra Dexter, Sarah Deardorff

Excused: **Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board:** Garth Elliott, Barbara Korosa
City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Wendy Boszak

Staff Present: **Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board:** Steve McBride, Abby Badolato, Sandra Vasquez, Leslie Admirand-Deputy District Attorney
City of Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Leslie Smith, Dan Massey

Guests: -

2. **Public Comment** – Carl Adams stated he is an independent film maker and he is a making film about the crisis of low affordability crisis in Reno. He is going to start with the homeless population and then on people with fixed income because they are the ones that could become homeless in the next few years. Carl asked for any references since he is trying to get stories from seniors. Donna stated Carl is from the Senior Discovery TV Crew.
3. **Member Announcements** – Marsy Kupfersmith stated the library system is reaching out to do senior events. Steve Aichroth will be speaking about affordable senior housing at the Sparks Library on January 10th from 1:30-2:30pm. The 9th Street Senior Center Library will be having a panel discussion for transportation on January 17th from 1:30-2:30pm. Stan stated AARP will

start to have a presentation about fraud in the area. She will send the information to Sandra and Leslie when it is available.

4. **Approval of Agenda for January 2, 2019 Meeting (For Possible Action)** – Rick Sorensen motioned for the approval of the agenda for WCHSASAB and Stan Dowdy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously for the WCHSASAB. Mac Rossi motioned for the approval of the agenda for SCAC and Vanessa Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously for the SCAC.

5. **Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2018 Meeting (For Possible Action)** – Stan Dowdy motioned for the approval of the minutes for WCHSASAB and Wayne Alexander seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously for the WCHSASAB. Linda Musselman motioned for the approval of the minutes for SCAC and Vanessa Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously for the SCAC.

6. **Business:**
 - a. **Discussion, update, and possible recommendations for Older American Month 2019 (For Possible Action)** – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz
Donna stated they had a planning meeting and they generated a form for ideas for OAM (see attached). Both advisory boards have helped create events for Older American Month (OAM) that happen all over the county. The events can be fun, about services, Medicare, history walks, museum visits or many other things and each event is about 1 hour. There is also an open ceremony and a closing ceremony for the month. The 2018 OAM booklet will give ideas to people on how the events are. If someone needs a 2018 book as a reference, they can let her know. Donna requested members come up with up to three event ideas that they can organize or help organize. The theme for 2019 is Connect, Create, and Contribute. All of the activities that happen during the month are created by board members and Donna asked for feedback, the deadline is March 29. Rick Sorensen stated there are 11 classes in Truckee Meadows Community College for May and there is a cost, but it's minimal. The booklet may be in a different format and the one line description for the events will be enforced.
 - b. **Discussion, update, and possible recommendations on Stuff-A-Bus for Seniors 2019 (For Possible Action)** – Larry Weiss, Donna Clontz, and Chris Ciarlo
Donna stated Stuff-A-Bus is a joint effort between RTC, Washoe County, and Cities where the community is asked to stuff the bus. There will be a meeting with Chris Ciarlo to see about changing up the event that occurred at the Aces stadium. Last year Stuff-A-Bus brought about \$12,000 in donated items. KOLO Cares was broadcasting the event as well. Donna stated she saw the Food Bank holding a similar event for Christmas and they had a bus ready to be filled up with donations at Sam's Club and it looked like it worked really well. Linda Musselman suggested having a bus at the north and south end of town. Donna stated it was a good idea.
 - c. **Discussion and possible action regarding legislation and advocacy for senior issues with policymakers, including identification of issues and dates for future advocacy training and workshops (For Possible Action)** – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz
Donna stated Senior Day at the Legislature will be February 22. It is a day for people to find out what is before the legislature and know what is going on. They will have individuals and groups talk with senators and assembly people. The Commission on Aging is working on getting the materials for what they are going to identify as issues for seniors, which include issues such as: access to service, living alone, caregiving, legal rights, housing, and respite. The six issues may come down to 3 issues. Bills are starting to come out. Marsy stated one of the issues is affordable housing and she has been voicing her opinion on it. There will be a RTC bus that will go out to Carson City and will

pick up people at the 9th Street Senior Center around 6am, breakfast and lunch will be provided. There have been almost 300 people that have attended in the past. It is important to tell a story as to why people think the issues are important. Donna stated her, Connie McMullen, Barry Gold will be part of the training for February 22. Larry stated the main focus is the impact on state legislature and it will depend on what bills are out. Some issues can be addressed in areas other than the state. Donna provided the State Legislative Session calendar (see attachment) and it shows some of the deadlines. They have an early appointment and there is one bill for the homeless and housing issue. Barry Gold is working on a caregiver bill and it will be carried and heard on February 22. Clark County is working on doing a small tax to help with housing. Donna asked board members who would be interested on the training for February 22; majority of board members raised their hand.

d. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities sponsored by AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) throughout Washoe County, Reno and Sparks (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Donna handed out a handout (see attachment) about the 8 Domains on how to become age friendly. Donna stated she had a meeting with Minnesota's AARP representative and she gathered information from them. There already is a great partnership between the county and the cities and they are interested in what is being done to be age friendly. In the country there are over 300 places working on being age friendly, this helps with creating an action plan. There are many of the same kind of issues that have been identified. There will be a meeting on the last Thursday of the month at Evelyn Mount at 1:30pm for action plan group to be age friendly.

e. 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)

Donna stated the chart with the goals (see attachment) is so that members that signed up for different goals do reports if they have learned of any information. Marsy stated she is trying to meet and talk with anyone that will listen about affordable housing; she has met with commissioners and councilmen. She's out there voicing the concern of rents going up. Senator Ratti has something in the works, but it does not concentrate on seniors, it is more for waivers or housing tax. Stan stated she was appointed today for an AARP Housing Committee. Larry stated that when they are at the state legislature, to focus on what the state can do. Also to think about how to get seniors that have experience with becoming homeless go to the session. Donna stated the county has zoning and regulations in place for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and this would be something to consider when working on the Master Plan. The plan for the ADUs did not go through because there were concerns about it. Also, the old Master Plan is going through some changes. Barbara Deavers stated that in regards to transportation, there is a plan to potentially close the off ramp on the 580 to go to the airport. She asked members that would not like to see the ramp closed to email to DKeller@dot.nv.gov and state they would not like the ramp to be closed; comments can be sent in until January 15. Donna stated she read a news brief from the Administration for Community Living (see attachment) and it is about social activities where people eat meals and how it helps improve senior lives. There may be ways to make this better at the senior centers. Mac Rossi stated he attended the RTC meeting and there is a shortage of drivers and they are cutting routes because of this. Donna stated she wrote an article (see attachment) for the Senior Spectrum in regards to her volunteering at the homeless over flow tent. There are teams of volunteer that churches make to help cover shifts at the over flow tent, but they are always looking for volunteers. Donna also explained that Operation Down Town had a meeting at this location and Human Services Agency gave a tour of the campus.

f. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation on the designation of a City of Sparks ex officio member to the Reno SCAC and the formation of a City of Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (For Possible Action) – Marsy Kupfersmith and Donald Abbott

Donald Abbott stated they will be making appointments for the Sparks Senior Advisory Committee on January 14th at 2pm. He reached out to every applicant and they will have 7 members and 7 alternatives. The applicants are in the public. Marsy thanked Donald for inviting all the applicants. Mac Rossi asked if there could be a joint meeting with Washoe County, City of Reno, and City of Sparks; Marsy stated that is the idea for the next meeting.

7. City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Senior Division Staff Report – Update and discussion on senior programs, issues and activities – Dan Massey, Recreation Manager, PRCS

Dan Massey stated the new Senior Connect just came out with its quarterly publication. There are also registrations available for the Senior Winter Games. Opening ceremonies will be on January 30th at Baldinis. Donna stated during the senior games the winners get trophies and people should sign up for the games.

8. Agenda items for the next Joint Board meeting in April 2019 (For Possible Action) – Consider Operation Down Town and Ambassadorship Program

9. Public Comment – Marsy stated Ryan Crane did a very nice job on the names tags for Washoe County Senior Advisory Board members.

10. Adjournment (For Possible Action) – Stan Dowdy motioned for adjournment for the WCHSASAB and Marsy Kupfersmith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously for the WCHSASAB. Linda Musselman motioned for adjournment for the SCAC and Mac Rossi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously for the SCAC. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.