



Kern County Commission On Aging

Stephanie Lynch, Chairperson
5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309
(661) 868-1054; (661) 868-1001 FAX

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2024, 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, Jan Lemucchi, *Stephanie Lynch, Linda Oswald, Yolanda Prado, and **Judy Snyder

Excused Absence: None.

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:

- **Cal City Senior Center** – Parliamentarian Grasty provided an update on Cal City Senior Center. She spoke with Honorary Commissioner Sutherland, who informed her the building was built on federal grants and it must remain a senior center and cannot be sold or repurposed. Congregate lunch attendance has been low, but they do have a good attendance with BINGO, parties, and potlucks.

- **Placement of Standing Rules** – It was discussed that the Standing Rules should be placed in the Commissioner binders only. This matter will be discussed at next month's Executive meeting to decide on the placement of the COA Standing Rules.
- **Area Plan Update** – Chair Lynch shared that Martin Reynoso is still working with a group to get the Title III B recommendations, but he would like some time to provide an update via Zoom before the COA Regular meeting on April 15th.
- **COA Ex-Officio Members** – Chair Lynch asked what information the Commission would like to hear from the COA Ex-Officio Members. Commissioners said they would like to hear monthly reports from General Services (Parks and Recreation) Ex-Officio members about upcoming Capitol projects, major repairs, senior centers closures, renovations, etc. Jeremy said he will reach out to the Department Director to let him know what the Commission is requesting for their monthly reports. Laura will provide Jeremy with samples of previous reports presented during Commission meetings. Chair Lynch shared that we have a new representative for Public Health, Sara Swertfager, and she has been providing reports even if she isn't able to attend the meetings, the same has been done with Veterans Services Director, Jose Lopez.
- **Aging and Adult Services Senior Resource Fair** – Jeremy shared that the event would take place at the Aging and Adult Services parking lot on May 18th. Flyers announcing the event, and vendor registration forms will go out soon.
- **MPA Update** – Vice-Chair Snyder provided an update. They have a meeting scheduled on April 15th with Rasmussen Senior Center at 9 a.m., then at the Bakersfield American Health Project Board of Directors on April 16th at 1 p.m. She reached out to the Richard Prado Senior Center, and Commissioner Goodlow is assisting her with reaching out to the Bakersfield Senior Center. When they were in the Kern River Valley for the COA meeting, she talked with individuals who were very interested in having a meeting via Zoom. Vice-Chair Snyder would like to know which of our senior centers do not have Coordinators. Currently, Rosamond does not have a Coordinator. Vice-Chair Snyder said she would ideally like to have a Commissioner that has a direct connection with that senior center to attend these meetings.
- **60+ Club Health Fair** – Chair Lynch shared that she contacted Carla and was told her committee is meeting tomorrow and will have more information after the meeting.
- **Rosamond Senior Center/Hummel Hall** – Jeremy shared that a fire extinguisher went off at Hummel Hall that contaminated the kitchen's prep area so they are currently closed until they can get it all cleaned. Shelf stable meals and home-delivered meals were

given to the seniors in that area. They'll be looking at options to get it up and running as fast as possible.

- **Calendar of Events** - Commissioner Prado shared that the Marketing and Orientation Committee met and discussed the needs of seniors and what activities are going on throughout the county. They discussed creating a calendar of events related to these senior events so the COA could attend to help bring awareness about the COA and Aging and Adult Services Department. Chair Lynch also shared that the COA would need to be kept apprised of what's going on with the ADRC. Commissioners suggested that part of the report be included in ILC's report. Jeremy thanked the Commissioners for all their efforts to advocate for seniors and help bring awareness of all resources available to seniors in our community.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commission Correspondence – Letters will be sent to the following:
 1. A letter will be sent to the CA Public Utilities Commission opposing AT&T's request for relief from its Carrier of Last Resort Obligations.
 2. A letter will be sent to Bear Valley Police Department thanking them for acknowledging Elder Abuse in their press release.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of March 6, 2024, Executive Committee Minutes** – The minutes were approved as prepared.
Motion: Grasty; Second: Prado; Abstention: 0; Objection: 0. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of April 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda** - The agenda was approved as prepared.
Motion: Lemucchi; Second: Snyder; Abstention: 0; Objection: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Oliver, Secretary