



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE**  
**NEVADA SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE FORUM**  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes 427A.320 through 427A.400*)

**SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT**

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The sixth meeting of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NSHLF) was held on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" (Exhibit A) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's website at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Interim2015/Committee/243>. In addition, copies of the audio-video record are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: [publications@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:publications@lcb.state.nv.us); telephone: 775-684-6835).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:**

John A. Yacenda, Ph.D., M.P.H., P.A.H.M., President, Senate District No. 16  
Fran Almaraz, Senate District No. 21  
Barbara Altman, Senate District No. 9  
Clo Banks, Senate District No. 3  
Joann M. Bongiorno, Senate District No. 7  
Verlia Davis Hoggard, Senate District No. 4  
Rick Kuhlmeier, Senate District No. 2  
Winston J. Lawson, Senate District No. 1  
Patsy Metler, Senate District No. 18  
Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D., Nevada Delegation, National Silver Haired Congress (NSHC),  
Silver Senator  
Mary D. Roberts, Nevada Delegation, NSHC, Silver Representative  
Betty Rumford, Senate District No. 6  
Russ Schoenbeck, Nevada Delegation, NSHC, Silver Representative  
Clare Tobler, Senate District No. 12

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:**

Reba June Burton, Senate District No. 15  
John Paul (Jack) Ginter, Jr., Senate District No. 14

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Steve R. Carr, Nevada Delegation, NSHC, Silver Representative  
Vicki L. Cameron, Senate District No. 5  
Evelyn A. Cannestra, M.S.W., Senate District No. 8  
Lonnie Strait, Nevada Delegation, NSHC, Silver Senator  
Carol A. Swanson, D.N.P., M.S.N., R.N., Senate District No. 17  
Harriet Trudell, Senate District No. 10

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF (LCB) PRESENT:**

Mary Shope, Coordinator, NSHLF, Administrative Division, Las Vegas Office  
Bryan Fernley, Senior Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division

*Items taken out of sequence during the meeting have been placed in agenda order.*

#### **AGENDA ITEM I—CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS**

President Yacenda called the meeting to order. He welcomed members of the public.

President Yacenda reflected on the importance of the Forum's bill draft request. He indicated the Forum members are addressing the Medicaid reimbursement policy, thereby standing in the gap for Nevada's seniors.

#### **AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Yacenda called for public comment. No testimony was offered.

#### **AGENDA ITEM III—APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 21, 2016, IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

President Yacenda presented the minutes of the June 21, 2016, meeting for review and approval.

**MOTION:** Verlia Davis Hoggard made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016, meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The motion was seconded by Russ Schoenbeck and passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM IV—DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT, WHICH INCLUDES THE LATEST AVAILABLE BUDGET REPORTS, APPROVAL OF RECENT EXPENDITURES, AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURES**

Mary Shope, Coordinator, NSHLF, reviewed the budget and expenditures of the NSHLF, as of July 31, 2016. She explained the details of the Forum's allocations, listed as \$6,207, with the remaining balance of \$2,983.97 ([Exhibit B](#)).

**MOTION:** Rick Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and expenditures ending July 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Verlia Davis Hoggard and passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM V—PRESENTATION ON NEVADA'S MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

Howard Baron, M.D., F.A.A.P., Secretary, Nevada State Medical Association, and past president, Clark County Medical Society, presented an overview of the medical health providers' perspective of Medicaid reimbursement and its impact on the health care delivery system ([Exhibit C](#)). Although Governor Sandoval has been supportive of the Nevada Medicaid expansion program, he stated third-party payers negotiate lower Medicaid reimbursement rates. Similarly, Dr. Baron stated Nevada's reimbursement rates, on the whole, have not been

adjusted since 2002, which has resulted in many physicians choosing to limit their coverage of Medicare and Medicaid patients. Dr. Baron suggested the Forum members and members of the public advocate for timely reimbursement reviews, which are tied to appropriate reimbursement for health care providers.

#### **AGENDA ITEM VI—PRESENTATION ON MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES**

Marta Jensen, Acting Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and Jan Prentice, Chief, Reimbursement Analysis and Payment, DHCFP, DHHS, provided Medicaid reimbursement data for nursing facilities and community-based services ([Exhibit D](#)). Ms. Jensen indicated that Nevada's expanded Medicaid population has increased, of which many persons are childless adults. She indicated that reimbursement rates are reviewed on a five-year rolling basis, but unfortunately, money allocated to provide medical care is limited.

Ms. Prentice shared the history of the rate methodologies for many services.

Jennifer Frischmann, Chief, Long-Term Services and Supports, DHCFP, DHHS, stated adults and disabled younger patients are eligible for covered services.

President Yacenda reiterated the importance of timely periodic reimbursement rate reviews. He reviewed the Nevada Medicaid—Fee for Service data by age groups ([Exhibit E](#)).

Tiffany Lewis, Manager, Reimbursement Analysis and Payment, DHCFP, DHHS, explained the review process and stated she would provide the rotating schedule data.

#### **AGENDA ITEM VII—REPORT ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NEVADA DELEGATION OF THE NATIONAL SILVER HAired CONGRESS**

Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D., President, Nevada Delegation, NSHC, Silver Senator, provided an update on the NSHC's annual session, including the top five resolutions for 2016 and the election of officers. Dr. Randall mentioned Nevada's Delegation provided three of the top five resolutions. In addition, Dr. Randall stated that Lonnie Strait, Silver Senator, Ex Officio Member, NSHC, was elected Treasurer and he was elected as immediate past Chair ([Exhibit F](#)).

#### **AGENDA ITEM VIII—DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NEVADA SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE FORUM'S *SUMMARY REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION AND THE GOVERNOR*, SEPTEMBER 2016**

President Yacenda presented the NSHLF's *Summary Report to the Legislative Commission and the Governor*, September 2016.

At President Yacenda's request, Bryan Fernley, Senior Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB, shared previous legislative action on Medicaid rate reviews.

In addition, Rick Kuhlmeier, Member, NSHLF, requested that the Summary's language regarding prescription readers be amended to remove the mandatory funding language.

Dr. Yacenda summarized his participation with other legislative committees that assist Nevada's seniors and whose recommendations complement the Forum's purpose ([Exhibit G](#)).

Mary Shope, previously identified, shared information about the personalized legislative tracking system. In addition, she conveyed the Forum's appreciation to LCB's staff for their efforts throughout the 2015–2016 Interim.

**MOTION:** Rick Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the NSHLF's *Summary Report to the Legislative Commission and the Governor*, September 2016, with the amended language for prescription readers. The motion was seconded by Mary D. Roberts and passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM IX—STATUS REPORT ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SILVER HAired LEGISLATORS (NCSHL)**

Verlia Davis Hoggard, Nevada Delegate, NCSHL, reported on the NCSHL's annual convention. She indicated that NCSHL has an identity problem, which impacts its membership. She stated the Council is addressing this concern.

In addition, Ms. Davis Hoggard presented information on AAA's Nevada Yellow Dot Program, which provides medical information to first responders ([Exhibit H](#)).

#### **AGENDA ITEM X—DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND POSSIBLE MEETING DATES**

Reba June Burton, Member, NSHLF, requested the Forum's handout be updated and provided to the members.

In addition, Winston Lawson, Member, NSHLF, offered to assist with speaking engagements.

#### **AGENDA ITEM XI—PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Yacenda called for public comment.

Fran Almaraz, Member, NSHLF, informed the Forum of the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund's 2nd Annual Retirement Forums. She stated the Retirement Forums would feature speakers and providers of services that will be of interest to seniors, retirees, and those about to retire. The events will be held in Reno on Monday, September 26, 2016, and in Las Vegas on Friday, October 14, 2016 ([Exhibit I](#)).

## **AGENDA ITEM XII—ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Forum, President Yacenda adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Shope, Coordinator  
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum

APPROVED BY:

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John A. Yacenda, Ph.D., M.P.H., P.A.H.M., President  
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum

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Clare Tobler, Vice President  
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” for August 30, 2016, provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator, Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NSHLF), Administrative Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

Exhibit B is a memorandum, dated August 30, 2016, to the Treasurer and President of the NSHLF, from Mary Shope, Coordinator, NSHLF, Administrative Division, LCB, regarding the Treasurer’s Report.

Exhibit C is a document titled “Reimbursement for Medical Services—Why Is This a Problem and How Does It Affect You?”, provided by Howard Baron, M.D., F.A.A.P., Secretary, Nevada State Medical Association, and past president, Clark County Medical Society.

Exhibit D is a document titled “Medicaid Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities and Community-Based Services, Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum, August 30, 2016,” provided by Jan Prentice, Chief, Reimbursement Analysis and Payment, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services.

Exhibit E is a document titled “NV Medicaid—Fee For Service, FY 2016,” provided by John A. Yacenda, President, NSHLF.

Exhibit F is a document from the National Silver Haired Congress titled, “Top 5 Resolutions for 2016,” provided by Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D., President of the Nevada Delegation, National Silver Haired Congress, Silver Senator.

Exhibit G is the NSHLF’s letter to the Honorable James W. Hardesty, Chief Justice, Nevada Supreme Court, dated July 22, 2016, provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator, NSHLF, Administrative Division, LCB.

Exhibit H is a document titled “In an Emergency, Seconds Count,” provided by Verlia Davis Hoggard, Member, NSHLF.

Exhibit I is a document announcing the dates for the 2nd Annual Retirement Forums for the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund provided by Fran Almaraz, Member, NSHLF.

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