



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

July 15, 2026

Washoe County, 1155 East Ninth Street, Reno, NV
Building E, The Mint Room
&

Zoom Webinar

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call To Order [Non-Action Item] - Meeting was called to order at time 3:00p.m. by Chair – Pamela Roberts.

3. Roll Call [Non-Action Item] – There was a quorum present via in-person and through Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT

C. Mark Neumann
Mac Rossi
Adolfo Correa
Thuy Tran
Benecia Price

Pam Roberts
Alan Di Stefano

ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Patricia Gallimore
Denise Myer
Edward Lamb
Mary Ann McCauley
Ann Guinn

ABSENT (NOT EXCUSED)

Monica Webb

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Cara Paoli
Herb Kaplan
Jim Smith

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT

Donald Abbott, Sparks
City Council

ADVISOR PRESENT

Sue Meuschke
Donna Clontz

4. Public Comment [Non-Action Item] –

Jody Badan, Founder, News Literacy Initiative Helping tell fact from fiction in news of all kinds. PowerPoint presentation. Two presentations scheduled, Cold Springs July 23, 10:30am SunValley 31st 10:00am

Molly Rose Lewis, U.S. Senator Jackie Rosen's Office: Reminded attendees that constituents should contact the office for assistance with federal matters, including passports, international travel emergencies, Social Security, Medicare, IRS, and other federal agency issues. They also shared information about a monthly federal grants newsletter highlighting grant opportunities for local organizations and encouraged interested individuals to subscribe. Contact information was provided for assistance, noting that staff across all three offices are trained to assist with constituent requests.

Donna Clontz, AARP: Shared the updated July list of age-friendly activities and resources available throughout Washoe County and encouraged members to help distribute informational flyers within the community. Updates included a new Washoe Senior Coalition flyer to promote monthly meetings held on the first Friday of each month. Attendees were invited to volunteer at the Paradise Park Community Garden, where volunteers help maintain the garden, water plants, and harvest seasonal produce. Attendees were also invited to participate in the Walk with a Doc program, now held indoors at Meadowood Mall during the summer, where participants can walk with a rehabilitation physician and discuss healthy aging. Additionally, information was shared about a recent federal housing affordability law, with copies of an NPR article available to help explain the legislation.

Marc Newmann: Attendees were informed that Sun Valley Pool offers free senior-only swim sessions for adults aged 60 and older on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the Advisory Board Meeting on May 13, 2026. The minutes were approved with amendments to correct grammatical and spelling errors, set forth by Anne Guinn and to include the insertion of "ingest" in Mac Rossi's comment A second was received..

After the amendments, C. Mark Neumann motioned to approve minutes, Mac Rossi seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

6. Update from Northern Nevada Legal Services: Sarah Mollick shared updates on recent and upcoming community outreach efforts, including successful tenant rights presentations held in partnership with the City of Sparks in collaboration with Donald Abbot in June. Additional presentations are planned for September, including one offered in Spanish. The organization also participated in events such as Law Day and continues to provide on-site legal assistance and resources to community members.

The organization continues to assist seniors with a variety of legal matters, including landlord-tenant issues, Social Security appeals, estate planning, and limited probate cases. For the second quarter (April 1–June 30), the organization opened 140 cases and continues to provide legal support to seniors throughout the community.

7. Marta Malone, Center for Healthy Aging Homesharing: The Center for Healthy Aging introduced the new Northern Nevada Home Share Program, which matches compatible hosts with extra space in their homes and guests seeking affordable housing. The program includes application reviews, interviews, home safety checks, background screenings, and ongoing support to help create safe, stable, long-term living arrangements.

The program is designed to provide affordable housing, reduce social isolation, and offer possible benefits such as companionship, transportation assistance, and light household support. It is not a caregiving service or short-term rental program. The organization is seeking community support through referrals, volunteers, and outreach to identify potential hosts and guests. The program recently received an AARP Community Challenge Grant to help launch the initiative.

8. Update on City of Sparks: Donald Abbot highlighted the success of the recent Tenant Rights Seminar, with approximately 25–30 attendees over two sessions and positive community engagement. Current efforts to install an irrigation/drip system for the Senior Center garden beds in partnership with Councilwoman Vanderwell. Overall, the representative reported positive feedback from the community.

9. Update City of Reno: Senior Engagement Coordinator, Izabella Bauman via email: Art and Line dancing classes are still ongoing. Senior Resource Fair in August reno.gov/seniors for more info.

10. Update from Washoe County Senior Services: Human Services Division Director Cara Paoli and Human Services Agency Senior Services Coordinator Abby Badolato. Update on Older Americans Month successful corvette car show and sock hop. Announced receiving an AARP Community Challenge Grant to support senior services, including the addition of a new bike rack. Washoe County was also recognized for developing an age-friendly action plan and becoming the first county in Nevada added to the, AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

Additional updates included a new pool tournament planned to begin July 30, upcoming Senior Citizens Day breakfast on Thursday August 20th 8:30am, and continued efforts by the Activity Coordinator Lisa Scharfenberg-O'Grady to expand programming through community partnerships with Lazy 5 and Sun Valley. She has been gathering input from seniors regarding future activities and programming opportunities.

11. Master Plan Update –Sue Meuschke provided update on volunteer efforts. Staff also received a small grant to support program expansion, including outreach materials and volunteer recognition efforts. Board suggests making Master plan an action item for August meeting.

12. Update on AARP Age Friendly Washoe County Action Plan – Donna Clontz spoke about the continued alignment of the Age-Friendly Plan with the Washoe County Master Plan. Members discussed tracking progress on plan initiatives during future meetings, including updates on community roundtable discussions designed to gather input from residents. A revised draft of the roundtable framework will be shared with staff, with the goal of beginning discussions in September. The AARP State Office continues to offer support and collaboration.

13. Advisory Board Members' announcements, reports, and updates to include requests for information or topics for future agenda – C. Mark Neumann, Future master plan updates will include action items and implementation steps. Board members were reminded of the Washoe County Commissioner meeting training. This four-hour training course scheduled for August 14th 12:30pm-5:00pm or August 15th 8:30am-1:00pm is required of all appointed board members.

Alan Di Stefano, update on Public Health and Waste Management situation. Alan will follow up on who the contact is in charge.

Donna Cluntz, shared AARP update about successful 4th of July event for the City of Reno 4th of 4th street parade, sharing senior services information along the route. Suggested Veterans Day parade walk. November meeting falls on a Veterans Day holiday.

Pam Roberts, The November 11th meeting date falls on Veterans Day, when Washoe County offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. The Board discussed the need to reschedule the meeting to an alternate date, potentially during the week prior, the same week, or the following week. A possible action item will be brought forward for consideration. A question was also raised regarding September being recognized as National Senior Citizens Month.

14. Public comment [Non-Action Item]

15. ADJOURNMENT [Non-Action Item] 4:21 PM by Chair Pamela Roberts.

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