

Kern County Commission On Aging

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REGULAR COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2017

Delano Senior Center
925 Ellington Street
Delano, CA 93215

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Grasty called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Grasty called for a recess at 1:01 p.m.

Chair Grasty reconvened the meeting from recess at 1:07 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The flag salute was completed and a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS (*Chairperson, **Vice Chairperson, * Parliamentarian)**

Commission Members Present:

Gloria Brown, Doris Duquette, Aaron Flucker, Barbara Goodlow, **Kris Grasty, Norma Jackson, Jon Johnston, Kim Kotrla, Linda Oswald, Roger Oswald, and Yolanda Prado

Excused Absences: Chris Barrett, Linda Fuller, Stephanie Lynch, Sandy Morris, and Marti Overfield
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

Honorary Commission Members Present:

None

Aging and Adult Services Staff Present:

Luanne Jones, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator
Kristian Larios, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator
Laura Juarez, Senior Office Services Specialist

Guests:

Peggy Langels, Catherine Vasquez, Antoinette Johnston, and Leslie Wallace

AGENDA & MINUTES

POSTING:

Lito Morillo confirmed agenda had been posted per provisions of the Brown Act.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was sent to Nancy Eden, President of Christmas for Seniors Board, to thank and congratulate her and the volunteers for their work on the Christmas for Seniors program.

A letter was sent to Cynthia Ruiz, former Commissioner, thanking her for serving on the Commission on Aging and for the work she did coordinating the 2016 Senior Celebration.

COMMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Public Comments:

None.

Commissioner Comments :

Commissioner Jackson thanked Luanne Jones and staff for the great lunch.

Commissioner Brown thanked the Commission for remembering her while she was recovering and for the card she received from the COA.

Commissioner Flucker thanked the Commission for the birthday card he received.

ACTION ITEMS

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the November 21, 2016, Regular Commission on Aging Meeting were approved as prepared:
Motion/Second/Abstained/Opposed (M/S/A/O)
Duquette/Goodlow/None/None - Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF COA GOALS:** This matter was tabled to the February 27, 2017 meeting.
M/S/A/O: Johnston/Flucker/None/None - Motion Carried

SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS:

SENIOR CENTER REPORT – Luanne Jones

Luanne Jones welcomed everyone to the Ellington Senior Center. Volunteers are increasing at the center. Up until last week the Delano Senior Center was served congregate-style meals as opposed to home delivery. The seniors have been very receptive to the change which will save the program a tremendous amount of money by not using styrofoam trays. Stephanie Serna is the primary Site Coordinator in Shafter. She is in charge of doing all of the assessments for the Shafter and Delano areas. One part-time Food Service Worker is now in charge of delivering the meals to the Delano Senior Center. They are also utilizing individuals from Work Release and Cal-Works which helps substantially. Luanne introduced Kristian Larios who is a new Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION- Leslie Wallace

Leslie Wallace reported Parks and Recreation merged with General Services effective December 12, 2016. Since then there have been a lot of changes. Reservations will stay with Karen McKenzie. Laura Akey will continue the budget portion of Parks and Recreation. Leslie said she will be taking over the custodial services for the Parks and Recreation Department and combining it with General Services' custodial. Bruno will still be the Supervising Building Services Worker (BSW) over the Parks and Recreation buildings. There are an additional two BSW who

were already employed with General Services that will be assisting with that as well. They are working hard to combine efforts between the two Departments in an attempt to improve efficiency. They are already realizing some cost savings. Leslie has visited several senior centers and addressing some of their concerns. Bruno can still be reached at (661) 301-7597. Mojave Veterans Center had an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) project related to parking and slope of the pathways. That project has now been completed. The slopes of the entrances have been changed to meet ADA requirements. Spaces have been widened on the north and south side and the new storefront doors have gone in. Mojave and Tehachapi Veterans Centers are now under vendor contract for their custodial services.

VETERANS SERVICE – Richard Taylor

Not in attendance.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT- Meseret Springer

Not in attendance.

MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Liliana Galvan

Not in attendance.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) – Adrianna Kessler

Not in attendance.

EMPLOYERS' TRAINING RESOURCE (ETR) - Peggy Langels

Peggy Langels reported the operation of the One-Stop has not gone out to bid yet. A request has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval to continue to provide adult dislocated workers career services. The item is on consent for the January 31, 2017 Board of Supervisors agenda. Once the Board of Supervisors approves the request, the application will be sent to the State Work Force Development Board for State approval. A new business center is opening up on Commerce Way that will initially be staffed with ETR personnel. On February 22, 2017, they will hold a grand opening for the Back-to-Work Center on Commercial Way. Fliers with job listings were distributed to attendees.

PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Catherine Vasquez

Catherine Vasquez reported on their two housing programs. Low-income home owners can apply for their Home Improvement Loan to make repairs to their home such as painting, plumbing, roof, electrical, etc. It's a zero interest loan and no payments required. A lien is placed on the property and the loan is paid when the home is sold or when the owner moves out of the house. The Home Access Grant Program is to provide ADA accessibility to the home to make it more accessible for the permanently disabled resident. This is a free grant up to \$3,000 that can be used towards installing grab rails, ramps, showers, widen doorways, faucet levers, etc. This grant is available to home owners and to renters, with the home owner's permission.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER (ILC) – Harvey Clowers

Not in attendance.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

AASD SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION REPORT-

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Lito Morillo

The Coordinative Care Initiative (CCI) is the State's effort to move Medi-Cal recipients into a Managed Care Program to control the cost of services. CCI was piloted in some counties for 5 years and was determined it didn't do what it was intended to do which was to save the State money. The Maintenance of Effort (MOE) was tied in with CCI. The Governor released his budget on January 10, 2017. In that budget, he eliminates CCI, along with the MOE funding methodology. This is a huge undertaking for all counties statewide and all are struggling with reverting back to their share of cost effective July 1, 2017. As a result to going back to the share of cost model rather than a fixed flat rate MOE, it will cost the County of Kern an addition \$4 million to run the IHSS program. This will cause a dramatic impact on Aging and Adult Services Department's (AASD) budget. The MOE currently is a flat fee. Now that the State has implemented all the overtime, travel time, paid sick time, and minimum wage increase mandates in the IHSS program, they are shifting the cost back to the counties. In 2012 Kern County AASD provided 3.7 million hours in the IHSS program. In 2017, the amount of authorized hours increased to 5.1 million, which is approximately 36% increase in hours paid. All IHSS clients and care providers will continue to receive their services and pay. AASD is working with the CAO and Board of Supervisors to let them know how this will impact the Department (approximately \$4 million deficit). We will know more after the Governor's May Revise budget is released.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – L. Oswald, K. Grasty

No report.

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE (CSL) – N. Jackson, M. Overfield

No report.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT – L. Fuller; Y. Prado

Commissioner Prado reported Commissioner Brown has been recently reappointed. There are no new appointments, no expired terms, and no terms soon to expire. Vacancies exist for Around the Clock, and Supervisorial Districts 3 and 4. Two applications have been received and they have been sent to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration for appointment.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – A. Flucker; M. Overfield

Commissioner Flucker reported the Commission gave out candy canes with a poem of thanks to AASD staff on December 15, 2016. The employees were very thankful. The next employee recognition will be in the summer 2017.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – K. Grasty, A. Flucker, N. Jackson, J. Johnston, S. Lynch, L. Oswald,

No report.

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) ADVISORY – A. Flucker

No report.

LONG TERM CARE – C. Barrett; D. Duquette; L. Fuller; N. Jackson

Commissioner Duquette reported she and Commissioner Kotrla visited and toured the Delano District Skilled Nursing Facility. It is one of the largest facilities in Kern County and they have 141 patients. Alzheimer's patients are only admitted there if they are wheelchair bound due to the facility not having a lockdown area. Physical therapy is given to those patients who need it. Occupational therapy is available for all patients. They have very nice double rooms, and private rooms are available for independent pay. One ombudsman sign was visibly posted in the facility.

Commissioner Kotrla reported Alzheimer's Association is hosting "Alzheimer's Disease: The State of the Epidemic:" forum on January 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association office Ballroom, 201 New Stine Road, Bakersfield, CA 93309. Guests include Field Representative Ariana Joven, Congressman David Valadeo, Field Representative Michael Herrera, Senator Jean Fuller, and State Policy Director Susan DeMarois.

MARKETING & ORIENTATION COMMITTEE – Y. Prado, D. Duquette, S. Lynch; S. Morris, M. Overfield,

No report.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE - G. Brown; J. Johnston

Commissioner Brown handed out nomination slips. Officers in their current positions are eligible for re-election. The ballot will be presented at the June 19, 2017 COA regular meeting.

SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY – A. Flucker, K. Grasty; J. Johnston; Y. Prado

Commissioners Roger and Linda Oswald visited the Delano Senior Center previously located on Jefferson. The planning was delayed by the architecture. Plans were just received that day so they are now waiting for the permits to get it started.

Commissioner Johnston reported the Shafter Senior Center's gazebo is now up and they also received a new flag pole.

Chair Grasty reported a new U.S. flag was purchased for the Bakersfield Senior Center.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – N. Jackson

Commissioner Jackson reported a few birthday cards were sent out in November, December and January.

THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING COUNSEL OF CALIFORNIA (TAAC) – M. Overfield

No report.

TRANSPORTATION – Y. Prado; L. Fuller

No report.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – M. Overfield; G. Brown

Commissioner Brown asked if the Delano Senior Center is not utilizing volunteers for nutrition since none were recognized. Luanne Jones said prior to last Tuesday the Delano Senior Center was previously being served in the homebound to go containers. Last week they began serving out of the trays so they are now utilizing volunteers to assist with senior nutrition.

NEW BUSINESS -

All Commissioners are to review the Commissioner Member List and let Laura know of any changes.

INFORMATION ITEMS -

A card was received from AASD Social Committee thanking the COA for donating 2 raffle baskets for their staff holiday luncheon.

If you purchase anything from Amazon, please remember to register for Smile Amazon and select "Commission on Aging" as the charity. The COA earns .005% on each sale. So far \$10 has been received from Smile Amazon for the quarter. You do not have to be a Prime member to join. Chair Grasty will email the instructions to all Commissioners.

NEXT MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE MEETING	REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 2, 2017 1:30 pm Aging and Adult Services Golden Generation Room 5353 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA	Monday, February 27, 2017 1:00 p.m. Lamont Community Center 10300 San Diego Street Lamont, CA 93241

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lito Morillo
Secretary