



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 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 1:32 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:

- **Placement of COA Standing Rules** – After discussion, it was decided that the Standing Rules will remain on the COA website.
- **COA Brochure Update** – Commissioner Prado, Commissioner Snyder, and the Marketing and Orientation Committee will work on updating the COA brochure.

- **Heather Iwamuro – Local Government and Community Liaison for California Public Utilities Commission** – Jeremy shared that Ms. Iwamuro is interested in participating in COA meetings and would be willing to speak at a future COA meeting. She has been added to Laura's email distribution list and will be invited to speak at a future meeting.
- **MPA Focus Groups Update** – Vice Chair Snyder shared that she, Commissioner Lemucchi, Commissioner Goodlow, and Commissioner Linder have met at the following to discuss the needs of seniors in our community:
 1. 04/15/2024 – Rasmussen Senior Center
 2. 04/16/2024 - Bakersfield American Indian Health Project
 3. 04/30/2024 – California City Senior Center

There have pretty much shared the same issues of transportation, transportation getting to their medical appointments, and safety. They will be going out to the following in May:

1. 05/16/2024 – Richard Prado Senior Center
2. 05/17/2024 – Rosamond Senior Center

They will contact the rest of the senior centers and would like to have this done by the end of summer. Parliamentarian Grasty stated she would like to receive a concise statement of purpose to share with her Board of Supervisors appointee.

- **Older Americans Month Proclamation** – Jeremy will be going before the Kern County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, where they will proclaim "May 2024 as Older Americans Month in May in Kern County". Jeremy invited Commissioners to join him in the Board Chambers for this presentation.
- **60+ Club Health Fair** – The 60+ Club Health Fair will be held Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 9 a.m. at Cal State University Bakersfield, in the Stockdale Room. There will be free reserved parking for attendees.
- **Aging and Adult Services Senior Resource Fair** – The Senior Recourse Fair will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024, in the front parking lot of Aging and Adult Services from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Laura will have the Commissioners table set up and brochures printed.
- **Elder Abuse Prevention Conference** – The 25th Annual Elder Abuse Prevention Conference will be held Thursday, June 13, 2024, at DoubleTree by Hilton, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Laura reported that all vendor tables have been reserved.

- **California City** – Jeremy shared that he met with a group of seniors in California City and had a good conversation about challenges related to the daily operations of the Mable Davis Senior Center.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commission Correspondence
 1. A letter was received from the CA Public Utilities Commission in response to the Commissioners opposition letter regarding AT&T's request for relief from its Carrier of Last Resort Obligations.
 2. An email was received from Commissioner Oswald informing the Commission that she will not be seeking reappointment after her term ends on June 17, 2024. She has already notified her appointing Supervisor. Commissioner Oswald will not be in attendance at the June COA Regular meeting so the May meeting will be her last meeting as a Commissioner. The Committee recommends she be appointed as an Honorary member of the Commission on Aging and this matter will be added as an Action on the July 2024 Regular meeting agenda for voting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of April 3, 2024, Executive Committee Minutes** – The minutes were approved as prepared.
Motion: Grasty; **Second:** Prado; **Abstention:** 0; **Objection;** 0. **Motion carried.**
2. **Approval of May 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda** - The agenda was approved as prepared.
Motion: Grasty; **Second:** Snyder; **Abstention:** 0; **Objection;** 0. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Oliver, Secretary