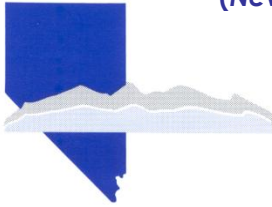


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## **WORK SESSION DOCUMENT**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012**

The following “Work Session Document” has been prepared by the coordinator of the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 427A.320). It is designed to assist the Forum members in developing statements and determining recommendations to be forwarded to the Legislative Commission and the Governor.

The document contains recommendations within the scope of the Forum’s duties that were presented in hearings and submitted in writing for the Forum’s consideration. The possible actions listed in the document do not necessarily have the support or opposition of the Forum. Rather, these possible actions are compiled and organized so the Forum members may review them to decide if they should be adopted, changed, rejected, or given further consideration.

For purposes of this Work Session Document, the recommendations are not preferentially ordered. Additionally, although possible actions may be identified within each recommendation, the Forum may choose to recommend any of the following actions: (1) request the drafting of legislation; (2) request the drafting of a resolution; (3) draft a letter; or (4) include a statement in the final report. Supporting or related articles, documents, presentations and testimony are shown in the boxes following each recommendation, and copies of these items are available from the Coordinator.

If action is taken to adopt a recommendation, it will become part of the Forum’s final report and will be presented to the Legislative Commission and the Governor.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

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### **Recommendation No. 1 – Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)**

- Support proposed legislation as submitted by the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs or in the alternative, write a statement in the Summary Report to the Legislative Commission and the Governor highlighting the need for funding home and community-based services.

Recommend that a bill draft be requested to improve long-term health care that would address concerns such as personnel staffing and training, transparency, and enforcement of licensing regulations, or in the alternative, write a statement in the Summary Report to the Legislative Commission and the Governor supporting long-term health care proposals advanced by the Legislative Committees.

Presentation by Herb K. Schultz, Regional Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region IX.

Presentation by Barry Gold, Director, Government Relations, Nevada AARP.

### **Recommendation No. 2 – Affordable Health Care Act and Nevada’s Seniors**

- Support proposed legislation as submitted by Legislative Committees and/or State agencies that improves health care programs for seniors.

Presentation by Herb K. Schultz, Regional Director, U.S. DHHS, Region IX.

Presentation by Mark A. Hutchison, private attorney, co-founder of Hutchison & Steffen, LLC, and lead special counsel for the State of Nevada.

Presentation by Daliah H. Wachs, M.D., Board Certified family physician, and nationally syndicated medical radio host.

### **Recommendation No. 3 – Senior Employment Challenges**

- Support proposed legislation or in the alternative, write a statement in the Summary Report to the Legislative Commission and the Governor highlighting the need to maintain a healthy employment environment for senior citizens.

Presentation by Edith L. Caldwell, Doctoral Learner, University of Phoenix.

Presentation by William D. Anderson, Chief Economist, Research and Analysis Bureau, Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

Presentation by Lynda Parven, Deputy Administrator of Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Employment Security Division.

### **Recommendation No. 4 – Endangered Persons Statewide Alert System**

- Continue to monitor Nevada’s Silver Alert system and to support recommendations that enhance the program’s overall success.

Recommend that a bill draft be requested to enhance the program by eliminating both the 60 years of age requirement and the residency requirement, or in the alternative, write a statement in the Summary Report to the Legislative Commission and the Governor supporting these amendments to the statute.

Presentation by Lieutenant Roger Vind, State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol Division (DPS).

Presentation by Lucy Peres, President, Nevada’s Delegation of the National Silver Haired Congress and Forum members.

### **Recommendation No. 5 – Public Utility Concerns**

- Continue to monitor public utility hearings and support proposed legislation and/or practices that preserve justifiable utility rate increases and consumer safety.

Presentation by Judy Stokey, Executive, Governmental and External Affairs, NV Energy.

Presentation by Schad L. Koon, Manager Customer Programs and Services, Customer Services Department, NV Energy.

Presentation by Daniel O. Jacobsen, Technical Staff Manager, Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection.

### **Recommendation No. 6 – Consumer Protection – Seniors Avoiding Scams**

- Continue to monitor consumer practices and support proposed legislation and/or practices that protect seniors from fraud and scams.

Presentation by Herbert E. Randall, Ed.D., President, NSHLF and Silver Senator, National Silver Haired Congress in collaboration with Bank of America, the National Council on Aging, and Women’s Institute for a Secure Retirement.

### **Recommendation No. 7 – National Silver Haired Congress’ (NSHC) Top Five Resolutions for 2012**

- Write a statement in the Summary Report to the Legislative Commission and the Governor in support of NSHC’s Top Five Resolutions for 2012. They include: 1) Establish a National Silver Alert Notification Network, 2) Increase Funding of the Older Americans Act, 3) Expand Telemedicine Services, 4) Increase Funding for Home and Community Based Services, and 5) Review and Expand the Elder Justice Act.

Presentation by Nevada’s NSHC Delegation outlining the NSHC’s Top Five Resolutions for 2012.