



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2023, 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 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Executive Members Present: Barbara Goodlow, Kris Grasty, Jan Lemucchi, **Stephanie Lynch, *Yolanda Prado, and *** Judy Snyder

Excused Absence: Linda Oswald

Quorum present: Quorum confirmed by Jeremy Oliver

Commission on Aging Members Present: None.

Honorary Commissioners Present: None.

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: Laura Juarez

Guests Present: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Centenarian Recognition Program** – Jeremy Oliver shared that 17 News Sunrise would like to share and recognize the Centenarians. If this is something we'd like to do, we will need to formalize how to proceed. Maybe just a headshot photo, name, and bio. Commissioner Grasty said she will be presenting the certificate to recognize our first Centenarian on June 17th.

- **COA Brochures** – We need updated photos to add to our COA brochure. We need to work on getting a current group picture. Hoping to get this done at the July COA Regular meeting in Taft.
- **Commissioner Decorum and Expectations** – The COA Expectations has been revised and will be presented to the Commission at the June COA Regular meeting for voting. If approved, all Commissioners will need to sign and return their form to Laura to keep in their file. Laura will make an additional copy for all Commissioners to keep for their own records.
- **Glossary of Acronyms** – The glossary has been revised again to include additional acronyms. The Glossary of Acronyms will be emailed to all Commissioners with the June agenda packet.
- **2022-2023 COA Highlights** – Chair Prado will work on the COA Highlights that are due by June 16, 2023, if we want to make the Sub-agenda deadline for the Board of Supervisors meeting June 27, 2023. The following deadline will be July 7, 2023, for the July 18, 2023, Board meeting.
- **Support of CA MAP** – Parliamentarian Snyder shared her thoughts on how to get the Commission to engage our local leaders. We should be engaging and opening the corridor of the commission actively discussing subjects directly affecting the seniors in our community. One thought is to reach out to our appointing Supervisors, and along with our Talking Points, ask if they are aware of what is happening locally to support the California Master Plan for Aging (CA MPA) because they may know things that we don't know about, or if not, then it's a subtle way to let them know about things that they maybe should be aware of, looking for, or creating. Another idea is to have Commissioners actively looking at things that could potentially be a serious problem i.e., the 178 closure, and now down to one lane. There could be some shift in the soil under the asphalt. We have many seniors in the Kern River Valley (KRV) area, and while we know the different county services are looking at that carefully and have action plans in place, etc., what can we, as the Commission, do to support the seniors or senior center? Chair Prado asked Jeremy about the affect it has on the senior nutrition program. Jeremy responded that meals are cooked out of the KRV area, and they now also have the meals delivered so there is no issue on the senior nutrition side. It does; however, take IHSS and APS Social Workers double time getting to and returning from seeing their clients. Commissioner Grasty requested that Parliamentarian Snyder and Commissioner Lemucchi create some bulletin points on the MPA to present to the Commission. Parliamentarian Snyder volunteered to be the go between person Commission and what she's learning from the State. Commissioner Lemucchi agreed and said they can talk with their State and County representatives. She also suggested keeping the MPA an ongoing discussion during Commissioner meetings and reaching out to senior centers and other senior clubs. It was also suggested that this be added to the responsibilities of the Senior Center Advisory Committee, working together with Commissioner Lemucchi and Parliamentarian Snyder.

- **Ethics Training Letter** – The Committee discussed sending a letter to a Commissioner who is not in compliance with completing their State mandated training that Commissioners are required to take every two years, and there are consequences for not being in good standing. If we are not in compliance, we are breaking the laws established.
- **Elder Abuse Prevention Conference** – Everything is going good with the planning of the 24th Annual Elder Abuse Prevention Conference. Commissioner Grasty will be in attendance after all and will help with the Dodger Ticket Sales for the Opportunity Drawing. So far, we have about 200 people registered for the conference, and 13 vendors.
- **Older Americans Month Resource Fair** – Chair Prado reported the Resource Fair was a success with a lot of good vendors in attendance and trainings. Jar Openers, COA brochures, and hand sanitizers were handed out. Commissioner Lemucchi was able to provide helpful information to seniors who came to the COA and CSL table. Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Linder were also there in attendance helping at the table. Parliamentarian Snyder thanked Laura for going live on Facebook during the event. Jeremy thanked the Commissioners for attending and making their presence known. Vice-Chair Lynch shared that a couple of her mall walker companions attended, and they came back raving to the others who couldn't make it. So now they will have 4 mall walkers attending the Elder Abuse Prevention Conference so that they don't miss out on another event.
- **Cooling Centers** – Chair Prado thanked Laura for sending out the Cooling Center flyers. Vice-Chair Lynch shared that during the meeting, she received a text from her Neighborhood Alert app, letting her know that the Kern County Cooling Center has begun. There was a discussion about how to get more people to take advantage of the Cooling Centers. Jeremy said one thing they are considering is getting Wi-Fi connected and a Netflix account so that they can watch movies while there to help pass time.
- **Merger of AASD & DHS** – Chair Prado recapped on the discussion Lito Morillo brought to the May COA Regular meeting. If we want to ponder things in the future and be prepared with questions if we have any future visits.
- **ADAKC Caring for the Caregiver Conference** – An in-person resource fair will be held at ADAKC on June 17, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. None.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of May 3, 2023, Executive Committee Minutes** – The minutes were approved.
Motion/Second/Abstention/Objection (M/S/A/O) –
Grasty/Lynch/Lemucchi, Snyder/None/None. Motion carried.
- 2. Approval of June 26, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda** - The agenda was approved with revisions. **(M/S/A/O) – Lynch/Lemucchi/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Oliver, Secretary