Commission On Aging
"Making a difference in the lives of senior citizens."

Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
September 6, 2023, 1:30 PM
Aging and Adult Services
5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA
Video Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
*(*Chairperson, **Vice Chairperson, *** Parliamentarian)*
Executive Members Present: Barbara Goodlow, ***Kris Grasty, Jan Lemucchi, *Stephanie Lynch, Linda Oswald, and **Judy Snyder

Excused Absence: Yolanda Prado

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: Tammy Hartsch

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Centenarian Recognition Program –** Parliamentarian Grasty created written procedures for the Centenarian Recognition Program. Referrals coming in through the COA email will be forwarded to the committee by the Director's Secretary. The Committee will do another mass mailing with the revised letter and flyer. Tim Kounter, of Bakersfield Senior Placement, hand-delivered many letters, and flyers to Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly. It was suggested that the committee also send letters

and flyers to beauty salons and other places seniors frequent. The final draft of the procedures will be presented to the Commissioners at this month's regular meeting. Laura will also have extra flyers to give to all Commissioners for them to distribute. Parliamentarian Grasty will continue to be the point contact for KGET 17 Sunrise news.

- **Senior Day at the Fair** – A flyer has been sent out and posted on social media. Commissioner Jackson will be the chair of this committee and will get volunteers to assist with passing out programs as seniors enter the fair. The gates open at 9 a.m. so Commissioners should be there at 8:00 a.m. because seniors show up early. Commissioners are encouraged to wear their COA shirt and/or name badge. Laura shared that if Commissioners are interested in purchasing a COA shirt, they will need to come try on the shirt styles as the previous shirt styles have been discontinued. This will be added to the agenda for this month's meeting. Also, we will try to get a new Commissioner photo at the October meeting.

- **COA Highlights 2021-2023** – The COA Highlights were sent to the Board of Supervisors and will be placed on their September 12th meeting agenda.

- **Commissioner Emergency Contact** – Now that we are traveling again to senior centers throughout the county, it is a good idea to have emergency contacts for all Commissioners. Laura will create a fillable form and will send it to everyone via email before the meeting and will have some on hand the day of the meeting.

- **Digital Divide Program** – Chair Lynch and Commissioner Lemucchi shared that they have referred seniors to Aging and Adult Services Digital Divide program and they have had nothing but positive responses. Jeremy shared that we have a partner with this program at the Beale Library and can also help remotely.

- **PG&E Changes** – Commissioner Lemucchi shared information she learned during PG&E's Communities of Color Advisory Committee about the rates changing because of Legislative action making a fixed rate based on your income. Changes might not happen until as early as 2025. Commissioner Lemucchi will share with the Commission during the regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A thank you letter will be sent to Tim Kounter for hand-delivering Centenarian letters and flyers to Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly on behalf of the COA.

2. A thank you letter will be sent to KGET 17 for their support with seniors and the Centenarian Recognition program, as well as their quick response with getting the Centenarians recognized on their Sunrise show.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of July 5, 2023, Executive Committee Minutes** – The minutes were approved as prepared.
   Motion/Second/Abstention/Objection (M/S/A/O) –
   Grasty/Snyder/None/None. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of September 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda -** The agenda was approved with revisions. **(M/S/A/O) Lemucchi/L. Oswald/None/None. Motion carried.**

3. **Approval of Honorary Commissioner Roger Oswald** – Approved effective September 16, 2023, and until he wishes to be to no longer be an honorary Commissioner. Honorary Commissioners will continue to receive the meeting agendas, sit at the Commissioner table during meetings, and receive birthday cards.
   (M/S/A/O) – Snyder/Lemucchi/None/None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Oliver, Secretary