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Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 12:00 noon.** This meeting will be held at the **Clark County Library** located at **1401 E Flamingo Road.** Our lunch sponsors will be Alternate Municipal Court Judge George Trachtman & Attorney Heidi Almase.

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SENIORS UNITED AND ITS BOARD WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A SINCERE *THANK YOU* TO HUMANA FOR THEIR GENEROUS ASSISTANCE IN COVERING THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING OF OUR "HIGHLIGHTS" NEWSLETTER EVERY MONTH. THANK YOU ALSO TO DIXON KELLER AND RON WILLIAMS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS ORGANIZATION.



Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 9, 2011.** This meeting will be held at the Clark County Library at 12:00 noon. Our speaker & lunch provider will be Henderson Councilwoman **Debra March.**

Call Doris Balducci for more information about dues at 732-4366 or email at dmbalducci@yahoo.com. Thank you.

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The subcommittee hearings on health and Human Services/Health Care Financing and Policy budgets were held the week of January 24th. A clearer picture is beginning to emerge. As you may recall under the 10/15 HHS cuts (as a part of the 10% share) was \$190 million. But some \$340 million in FMAP adjustments/\$160 million in caseload growth were to be added back.

It appears that Governor Sandavol then asked the Departments to prepare additional cuts beyond the \$190 million (10%) level. After reviewing the list the Governor did do a very positive thing by "adding back" some \$119 million of the proposed cuts (PCS, adult day care, dentures, etc.). Even after those "add backs", however, HHS's share of the General Fund cut rose from \$190 million to \$276 million. Moreover the additional \$340 million is increased FMAP has been reduced to \$190 million due to changes in the federal formula which worked to Nevada's favor.

The \$276 million consists of roughly \$100 million in shifts to the counties, \$58 million in rate reductions, \$37million in payroll reductions and a variety of smaller cuts/revenues generators.

In summary:

- There are add backs
- There is concern that a number of the 10% cuts were not added back (kinshipcare, child support enforcement reductions, some autism services, eyeglasses for seniors, etc.)
- There is fear that the counties cannot/will not be able to handle the \$100 million in shifts so that those services are all in danger of being lost/further reduced and other county services will be further stressed.
- That rate reductions may lead to further limited access

The Governor's proposals amount to an admission that Nevada does not have a so much of a spending problem as a revenue problem. Instead of raising those revenues at the state level through tax increases he puts the burden on the counties to come up with the money, "taxes" provides through rate reductions and generates revenues through unusual means such as monetizing health insurance premiums.

Incorporated cities (Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas, Mesquite and North Las Vegas) conduct their own elections in odd-numbered years. Municipal Primary Elections will be on **April 5, 2011**. Municipal General Elections will be on **June 7, 2011**. Eligible voters may vote early before Election Day, by mail, or on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Important election and registration related dates for the 2011 Municipal Elections are available on our website.

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The members of Seniors United want to share experiences with others.

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Forums are varied to benefit the needs of the community and to discuss political issues. Guest speakers come from all areas.

It is with pride that we are seniors and are doubly proud to be members of Seniors United.

The pride continues in our many accomplishments and in the good name we have established in the community.

Our goal is to develop plans for a great tomorrow and to make it happen.

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REID SPOKESMAN: REPUBLICANS MOVING AHEAD WITH PLAN TO END SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

From: Jon Summers, spokesman for Nevada Senator Harry Reid

“Republicans are trying to carry out their plan to end Social Security and Medicare. In public, Republicans are trying to distance themselves from this extreme plan because they know hard-working Americans don’t want to see Social Security and Medicare ended. But they should stop trying to hide the ball, and just come out and say what has become perfectly clear: that ending Social Security and Medicare is now the official position of the Republican Party.”

Background Guidance: This news comes days after republicans chose Rep. Paul Ryan, the architect of Republican’s plan to end Social Security and Medicare, to deliver their response to the State of the Union. Ryan’s plan has been endorsed by the Republican Majority Leader and the top Republican on the Senate budget committee – and since Rep Ryan is the chair of the House budget committee, this plan now officially has the backing of the top Republicans on the House and Senate committees that set the funding parameters for both programs.

Under the Medicare portion of the proposal, Americans who depend on Medicare – most of whom are elderly or have pre-existing conditions or illnesses – will have a capped, fixed amount to spend on care. They would be forced to find insurance that can be covered by that amount, which will not exist for many, effectively denying them insurance. Moreover, without the reforms in the *Affordable Care Act* for limited age rating, no health status rating, and no pre-existing condition exclusions, insurance at an affordable price for anyone in this cohort will not exist in most places.

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