



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2019

Aging and Adult Services
Bob Fowler Conference Room
5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grasty 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, Linda Oswald, *Yolanda Prado, and
***Judy Snyder

Excused Absence: Jan Lemucchi and **Stephanie Lynch

Quorum present: Quorum confirmed by Secretary, Lito Morillo

Commission on Aging Members Present: Roger Oswald

Honorary Commissioners Present: None.

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: Laura Juarez

Guests Present: None.

POSTING OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Senior Day at the Kern County Fair is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Kern County Fairgrounds. Chair Prado will check with Commissioner Jackson to see if we have enough volunteers.

The West Kern Senior Celebration that will be held Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Delano Community Center. Donations and vendors are being requested for this event. Laura to send a reminder to Commissioners to donate a gift card and bring it to the September regular meeting. Pacifica Senior Living will be making pulled pork sandwiches and potato salad.

The 2020 COA regular meeting schedule was reviewed. A discussion was had re: the low participation of seniors during the Commission meetings at most senior centers and how to better communicate and disseminate information to seniors. The following suggestions were made:

- 1) Hold the regular meetings at Aging and Adult Services via a live interactive web feed so that more individuals can participate and/or view the meetings at their own leisure. This could be piloted some time in 2020.
- 2) Prepare and provide pertinent information via a newsletter.
- 3) Senior Center Advisory Committee meet at the senior centers during a time when most seniors are there.
- 4) Send out notifications via text.

The suggestion about the meetings held via live interaction web feed will be brought before the Commissioners at the September regular meeting for further discussion.

A question was asked whether Executive Committee is bound by the Brown Act. This matter is under review.

Chair Prado provided information regarding Transportation Reimbursement for Individuals Program (TRIP) grant. TRIP is a 2-year grant that provides an incentive for volunteer drivers to assist eligible individuals who are unable to drive or access public transportation by providing necessary, escorted transportation. GET is interested in applying for this grant and is requesting a letter of support be written by the Commission on Aging. The next COA meeting to have all members vote is after the deadline. A suggestion was made to amend the COA Bylaws to reflect that the Executive Committee could vote on approving letters of support. After further discussion, it was decided to continue practice as usual with all COA member approval for any letters of support from the COA. Letters of support can be sent by individuals.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters will be sent to vendors and sponsors for the senior celebration. Commissioner Linda Oswald and Commissioner Roger Oswald are also handing out sponsor letters in Delano.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the May 2, 2019 Executive Commission on Aging meeting were approved.

Motion/Second/Abstention/Oppose (M/S/A/O) – Grasty/R. Oswald/None/None. Motion carried.

Consent to approval of the minutes for the June 27, 2019 Executive Commission on Aging meeting.
(M/S/A/O) – Grasty/Prado/None/None. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Agenda:

Approval of the September 16, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved. **(M/S/A/O) – Grasty/Snyder/None/None. Motion carried.**

Approval of 2020 Schedule:

The schedule for the 2020 Executive Commission on Aging meetings were reviewed. A motion was made to change the meeting dates from the first Thursday of the month, to the first Wednesday of the month effective October 2019. **(M/S/A/O) – Grasty/Goodlow/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lito Morillo, Secretary