



MINUTES OF THE WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2022

Washoe County Senior Center, Reno, Nevada 89512
Game Room
&
Zoom Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78207944707?pwd=ZkgvSHFXeUxzMkNlRXNaWHd3R1F1dz09>

1. ***Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair- Hawah Ahmad.
2. ***Roll Call** – Hawah Ahmad asked for the roll call; Ryan Crane took the roll. There was a quorum present via in person and through Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Martha Lavin
Barbara Korosa
James Doyle
Ethan Hovest
Linda Hardie

Rick Sorensen
Pamela Roberts
Sarah Deardorff
Hawah Ahmad

ABSENT (EXCUSED*)

Mary Ann McCauley
*Casey Reed

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Steve McBride
Abby Willrich
Amber Howell

Sandra Vasquez
Herbert Kaplan (DA)
Ryan Crane

ADVISOR PRESENT

Dr. Larry Weiss
Donna Clontz

ADVISOR (ABSENT)

Victoria Edmondson
Connie McMullen

3. ***Public Comment** –

Donna states the next Hello Project will be this Saturday from 9am-11am. Also, the Reno center has CPR kits.

Susie Trinidad and Michael Dulude introduced themselves from RTC.

4. ***Member Announcements** –

Rick stated there are classes for seniors at the college.

5. Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on January 5, 2022 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Pamela Roberts and seconded by Linda Hardie.
Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on December 1, 2021 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Rick Sorensen.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Report and discussion on the American Rescue Plan Act (A.R.P.A.) funding process for Washoe County – Gabrielle Enfield, Washoe County Community Reinvestment Manager

Gabrielle presents, see attachment. [1-05-22 ARPA WC Presentation.pptx \(live.com\)](#)

Gabrielle states that water and sewer were number one on the list. Roads too was on top of the list, but they don't qualify for the funds. Washoe County submitted to the state for transitional affordable housing, sewer, and wastewater. So far, the BCC has obligated over \$40 million. Most of the allocation was recent. There are urgent projects and then there is the timeline currently identifying priority projects after the urgent projects. The immediate priorities are supporting, launching, and implementing of the 23 urgent projects; these are all federal funds and with this there are strings attached. Larry asked what is dedicated to elders, Gabrielle stated none at the moment. Amber Howell stated that 45% of the population at Our Place are seniors. CARES also has significant number of seniors. These are the most vulnerable population. Maybe in 2nd part they can look at impacts to seniors, like homemaker. Donna expressed interest in the results of the letter that was turned in for the 2nd round. Amber stated they have a budget submission and have taken the letter and submitted those, especially homemaker because that way it would be more sustainable. Donna stated one thing to think about are the one time money expenses for repairs of the building. Amber stated capital improvement projects are not in ARPA. Steve stated that for capital improvement projects, there was discussion for opportunities for other exploration of the kitchen. Hawah stated the state just closed their application for nonprofits; she would also like to see if there is a list of the first batch of expenses for ARPA. Gabrielle stated this information is on the website. Amber stated they will send the staff report to the Board. Hawah asked if there is a timeline for nonprofits, the reply was yes. Gabrielle stated right now they are looking at priorities and are aware funding can change a little and they will know more over the next few months.

8. *Discussion and possible recommendations on transportation issues in Washoe County, including recent RTC Washoe route changes that affect the senior rider community (For Possible Action)

Donna stated Paco Lachoy rides the bus and can convey what is going on. Paco stated he rides the #4 and people have been contacting him to complain about the bus issues. The problem seems to be all over the place but the 2, 2S, and 4 are a major issue. Susie Trinidad stated they had a tabling and they have a link available on the RTC website so that people can express their concern. January 14 is the deadline. Michael Dulude from RTC stated he understands the goal isn't to cut service but to effectively have routes that will work. They have had staff shortages and they are having a hard time retaining operators. They are working on getting incentives for operators and after that they can go back to normal operations. The Board asked if there were going to be micro routes, the reply was no, they are limited on what they can do. Susie stated that people should apply for Access even if they think they don't qualify. There is taxi and Uber and they are finalizing with a Lyft program. They are also partnering with N4 and there is Flex ride in limited areas. Paco stated there is a big hospital being built and there are no bus routes.

Mike stated putting in a new bus route can entail at least \$1million to \$2million per year. Paco asked what the percentage of drivers are seniors, the reply was about 32%.

Pamela Roberts makes a motion to request for a trifold flyer they can distribute to seniors and is seconded by Rick Sorensen. Motion passed unanimously.

9. *Report and discussion on services provided by Washoe County Library System – Deborah Gunderman

Deborah stated there are renovations going on and all will look good after it's all done. They have many electronic resources and several databases and mango languages if someone wants to learn a new language. There are seniors that like to use technology. They have Tech Café which happens in a classroom setting, but they also provide tech help one on one. They also have computer classes and are working on virtual reality. The library has a quarterly booklet and it provides community resources. Also, the library has partnered with the Northern Nevada Literacy Center for English learning and immigration. It is important to have a library card for all resources available, with the library card, people can get into museums for free. Also, the library just approved their strategic plan and one goal is for homebound seniors to have library services as well as having money for bookmobiles.

10. *Report and discussion on services provided by WCHSA Senior Services Division – Steve McBride, Division Director

Steve presents

11. *Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee - Donald Abbott

Donald stated the last meeting.....

12. *Update on Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Paco Lachoy

Paco stated communication is still a big thing and they have a weekly radio program as well as a newsletter coming out next week.

13. *Discussion of plans for Older Americans Month 2022 – Chris Ciarlo, Washoe County Community Outreach Coordinator

Chris introduces himself and states O.A.M. has a 5 phase communication plan. News release is #1. There are also over 30,000 mail subscribers and they are impactful and go a long way; social media campaign also goes a long way. There is also the media blitz and hitting the live shows to let people know of O.A.M.; there is also the option for a virtual O.A.M.

14. *Discussion of plans for Stuff-A-Bus 2022 – Chris Ciarlo, Washoe County Community Outreach Coordinator

Chris states it's important to have partners like RTC for Stuff-A-Bus. They have partnered with KOLO in previous years and they provide about \$25,000 worth of media coverage. Donna stated that for the next meeting, they need to talk about activities that come from the Board members.

15. Update, report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities sponsored by AARP throughout the county and cities (For Possible Action) – Donna Clontz

Item moved for next meeting.

16. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding the Friendly Visitor Calls project to selected Washoe County seniors (For Possible Action)

Item moved for next meeting.

17. *Report, discussion, and updates on the Advisory Board member's Shared Issues and Goals for Housing, Advocacy, Communication & Information, Data Planning, Transportation, Nutrition Programs, Social & Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteering, Financing, and Social & Health Services (For Possible Action)

Attachment: [1-05-22 Joint Goals Wrksht.pdf \(washoecounty.gov\)](#)

Item moved for next meeting.

18. *Report and discussion on senior board members to attend ongoing Washoe County public meetings

Attachment: [1-05-22 Monthly Washoe County Public Meetings Chart.pdf](#)

Item moved for next meeting.

19. *Advisory Board Members' announcements, reports and updates to include requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Advisory Board Members will take place on this item.)

Possible joint meeting

20. *Public comment –

None.

21. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Rick Sorensen. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.