



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 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 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Executive Members Present: Barbara Goodlow, ***Kris Grasty, *Stephanie Lynch, Linda Oswald, and Yolanda Prado

Excused Absence: Jan Lemucchi and **Judy Snyder

Quorum present: Quorum confirmed by Jeremy Oliver

Commission on Aging Members Present: None.

Honorary Commissioners Present: None.

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: None.

Guests Present: Tammy Hartsch

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Review of COA Binder Materials** – There was a discussion about what documents should be included in the COA Orientation Binder, and which should be added to the COA website for public view. Parliamentarian Grasty will go through the binder and come up with a suggested list of what should be included and where.

- **Holiday Luncheon** – Commissioner Duquette searched for a Basque venue to hold the COA Holiday Luncheon, but the prices have increased. Chair Lynch will ask her to check availability at Casa Munoz.
- **New Commissioner Orientation** – There are a couple of new Commissioners that need to be scheduled for orientation. A date will be set once availability is confirmed. There was also a discussion about having AASD staff attend as guest speakers during the COA monthly regular meetings to talk about the different services provided. Jeremy added that he would be willing to have the new Commissioners come to the office to do a run-through of the different services AASD office provides.
- **Senior Games** – Rosewood takes the lead in planning Seniors Games and will not be holding senior games.
- **Operating Committee Assignments** – Once new Commissioners attend orientation, we will see which committees they are interested in serving on.
- **2024 MPA Public Forum** – Prior to the meeting, Chair Lynch brought up the discussion via email with the Exec. Committee, and Commissioner Lemucchi shared that she would be attending a forum in Visalia, and would provide additional information from that event. In that same email discussion, Vice-Chair Snyder shared that she would like the COA Executive Committee to determine the goals and outcomes expected from the work of the MPA Committee. She further shared her vision to create space for smaller/more rural community representatives to identify and discuss specific concerns in their communities. She also dismissed the idea of investing time in pursuing a resource event and instead, be more proactive with engagement in our county, and can give voice to the concerns by way of minutes, recordings, website, and by meeting in person with those who govern. Jeremy provided the five bold goals for the MPA:

1. Housing for All Stages & Ages
2. Health Reimagined
3. Inclusion & Equity, Not isolation.
4. Caregiving That Works
5. Affording Aging

This will be discussed further after we hear what Commissioner Lemucchi learned at the public forum in Visalia. Parliamentarian Grasty suggested having a focus meeting after the assessment is done with the Area Plan Update, or possibly in January 2024.

- **Ethics Training Standing Rule** – Parliamentarian Grasty asked if there has been any response from County Counsel regarding future online training. Jeremy responded that Laura reached out to County Counsel but had not received a response. Laura and Jeremy have always extended the invitation for Commissioners to come into the office to take the ethics training. Our Digital Divide staff can assist if needed. We have not received the date/time of County Counsel's training via Microsoft Teams. That information will be shared once it becomes available. The Ethics Training Standing Rule is on hold until we find out about the future of ethics training.
- **Interest in Appointment to the State of California Commission on Aging** – AAA sent a letter requesting nominees and letter of recommendation to serve on the State of California Commission on Aging. They are looking to fill 18 outstanding appointees from diverse professional backgrounds to serve on this committee. There are 5 general meetings held annually and one executive meeting. This would be a great opportunity to have Kern County represented. It is unknown if the meetings are held virtually or in-person. Commissioner Lemucchi shared with Chair Lynch that she would like to receive more information on what this all entails. Parliamentarian Grasty also requests to know more about the committee. This item will be a continuous item on the Executive Agenda.
- **Request to Serve on the Master Plan Committee by Judy Hyatt, KRV Senior Center** – Chair Lynch shared that Judy Hyatt, of Kern River Valley Senior Center, expressed interest in being involved with the Master Plan on Aging (MPA) Sub-committee.
- **Article Regarding Feds Regulating Nursing Homes Staffing** – It is still pending here in Kern County. It is a good thing ultimately, although it may be a while before it happens here in Kern County. They will need to figure out who will be enforcing it and will they be fined, etc. As Commissioner Gonzales learns more about this, she will share with the Commission.
- **Thank you** – Commissioner Prado thanked Jeremy for the TV installed at the Richard Prado Senior Center. They will start movie day and will be using the larger screen. They were able to put the song lyrics on the tv for karaoke and the seniors loved it because they could sing from their chair. She also appreciates Digital Divide employee, Kanayo, for all the help he has been providing to them.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of October 4, 2023, Executive Committee Minutes** – The minutes were

approved with an amendment to page 2.

**Motion/Second/Abstention/Objection (M/S/A/O) –
Grasty/Prado/None/None. Motion carried.**

- 2. Approval of November 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda** - The agenda was approved with amendments to page 1 to include the guest speaker and service provider section. **(M/S/A/O) Grasty/Goodlow/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Oliver, Secretary