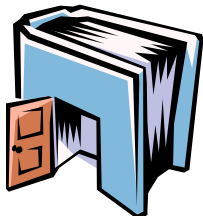


Information Portal helps us remain informed, network effectively, and celebrate success as Single Point of Entry is introduced across Nevada. *Information Portal* is posted each month at www.unr.edu/sanford (click on Affiliates; click on Single Point of Entry Project). Those without Internet access receive a printed version. Please e-mail information to Bill Murphy-Sharp at wsharp@unr.edu by the **20th of each month** (all attachments in Microsoft Word, please) or fax him (775) 784-1814.

Planning Essential to SPE Success



Developing and implementing collaborative projects such as the Nevada Single Point of Entry requires careful planning and participant cooperation. Perhaps the single most effective tool to increase success is a strategic plan through which stakeholders define their vision, common goals, and a practical implementation timeline.

To affirm its commitment to create an effective SPE, Nevada Division for Aging Services, SPE grantees, Statewide

Leadership Advisory Committee members, and an independent facilitator met Dec. 4, 2002 to discuss and plan SPE activities. They tackled assignments such as reporting project history, identifying standardized strategies, policies and protocols, and developing a business plan that supports:

- assessment of SPE scope/functional components,
- evaluation of plans from other states to incorporate best practices,

- identifying funding sources for operations and sustainability,
- governance/administrative structure, and a
- budget estimate.

A workgroup, formed at the initial planning session, pledged to assess progress at weekly meetings and expand or revise the original plan as appropriate.

With the assistance of the independent facilitator, the group has completed tasks to identify strategic stakeholders across Nevada and maintained

Stakeholder Announcements

Keyth Durham (Northeast Area Health Education Center, Elko) completes the first of two rural tours, April 1-4, to meet SPE stakeholders in Elko, Ely, Battle Mountain, Fallon, Hawthorne, Lovelock, Silver Springs, Tonopah, and Winnemucca.

He is presenting opportunities for rural participation with state welfare, county senior centers and human service offices, and tribal health departments — including requesting signatures on the Declaration of Support.

April's meeting schedule is confirmed but please contact Keyth at (775) 934-1706 to arrange to meet with him when he visits the same communities in July.

Stakeholder feedback about *Information Portal* suggests: 1) printing from the web produces irregular results, and 2) use of a larger type size makes reading more comfortable. We've

resolved both concerns by making available a revised format. Please ([click here](#)) to access the alternate version.

Dr. Claudia Collins (Southern Area University of Nevada Cooperative Extension) presented an overview of Nevada SPE, March 13, at the National Council on Aging/American Society on Aging Joint Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Session moderator was **Dr. Larry Weiss** and **Bill Murphy-Sharp** (Sanford Center for Aging) coordinated with co-presenters.

The university representatives gleaned valuable information from other presenters that included New Jersey Easy Access Single Entry, Atlanta (Georgia) Regional Commission Connection Plus, and software developer

Carbonell (Assist. Secretary for Aging for the Administration on Aging) reported AoA will release a grant announcement for states to develop "one stop-shop entry points" to long term care by June 2003.

Dorothy Jacobson-Otte (Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County) resigns her position, April 3 as her family relocates to a NATO military base in Iceland. Dorothy will be missed. EOCC expects to select her replacement in April.

Regional Meeting Dates

Rural — April 23 1-3 pm
Teleconference to eight sites

North — April 24 10 a –noon
Washoe County Senior Services

South — April 29 10 a –noon
Cooperative Extension—A;
2590 Lindell Blvd.

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