

Kern County Commission On Aging

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REGULAR COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2017

Lamont Community Center
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, CA 93241

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Grasty called the meeting to order 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:

Chris Barrett, Gloria Brown, Doris Duquette, Aaron Flucker, Linda Fuller, **Kris Grasty, Norma Jackson, Jon Johnston, Stephanie Lynch, Sandy Morris, Linda Oswald, Roger Oswald, Marti Overfield, and Yolanda Prado

Excused Absences: Barbara Goodlow and Kim Kotrla

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

Honorary Commission Members Present:

Harley Baker

Aging and Adult Services Staff Present:

Michele Gomez, Program Manager
Fidel Campos, Business Manager
Luanne Jones, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator
Kristian Larios, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator
Laura Juarez, Senior Office Services Specialist

Guests:

Ms. McCarver, Edward Colley, Antoinette Johnston, Haley Malone, Meseret Springer, Adrianna Kessler, Peggy Langels, and Catherine Vasquez

AGENDA & MINUTES

POSTING:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was sent to Ryan Alsop welcoming him to his position as the new County Administrative Officer.

A letter was received from Sandy Morris, Executive Director of Christmas for Seniors of Kern County, thanking the COA for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the Christmas for Seniors of Kern County program.

COMMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Public Comments:

None.

Commissioner Comments :

Commissioner Jackson thanked Luanne Jones and Lamont staff for lunch.

Commissioner Overfield provided information on the Brown Act in regards to serial email. When replying to correspondences via email, be sure to only reply to the sender (not to "reply to all"). Replying to all will constitute a meeting.

Commissioner Morris thanked everyone who participated and donated towards the Christmas for Seniors program and announced they are losing the space at the East Hills Mall due to their remodeling. They have moved all items into storage. Some of the items have been put into bags and given to Bakersfield, Delano, and Arvin Senior Centers. She is looking for an in-kind or discounted new location with at least 5,000 square feet that can be donated to them to utilize for this year's program. Commissioner Morris also thanked the COA for the birthday card she received.

Chair Grasty reported she met with the California Department on Aging (COA) auditors on February 14, 2017 and they were impressed with the many activities in which the COA is involved. They were also given a COA handbook.

ACTION ITEMS

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the November 21, 2016, Regular Commission on Aging Meeting were approved with the following amendment:
 1. On page 5 under "Senior Center Advisory" remove "C. Ruiz"**Motion/Second/Abstained/Opposed (M/S/A/O)**
Duquette/Jackson/Morris, Fuller, Lynch, Barrett/None - Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF COA GOALS:** The Goal for the Commission on Aging was approved as prepared. **M/S/A/O: Brown/Morris/None/None - Motion Carried.**

SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS:

SENIOR CENTER REPORT – Luanne Jones

Luanne Jones reported Lamont Senior Center is serviced out of the Prado Center. Meals are transported daily. Some of their one-time money was used on their home deliver to reduce the wait list. There is no waiting list in the Lamont/Arvin area. They serve approximately 15-20 congregate meals daily. The Lamont Site Coordinator, Rosie, is on Aging and Adult Services

Department (AASD) payroll. Because the Lamont Community Center building is through Bear Mountain Parks and Recreation, when Rosie's extra-help term is up, they will put her on their payroll for those two months she is off AASD payroll. This will ensure that service is not interrupted.

Ms. McCarver expressed her appreciation for everyone's work in keeping the Lamont Senior Center open, and for Rosie, their Site Coordinator.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION- Leslie Wallace

Not in attendance.

VETERANS SERVICE – Richard Taylor

Not in attendance.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT- Meseret Springer

Meseret Springer encouraged everyone to get their flu and pneumonia vaccination. Persons 65+ are most at risk for complications if not vaccinated. Medicare should cover both vaccinations. A diabetes project, established and initiated by their Public Health Nursing Department Nurses, is available for persons with diabetes. Nurses go out into the community to encourage health eating, staying active, assist them with monitoring and taking medication, and help with reducing risks in complication. They are open to referrals for individuals in a family unit who need help in this area.

MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Liliana Galvan

Not in attendance.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) – Adrianna Kessler

Adrianna Kessler reported the 1095B forms have been mailed for the year. Anyone who received Medi-Cal in 2016 will receive a form for individuals to show proof they were insured when they file their taxes.

EMPLOYERS' TRAINING RESOURCE (ETR) - Peggy Langels

Peggy Langels reported America's Job Centers of America's new building is open and located at 1405 Commercial Way, Ste. 102, Bakersfield. This new back to work center is geared towards employers with the RAPID Response program. There is also a resource center at this facility. The Job Squad is available at the Southeast office on Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. The first and third Thursdays of the month, Bakersfield Barber College goes out and gives free haircuts. Veterans are having a job fair readiness workshop on April 12, 2017 from 8-10 a.m. The readiness job fair is to assist with career coaching to prepare them for the Veterans Workshop coming up on April 18, 2017. A Technology and Social Media workshop is available at the office every Friday at 10:30 a.m. A resume and interviewing workshop is also offered every Wednesday. Fliers for open recruitments were distributed.

PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Catherine Vasquez

Catherine Vasquez reported on their two housing programs. The Home Access Grant Program is to provide ADA accessibility to permanently disabled low-income residents. This program helps home owners or renters (with property owner's permission) with home accessible items such as grab bars, widen doorways, showers, and ramps. The Home Improvement Loan is for home owners only. This program is for home improvements 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.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER (ILC) – Haley Malone

Haley Malone reported their agency assists with many services such as Housing, American Sign Language. Older individuals who are blind (OIB) is a program for persons 55 and older who are blind or visually impaired. This program provides services to help older individuals deal with their disability.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

AASD SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION REPORT-

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Lito Morillo

The Department has four retirements coming up, Mac McBratney, Jeanette Downs, Blanca Reese, and John Reyes. A retirement celebration will be held for them on March 17, 2017 at the AASD office. Lito introduced the new AASD Business Manager, Fidel Campos. Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) did not prove to be a cost saving venture for the State as anticipated so now the Governor wants to eliminate it. CCI was piloted in 7 counties in California in an attempt to move everyone who is in a Medi-Cal/Medicare into Managed Care. Elimination of CCI is critical to our general funding because it is tied to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE). If CCI were to be eliminated, it would cost the County a lot more to run the IHSS program. If we do lose the MOE funding, counties statewide will have to revert back to the old funding methodology of paying 17½ cents on the dollar, which will cause a drastic impact to our staffing level in the Department. This is not final and we will know more when the Governor's May Revise is released. Whatever the outcome, there will be no reduction in IHSS client hours.

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 Fuller reported Commissioner Flucker 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. No applications have been received.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – A. Flucker; M. Overfield

Commissioner Flucker reported the next employee recognition for the Bakersfield AASD staff will be in August 2017.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – K. Grasty, A. Flucker, N. Jackson, J. Johnston, S. Lynch, L. Oswald, Vice-Chair Prado reported the committee met and discussed the Goal for the COA, the agenda for today's meeting, and the upcoming Elder Abuse Prevention Conference which will be held June 15, 2017. This year's keynote speaker will be Paul Greenwood, Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE - G. Brown; J. Johnston

Commissioner Brown announced to let her or Commissioner Johnston know if anyone is interested in running for position on the COA board (Chair, Vice-Chair, or Parliamentarian). She also announced the current Board is eligible to run for a second term.

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

Commissioner Flucker reported he and Chair Grasty went to the Bakersfield Senior Center and presented them with a US flag and flag pole.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – N. Jackson

Commissioner Jackson reported she mailed a birthday card and made a call to check on a Commissioner.

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

Commissioner Overfield reported Senior Day at the State Capitol will be in May 2017.

TRANSPORTATION – Y. Prado; L. Fuller

No report.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – M. Overfield; G. Brown

No report.

NEW BUSINESS -

The Commissioner Member List will be revised and provided to all Commissioners at the March 2017 regular meeting.

A committee for the COA Goal is needed. Commissioners Brown, Flucker, L. Oswald, R. Oswald, Grasty, and Lynch have volunteered to serve on the committee.

There will be a dedication to Red Simpson on Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Rasmussen Senior Center. All are welcome to attend.

INFORMATION ITEMS -

Chair Grasty reminded everyone to use Smile Amazon and select "Kern County Commission on Aging" when making online purchases through Amazon. A small percentage (.005%) of each sale is donated to the COA.

NEXT MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE MEETING	REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 2, 2017 1:30 pm Aging and Adult Services Golden Generation Room 5353 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA	Monday, March 20, 2017 1:00 p.m. Bakersfield Senior Center 530 "4th" Street Bakersfield, CA 93304

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lito Morillo
Secretary