



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

**SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT**

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The fourth meeting of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NSHLF) was held on Tuesday, April 26, 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 <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Interim>. 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  
Barbara Altman, Senate District No. 9  
Joann M. Bongiorno, Senate District No. 7  
Vicki L. Cameron, Senate District No. 5  
Evelyn A. Cannestra, M.S.W., Senate District No. 8  
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., NV Delegation, National Silver Haired Congress (NSHC),  
Silver Senator  
Stephanie L. Rose, Senate District No. 11  
Betty Rumford, Senate District No. 6  
Russ Schoenbeck, NV 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:**

Fran Almaraz, Senate District No. 21  
Clo Banks, Senate District No. 3  
Steve R. Carr, NV Delegation, NSHC, Silver Representative  
James Downer, R.T.R.P., Senate District No. 20  
Mary D. Roberts, NV Delegation, NSHC, Silver Representative  
Lonnie Strait, NV Delegation, NSHC, Silver Senator  
Carol A. Swanson, DNP, MSN, RN, 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 Assemblyman Glenn E. Trowbridge, Assembly District No. 37, and members of the public. President Yacenda acknowledged the newest members of the Forum, Carol A. Swanson, D.N.P., M.S.N., R.N., Senate District No. 17, and Steve R. Carr, NSHC, Silver Representative.

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

President Yacenda called for public comment.

Barry Gold, Director of Government Relations, AARP Nevada acknowledged the Forum's support for the Affordable Care Act during the past Legislative Session. In addition, he shared his concern that Medicaid's long-term care services may transition to managed long-term care organizations. Mr. Gold explained significant features that need to be considered for community-based services. He encouraged the Forum's advocacy as initiatives are considered. (Exhibit B)

#### **AGENDA ITEM III—APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2016, IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

**MOTION:** Rick Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016, meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The motion was seconded by Evelyn A. Cannestra and passed unanimously.

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

Vicki L. Cameron, Treasurer, NSHLF, reviewed the budget and expenditures of the NSHLF, as of March 31, 2016. She explained the details of the Forum's allocations, listed as \$6,207, remaining balance \$3,914.18. (Exhibit C)

**MOTION:** Verlia Davis Hoggard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and expenditures ending March 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Joann M. Bongiorno and passed unanimously.

## **AGENDA ITEM V—OVERVIEW OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES, INCLUDING NEVADA STATE VETERANS HOME AND NEVADA VETERANS ADVOCACY PROGRAMS**

Wendy Simons, Deputy Director of Health and Wellness, Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS), shared the mission, advocacy, and the history of NDVS, including future initiatives. She mentioned multiple funding sources and partnerships with NDVS. Ms. Simons explained the Veterans Advocacy Program and encouraged the Forum members' participation. She shared NDVS' many successful outreach services and concluded by extending her assistance for Nevadans. (Exhibit D)

## **AGENDA ITEM VI – OVERVIEW OF SENIOR PHARMACEUTICAL CONCERNS**

Yeng Long, Pharm. D., B.C.A.C.P., Nevada Prescription Monitoring Program, State Board of Pharmacy, reviewed the highlights of services to protect elder citizens. She provided information on vendors and pharmacies. Ms. Long stated Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Services is offered by pharmacists to minimize adverse drug events while maximizing effectiveness of drug therapies.

Melissa Hampton, Pharm. D. Candidate, shared information regarding Medicare drug coverage, Part D, and highlighted drug synchronization programs.

Forum members raised concerns regarding substitutions of trade name drugs to generic drugs.

Mr. Dave Wuest, Executive Director, State Board of Pharmacy, stated prescriptions are dispensed as written by physicians without substitutions. He informed the Forum that the State Board of Pharmacy is available for any concern and assistance. (Exhibit E)

Rick Kuhlmeier, Forum Member and President, Nevada Council of the Blind, provided an overview of medication administration from the consumer's perspective. He shared concerns regarding adverse drug events for visually impaired seniors. Mr. Kuhlmeier recommended enabling legislation whereas pharmacies would provide prescription readers for print-disabled persons, when vision cannot be corrected. (Exhibit F)

## **AGENDA ITEM VII – DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICES WITH FOCUS ON AREAS ADVERSELY AFFECTING NEVADA SENIORS**

Jill Berntson, Deputy Administrator, Aging and Disability Services (ADSD), Department of Health and Human Services, highlighted the amendments to the Older Americans Act and the importance to Nevadans, given this legislation provides the funding for Medicare/Medicaid services. In addition, she encouraged Forum members to provide input to the State of Nevada ADSD Plan for the Administration on Aging. Ms. Berntson explained initiatives addressing food security, community-based housing, and timely reviews of reimbursement service rates. (Exhibit G)

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII – STATUS REPORT ON THE NEVADA DELEGATION OF NATIONAL SILVER HAIRED CONGRESS**

Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D., President, Nevada Delegation, NSHC, provided an update regarding membership requirements. He stated the Congress did not want to change the requirements. Dr. Randall shared details about the annual conference, which will be held on August 12, 13, and 14, 2016. He stated the Congress's resolutions would be shared following its meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM IX – DISCUSSION ON STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NEVADA SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE FORUM, SPECIFICALLY NRS 427A.350 EX OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL SILVER HAIRED CONGRESS**

President Yacenda summarized the statutory history of the Forum and the language of ex officio members. He analyzed the NSHLF and NSHC's membership requirements and concluded the membership provisions are inconsistent between the two bodies. President Yacenda opined a disciplined membership structure would resolve this concern. He recommended the NSHC modify their Bylaws for membership, making the NSHC consistent with the NSHLF. In addition, President Yacenda suggested the Forum's bill draft request (BDR) be a policy statement, and he suggested if the issue is procedural, that the Forum encourage Legislators sponsor those proposed BDRs.

Ms. Cameron and Ms. Bongiorno supported the recommendation for membership qualifications consistency. Ms. Bongiorno highlighted the discrepancy in ex officio membership and recommended the statutory language of full rights and privileges be revised.

Mr. Schoenbeck mentioned the statutory language could not be changed.

Bryan Fernley, previously identified, stated the statutory language would require revision, but he indicated the motion presently under consideration is to ask the NSHC to revise its Bylaw membership qualifications. (Exhibit H)

**MOTION:** Vicki L. Cameron made a motion to ask the NSHC to change its qualifications of membership to mirror or be consistent with the NSHLF's membership qualifications. The motion was seconded by Joann M. Bongiorno.

Dr. Randall stated the current NSHC members comply with the NSHLF's membership qualifications, even though the NSHC's Bylaws allow the 50-year age requirement.

Ms. Cannestra supported the consistency of membership qualifications.

Ms. Hoggard supported the statutory language revision to remove the language of full rights and privileges of the Ex Officio members.

Mr. Schoenbeck recommended the Forum address senior issues, instead of statutory language revisions.

Mr. Rick Kuhlmeier called for the question. The motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM X—DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS RELATING TO WORK SESSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION AND POSSIBLE MEETING DATES**

President Yacenda opened the discussion on future agenda items, meeting dates, and expenditures. He announced the next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016, which will include the work session.

**AGENDA ITEM XI—PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **AGENDA ITEM XII—ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Forum, President Yacenda adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Shope, Coordinator  
Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum

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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 April 26, 2016, provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator, Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (NSHLF), Administrative Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

Exhibit B is the AARP letter dated December 16, 2015, “RE: AARP Nevada – Recommended Principles to Guide Consideration of a Managed Long Term Services and Supports Initiative,” submitted by Barry Gold, Executive Director of Government Relations, AARP NEVADA.

Exhibit C is the Treasurer’s Report Ending Fiscal Year 2015–2016, Period Ending 03/31/2016 Memorandum and the Budget Report for Fiscal: 2015–2016 Period Ending 03/31/2016, provided by Mary Shope, Coordinator, NSHLF, Administrative Division, LCB.

Exhibit D is the document titled “State of Nevada Department of Veterans Services, Agency Presentation to Silver Haired Legislative Forum”, dated April 26, 2016, provided by Wendy Simons, Deputy Director Wellness, “Serving Nevada’s Heroes”.

Exhibit E is the document titled “Pharmacy Care for the Elderly”, Silver Haired Legislative Forum, provided by Melissa Hampton, Pharm.D. Candidate and Yen Long, Pharm.D., B.C.A.C.P., Program Administrator, Nevada Prescription Monitoring Program, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy.

Exhibit F is the document titled “Presentation Prepared for the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (remarks, access to drug labels survey report, issue brief: access to prescription drug labeling, PLAW 112 144, 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, and listing of pharmaceutical companies),” dated April 26, 2016, provided by Rick Kuhlmeier, Forum member and President of the Nevada Council of the Blind.

Exhibit G is the cover letter titled “Presentation to Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum” dated April 26, 2016, provided by Jill Berntson, Deputy Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services.

Exhibit H is the written testimony titled “Statutory History of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum, dated 4-24-16” “NSHLF and NSHC Creation – Purpose – Strategic Mission,”, and “Statutory Changes Scorecard 1997-2007, ”provided by Dr. John Yacenda, President, NSHLF.

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