



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2022, 1:30 PM

Aging and Adult Services
5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA
Video Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Prado called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*(*Chairperson, **Vice Chairperson, ***Parliamentarian)*

Executive Members Present: Barbara Goodlow, **Stephanie Lynch, Linda Oswald, *Yolanda Prado, and ***Judy Snyder

Excused Absence: Kris Grasty and Jan Lemucchi

Quorum present: Quorum confirmed by Jeremy Oliver

Commission on Aging Members Present: Susan Bodnar

Honorary Commissioners Present: None.

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: Laura Juarez

Guests Present: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Volunteer Recognition** – Certificates of Appreciation were given to all senior nutrition volunteers except for the Bakersfield Senior Center and Rasmussen Senior Center. Commissioner Snyder and Commissioner Goodlow will work with Laura on getting certificates ready for those senior centers.

- **Commissioner Meetings with Appointing Agencies** – Commissioners can start scheduling appointments with their appointees.
- **COA Bylaws** – County Counsel approved the revised Bylaws on August 1, 2022. This item will be placed as an Action Item on the COA Regular meeting agenda for vote to approve revised COA Bylaws.
- **Senior Day** – Senior Day at the Kern County Fair will be Friday, September 23, 2022. Free admission and parking will be available up to 4 p.m. that day for seniors 62+ years. Gates open at 9 a.m. with Opening Ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. Chair Prado, and Interim Director, Jeremy Oliver will be some of the event speakers during the Opening Ceremony. For safety precautions, Commissioners will not be greeters this year.
- **Senior Celebration** – Commissioner Snyder provided an update on the planning of the Senior Celebration taking place October 22, 2022 from 1-4 p.m. at the Rasmussen Senior Center. Laura Juarez is creating a flyer and will send it to the senior centers along with a signup sheet when it is done. All attendees must register in order to attend due to limited capacity of 130. Commissioners are asked to donate a \$20 gift card for BINGO and/or Door prizes. Pacifica Senior Living will prepare a dessert bar with bite size desserts. We have room for 12 vendors, who will also assist with calling BINGO games and will be permitted to give a brief presentation about their organization. Laura will send a follow-up email to the vendors with the flyer and setup information. Commissioner R. Oswald and Commissioner L. Oswald will assist with soliciting donations for prizes. Rasmussen Senior Center will provide coffee and creamer. Bakersfield Senior Placement will donate water. Grimmway Farms is donating carrots. Aging and Adult Services will arrange for pickup of the carrots and will have them stored at the Rasmussen Senior Center.
- **Commissioner Recruitment** – Yee Vue is no longer with Valley Caregiver Resource Center (VCRC) so we are down another Commissioner. We will have four vacancies so we need to increase Commissioner recruitment. Commissioner Snyder has been in contact with someone from VCRC and asked him to reach out to Chair Prado regarding appointing another representative. There were a couple of applications received so we will need to consider recommending their appointment.
- **Meals on Wheels Advertisement** – Chair Prado shared that there was an article in the paper by Gary Gerard on July 30, 2022, that the City of Delano had information on their water bills about the Meals on Wheels program. Great opportunity for other communities to advertise the senior nutrition program for seniors.
- **DEAR Newsletter** – Chair Prado shared that the DEAR Newsletter contains a lot of good information about elder abuse.

- **Intergenerational Funding** – Chair Prado asked about the Intergenerational funding. Jeremy Oliver explained that the funding for this program is being allocated to the County in October 2022. We have multiple projects lined up for this program, including creating a community garden, tele skype, etc.
- **COA Foundation Donation** – Chair Prado thanked the COA Foundation for their donation to the Welcome Back Senior Celebration taking place at the Veterans Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter will be sent to CAPK thanking them for the work they did packing 860 32-pound food boxes to give to the seniors in Delano.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the July 6, 2022 Executive Commission on Aging meeting were approved as prepared. **Motion/Second/Abstention/Oppose (M/S/A/O) Lynch/Goodlow/None/None. Motion carried.**

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda for the September 19, 2022 Regular Commission on Aging meeting was approved. **(M/S/A/O) – Snyder/L. Oswald/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Oliver, Secretary