



NEVADA LEGISLATURE
NEVADA SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE FORUM
(*Nevada Revised Statutes 437A.320 through 437A.400*)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The fourth meeting of the 2005-2006 interim for the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum was held on April 7, 2006, at 10 a.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, with videoconferencing to Room 3138, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada and to Room 123, High Tech Center, Great Basin Community College, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, 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 Web site at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/73rd/Interim/>. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Verlia Davis Hoggard, President
Thelma Clark
Robert E. Erickson
Robert McCune
Herbert Randall, Ed.D.
Mary Roberts
Ronald Stoller
Harriet Trudell

FORUM MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alice Adams
Evelyn Cannestra
Ruth Hart
Bebe Hoffman
Ray B. Jones
Donald Kirkwood

Jane Maxfield
Lucy Peres
Herbert W. Perry
Mimi Rodden
Margaret Spooner
Carolyn Stephens

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Barbara S. Dimmitt, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, (LCB)
Brian L. Davie, Legislative Services Officer, Administrative Division, LCB
Lona M. Domenici, Coordinator, Research Division, LCB
Gabriela Anguiano, Senior Research Technician, Research Division, LCB
Melisa Aguon, Secretary/IS Support Specialist, Administrative Division, Las Vegas Office, LCB

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS

- Forum President Verlia Davis Hoggard called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The Forum did not achieve a quorum. In her opening remarks, President Davis Hoggard voiced her concern regarding the Forum's inability to operate effectively without a quorum. She requested that a current membership roster be sent to all the Forum members. She also asked that a letter be sent to each Senator's whose nominee has missed two or more meetings to determine if the individual is interested in continuing in the Forum or if a replacement needs to be nominated. The members present then convened as a subcommittee. No actions were taken.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2006, MEETING

- The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum reviewed the minutes of its March 3, 2006, meeting. No necessary additions or corrections were identified.

CONSIDERATION OF THE TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR THE MARCH 3, 2006, AND APRIL 7, 2006, MEETINGS

- Robert E. Erickson, Forum Treasurer, summarized the Treasurer's Reports for the March 3, 2006, and April 7, 2006, meeting. Members also discussed their recent fundraising efforts on behalf of the Forum.

PRESENTATIONS ON EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RESPONSE PLANNING FOR THE ELDERLY IN NURSING HOMES:

Forum members heard presentations on emergency and disaster response planning for the elderly in nursing homes.

- Gary S. Derks, Duty Officer, Operations Office, Division of Emergency Management, Nevada's Department of Public Safety, explained how the State's emergency management plan is developed and the Division's role in an emergency ([Exhibit B](#)).
- Jennifer M. Dunaway, Health Facilities Surveyor IV, Health Division; Robert Cain, Health Facilities Surveyor II, Bureau of Licensure and Certification, Health Division; and Fergus J. Laughridge, Program Manager, Emergency Medical Services, Nevada's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), provided information standards and requirements related to emergencies with which licensed health care and residential facilities must comply in Nevada. Included were components of the Facility Disaster Plan established by the National Fire Protection Association. In addition, the presenters identified sections of the *Nevada Administrative Code* (NAC) concerning required emergency preparedness planning and educational activities by facilities, including NAC 449.316, NAC 449.74421, and NAC 449.229. Finally, the presenters described experiences in evacuating patients during the Waterfall Fire of July 14, 2004, in Carson City.
- Jim O'Brien, Director, Clark County Office of Emergency Management, described the most likely emergencies in Clark County and indicated that sheltering vulnerable populations in place often is the preferred strategy. He discussed the practical aspects of emergency preparedness and suggested several ideas for improving preparedness in custodial institutions and facilities. Examples included requiring facilities to conduct periodic training drills similar to those mandated for schools by *Nevada Revised Statutes* 392.450; making training and drills conditions of a facility's licensure and licensure renewal; and involving stakeholders in the development of plans and procedures for emergency preparedness ([Exhibit C](#)).
- Charles Perry, Executive Director, Nevada Health Care Association, provided information on planning for the possibility of pandemic influenza in health care facilities ([Exhibit D](#), [Exhibit E](#), [Exhibit F](#)). He noted that long-term care facilities tend to be excluded from planning and participating in community disaster drills. He recommended that State and local jurisdictions responsible for disaster preparations consider the trained personnel, medical supplies, equipment, and other assets long-term care facilities can offer.

UPDATE ON SELECTED ISSUES AFFECTING THE AGING

- Mary Ann Salmon, Manager, Long Term Care Unit, Clark County Social Services, gave Forum members an update on the proceedings and recommendations of the 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA). ([Exhibit G](#))
- Lawrence J. Weiss, Ph.D., Director, Sanford Center on Aging, University of Nevada, Reno, commented on key issues in geriatric medicine in Nevada. His suggestions for improvement included developing a chronic care strategy in the State; increasing education and training in geriatrics for healthcare professionals and paraprofessionals; and utilizing and promoting models in Nevada of elder justice, such as Special Advocates for Elders, and affordable housing, such as the Silver Sky Assisted Living Residence.

PROGRESS REPORT ON ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN NEVADA TO APPLICANTS FOR AND ENROLLEES OF MEDICARE PART D

- Marilyn Wills, Program Officer III, State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), Aging Services, DHHS, reported on problems Nevadans are encountering when they apply for enrollment in Medicare Part D or try to access services under the program. She also commented on how the SHIP is responding to these difficulties. ([Exhibit H](#)).

ACTIVITIES OF THE SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN ACCOUNTABILITY FORUM

- Forum President Davis Hoggard stated that this item was being postponed until the next meeting of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum to allow members of the Accountability Committee to attend.
- **SOLICITATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION DURING A WORK SESSION AT THE FINAL MEETING OF THE NEVADA SILVER HAIRIED LEGISLATIVE FORUM ON JUNE 15, 2006.** ([Exhibit I](#)).
- No discussion was held on this issue.

PROPOSAL FOR BUSINESS CARDS FOR MEMBERS OF THE NEVADA SILVER HAIRIED LEGISLATIVE FORUM

- Barbara Dimmitt, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, provided a prototype of a business card for members of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative

Forum. The cost would be \$40 for 500 cards if printed by Nevada's State Printing Office. She noted she was looking into other options.

- Forum President Davis Hoggard stated her opinion that printing the Great Seal of the State of Nevada on the cards would lend legitimacy to the Forum. Members discussed the possibility of getting cards in smaller quantities and the advisability of including their telephone numbers on the cards.
- Forum Member Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D., reported that he has begun adding his affiliation with the Forum to the personal business cards he prints on his computer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the Forum, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Dimmitt, Senior Research
Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Harriet Trudell, Secretary

Date: _____

APPROVED BY:

Verlia Davis Hoggard, President

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Meeting Notice and Agenda provided by Barbara Dimmit, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB, Carson City, Nevada.

[Exhibit B](#) is a slide presentation titled “State of Nevada Emergency Operation Plan,” provided by Gary S. Derks, Duty Officer, Operations Office, Division of Emergency Management, Nevada Department of Public Safety.

[Exhibit C](#) is a slide presentation titled “Protective Measures,” presented by James P. O’Brien, Ph.D., Director, Clark County Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

[Exhibit D](#) is the prepared testimony of Charles Perry, Executive Director, Nevada Health Care Association.

[Exhibit E](#) is a document titled “Planning for an Influenza Pandemic: Considerations for Persons with Dementia in Long Term Care Facilities” presented by Charles Perry, Executive Director, Nevada Health Care Association.

[Exhibit F](#) is a “Long Term Care Facilities Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist,” provided by Charles Perry, Executive Director, Nevada Health Care Association.

[Exhibit G](#) is presentation titled “White Conference on Aging 2005,” presented by Mary Ann Salmon, Manager, Long Term Care Unit, Clark County Social Services.

[Exhibit H](#) is the prepared statement of Marilyn Willis, Program Officer III, State Health Insurance Assistance Program, Medicare Counseling Program for Nevada, Aging Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services.

[Exhibit I](#) is memorandum to all interested parties, dated March 23, 2006, from Verlia Davis Hoggard, President, Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum.

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