

Kern County Commission On Aging

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REGULAR COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2018

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.

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, Devora Gonzalez, Barbara Goodlow, *Kris Grasty, Loron Hodge, Norma Jackson, Jon Johnston, Antoinette Johnston, Sandy Morris, Marti Overfield, and **Yolanda Prado

Excused Absences: Susan Bodnar, Stephanie Lynch, ***Linda Oswald, Roger Oswald, and Judy Snyder

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

Honorary Commission Members Present:

None.

Aging and Adult Services Staff Present:

Lito Morillo, Director
Luanne Jones, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator
Katrechia Short, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator
Stephanie Serna, Senior Nutrition Site Coordinator
Laura Juarez, Senior Office Services Specialist

Guests:

Gari Cave, Ethel Pickering, Beverly Pickering, Rosemary Navarro, Ricardo Ortega Aguirre, Jan Lemucchi, Harvey Clowers, Richard Taylor, David Butler, Linda K. Butler, Barbara Baker, and Edwina Tripp

AGENDA & MINUTES**POSTING:**

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no correspondences.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

None.

COMMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**Public Comments:**

The eligible candidates for the 2018 California Senior Legislature (CSL) elections introduced themselves to the Commission and guests:

- Norma Jackson, running for CSL Senior Assemblymember
- Marti Overfield, running for CSL Senior Senator
- Linda Fuller, running for Senior Senator
- Gari Cave, running for Senior Senator
- Jan Lemucchi, running for Senior Assemblymember

Linda Butler spoke on behalf of Gene Thompson, of the Rasmussen Senior Center, who will be leaving due to no budget funds. They are looking for ways to find funding to keep Mr. Thompson staffed at the Rasmussen Senior Center for at least 2½ hours each day.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Jackson thanked the senior nutrition staff for the delicious lunch.

Commissioner Morris introduced Edwina Trip who is the new point of contact for the Kern County Christmas for Seniors Program at the Bakersfield Police Department.

Commissioner Brown reported that her husband, Marvin Brown, received an injury after he fell and is in the hospital. She also thanked the Commission for the sympathy card she received after the passing of her sister.

Commissioner Overfield reported a Certificate of Recognition and lapel pin was presented to Jack Ross on June 14, 2018 on behalf of the COA, for his many years of volunteer service for the Senior Nutrition program.

Commissioner Hodge reported former Kern County Board of Supervisors, and former Bakersfield Mayor, Mary K. Shell, passed away on June 14, 2018. He also reported former Bakersfield Mayor, Harvey Hall, passed away on May 19, 2018.

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE (CSL) ELECTIONS

Fifteen Members of the Kern County Commission on Aging (AAA Advisory Council) voted during the 2018 CSL Elections for Senior Senator and Senior Assemblymember. The COA Nominating Committee members, Commissioner Gloria Brown and Commissioner Jon Johnston, counted the ballots. Those elected were as follows:

Senior Senator:

Linda Fuller

Senior Assemblymember:

Jan Lemucchi

It should be noted, that there was a tie for Senior Senator between Garilee Cave and Linda Fuller, with Linda Fuller winning the tiebreaker (coin toss), as written in the CSL Elections instructions. There was no tie for Senior Assemblymember; therefore, Jan Lemucchi won with majority vote. Members to the CSL will be elected every four (4) years. Newly elected members will serve as Members Elect until the Annual Session (Oct-Nov). Laura Juarez will notify CSL of the election results.

ACTION ITEMS

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the May 21, 2018 Regular Commission on Aging Meeting were approved.
Motion/Second/Abstained/Opposed (M/S/A/O)
Morris/Jackson/Grasty, J. Johnston, A. Johnston/None - Motion carried.
- **APPROVE OF SENIOR CELEBRATION LOCATION AND CHAIR:** Chair Grasty reported after talking with Commissioner A. Johnston, they agreed it would be best to have the Senior Celebration in Bakersfield this year. The Rasmussen Senior Center is available to hold the Senior Celebration there on Saturday, October 13, 2018. It is not known at this time whether it will be a lunch or dinner. Pacifica Senior Living will donate and make the food for the celebration. Commissioner Snyder has agreed to chair the event. A motion was made to hold the Senior Celebration on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at the Rasmussen Senior Center.
(M/S/A/O) Duquette/Overfield/None/None - Motion carried.

SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS:

SENIOR CENTER REPORT – Luanne Jones

Stephanie Serna reported the Shafter Senior Center serves Shafter, Wasco, McFarland, and Delano. There are 10 employees and they prepare 250 congregate and home delivered meals each day. They are excited about the new Senior Center in Delano. On June 7, 2018, seniors took a tour of the new Jefferson Center, which is located at 436 Jefferson St in Delano. It is very spacious and the seniors are looking forward to the move. Seniors at the Delano Senior Center are active and play Loteria, Bingo (for commodities). They make arts and crafts, Potlucks, Trips to Santa Barbara, the beach, and casino.

Luanne Jones thanked Stephanie for the work she does at the senior centers. Luanne introduced Katrechia Short, who is the new Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator to fill her position when she retires. Luanne's phone number will be transferred to Katrechia's line.

Chair Grasty, on behalf of the COA, thanked Luannne for all of her years of work with the Senior Nutrition Program.

Commissioner Morris thanked Luanne for her work with the Christmas for Seniors program.

GENERAL SERVICES - PARKS AND RECREATION- Leslie Wallace

Not in attendance.

VETERANS SERVICE – Richard Taylor

Richard Taylor reported Kern County is working on a pilot program with the Veterans Convenient Care Initiative. This first in the nation pilot prototype was introduced by Congressman Kevin McCarthy, the US Department of Veteran Affairs, and Accelerated Urgent Care. The program allows a veteran to have access to local, walk-in urgent care facilities after hours and on the weekends for minor medical issues. They must first call triage at 1-877-252-4866. If triage agrees that the illness or injury cannot wait until the Bakersfield Community Based Outpatient Clinic, located at 1801 Westwind Drive, Bakersfield, CA, is opened (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), then they will authorize the veteran to visit one of the five Accelerated Urgent Cares. If this program is effective, it could be launched nationwide. No-cost public services announcements running to advertise this program. There are also facilities in Ridgecrest, Lancaster, Palmdale, and Simi Valley.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES – Matt Constantine

Not in attendance.

KERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – Liliana Galvan

Not in attendance.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) – Valerie Rangel

Not in attendance.

EMPLOYERS' TRAINING RESOURCE (ETR) - Peggy Langels

Not in attendance.

PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Catherine Vasquez

Not in attendance.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER (ILC) – Harvey Clowers

Harvey Clowers reported ILC provides services to persons with disabilities throughout Kern County. The Assistive Technologies Services provides computer classes. There are other services to help people get wheelchairs, walkers, and canes. The California Community Transitions Program helps individuals out of nursing homes and back into their own apartment to help them live independent. They had 6 so far this year. They also provide Housing Resources & Services, Independent Living Skills classes, and Older Individuals Who Are Blind and Visually Impaired programs.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

AASD SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION REPORT-

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Lito Morillo

Lito Morillo reported that Congressman McCarthy secured a \$50 million grant that's been awarded to the City of Bakersfield for the completion of the Centennial Corridor State Route 58/99 Freight Improvement Project through the Infrastructure For Rebuilding American (INFRA) Program.

Aging and Adult Services Department purchased a couple of kiosks for visitors to sign in instead of waiting in line. By implementing the kiosks, it is our hopes to eliminate waiting in line, and to overall, provide better customer service.

The Senior Nutrition providers met and shared that the operating costs of the nutrition program continues to grow but the funding remains static. The North of the River, Bakersfield Senior Center, and Aging and Adult Services senior centers are looking at raising the suggested meal donation amount from \$2 to \$3 to help generate some revenue. This will go before the Board of Supervisors June 19, 2018 for approval. Again, this is a suggested donation amount. We are required by the California Department on Aging to establish a donation amount. Seniors will not be denied meals for not donating.

The County budget hearings will be July 23, 2018 at 6 p.m., and July 24, 2018 at 9 a.m., with the final vote on the budget and August 28, 2018 at 9 a.m. All meetings will be held at the Board Chambers.

Rosewood Senior Living will no longer host Senior Games.

California City will hold a special election on July 31, 2018 to propose a tax for 6 years to raise \$8.2 million to help fund public safety services. Cal City is projected to lose 60% of its funding next fiscal year so it will be a significant hit to Cal City and its services out there. The California City Senior Center will remain open for lunch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Chair Grasty reported the Bylaws were reviewed and returned by County Counsel with some comments. Chair Grasty tabled this to next month's meeting to allow time for all Commissioners to review the suggested changes by County Counsel.

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

No report.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT – L. Fuller; Y. Prado

Commissioner Fuller reported Commissioner J. Johnston was reappointed by Supervisor Gleason and his new term will expire May 4, 2020. Commissioner Hodge was reappointed by Supervisor Maggard and his new term will expire June 17, 2020. Commissioner Fuller's term will expire June 17, 2018. Commissioner Brown's term will expire June 17, 2018, Commissioner

Hodge's term will expire June 17, 2018, and Commissioner L. Oswald's term will expire June 17, 2018. Reappointment letters were sent out by Laura Juarez on their behalf. There was one new application received by Josefina Seguedo.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – A. Flucker; M. Overfield

No report.

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

Chair Grasty reported the committee met June 7, 2018 at Aging and Adult Services to review and approve today's meeting agenda. Also, five minutes were allotted to the 2018 CLS Elections candidates to introduce themselves and speak on their behalf as candidates running for CSL Senior Senator and CSL Senior Assemblymember. Thanks given to the Commissioners who attended the meeting.

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

Commissioner Flucker reported the July 19, 2018 IHSS Advisory Committee meeting has been canceled. The next IHSS Advisory Committee meeting will be September 20, 2018.

LONG TERM CARE – C. Barrett; D. Duquette; D. Gonzalez; L. Fuller; N. Jackson, R. Oswald

Commissioner Gonzalez reported Commissioner Duquette, Commissioner Jackson, and Commissioner Barrett visited Delano Post-Acute Skilled Nursing facility, formerly known as Browning Manner.

Commissioner Duquette reported the facility has 49 of 52 residents. She learned that the new Acute Skilled Nursing facilities are trying to change their name to Post Acute Care because they want to have some people there that are not long term. There are 9 people in this facility that would be in that Post Acute Care. The majority of the residents were outside playing BINGO, Bowling, talking, and doing art work. There are dots on the doors next to the resident's name. A red dot means do not administer CPR. A green dot means to administer CPR. A yellow dot means the individual is a fall risk. The facility was very nice and clean.

Commissioner Jackson reported the rooms are relatively small. There are 3 people to a room. There is 1 room for 1 person but it is for end-of-life care. They have a list of activities on the wall in large print.

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

Vice-Chair Prado reported as the Senior Celebration approaches, the Marketing Committee will be involved.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE – G. Brown; J. Johnston

Commissioner Brown reported the Commission had a successful California Senior Legislature (CSL) election. She is hoping CSL will make a provision in the voting for absentee ballots in the next CSL election. Perhaps the newly elected CSL members can ask the question at their first CSL meeting.

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

Commissioner Goodlow reported the Bakersfield Senior Center ordered 1,320 meals, and served a total of 1,624 meals. The Dignified Health Center will again offer free diabetic classes and are asking people to volunteer to participate in that program. The last class was a success. BSC is still trying to get transportation approved. Cal State Bakersfield and Bakersfield College have agreed to write a grant on behalf of seniors for transportation to transport seniors who don't have a ride to senior centers.

Commissioner Hodge reported he visited the E. Niles, Greenacres Community, and Rasmussen Senior Centers. The Greenacres Community Center seems to be doing very well. The donation of \$300 was delivered to the Rasmussen Senior Center to purchase some necessary supplies. The E. Niles Senior Center has recruited some new volunteers so that is no longer an issue. Pat and Norma at the E. Niles Senior Center are still looking to retire.

Commissioner A. Johnston reported Parks and Recreation in Shafter opened the pool to the public and lap swim or water aerobics has been offered to the seniors. Last year, Parks and Recreation purchased two 12-passenger vans and the seniors have gone on many trips. They are getting ready to go to Solvang next week.

Commissioner J. Johnston reported free Dial-A-Ride transportation is still offered by the City of Shafter to transfer seniors to the Shafter Senior Center. They will also transport them to Gleaners.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – N. Jackson

Commissioner Jackson reported she mailed 1 birthday card and 1 sympathy card.

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

Commissioner Overfield will meeting with TAAC in August 2018.

TRANSPORTATION – Y. Prado; L. Fuller

No report.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – M. Overfield; G. Brown

No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS -

The Elder Abuse Prevention Conference was held Thursday, June 14, 2018 and all went well. Commissioner Overfield reported the conference was outstanding. Commissioner Morris reported the conference was very well organized and everything went very smoothly. Lots of resources and information was received. The COA made over \$562 on the Dodgers Opportunity Raffle. Commissioner Barrett said she appreciated that the information provided at the conference was for our county. Commissioner Fuller said it was very informational.

June 18, 2018 is the last day to submit your form(s) for mileage reimbursement to and from Commission on Aging meetings for FY 2017-2018. Please submit your mileage reimbursement requests to Laura Juarez.

The last in-person Ethics Training Classes for this year is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Board Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. You can also take the class online at www.ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance. Please see instructions provided by Laura Juarez on how to access the class online. Please remember to provide Laura with a copy of your certificate.

Luanne Jones's Retirement Dinner will be Friday, June 29, 2018 for \$25 per person.

As a reminder, please use "Smile Amazon" when making purchases through Amazon, and select "Kern County Commission on Aging" as your charity organization of choice. A percentage of proceeds will go to the COA Foundation. Please let Chair Grasty know if you need instructions. Close to \$30 was generated last year from Smile Amazon.

Lito Morillo reported he will not be in attendance at the July 16, 2018 COA regular meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE MEETING	REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 5, 2018 1:30 pm Aging and Adult Services Department New Generation Conference Room 5353 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA	Monday, July 16, 2018 1:00 p.m. Rosamond Senior Center 2500 20th Street West Rosamond, CA 93560

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lito Morillo
Secretary