



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2020, 10:00 AM
Aging and Adult Services
Bob Fowler Conference Room
5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA
Video Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Prado called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.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 Laura Juarez on behalf of Secretary, Lito Morillo

Commission on Aging Members Present: Loron Hodge, Susan Bodnar, Chris Barrett, and Roger Oswald

Honorary Commissioners Present: None.

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: Laura Juarez

Guests Present: None.

COMMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Spring Alive Senior Resource Fair

A discussion was had regarding postponing the Spring Alive Senior Resource Fair to the Fall. This event would replace the Senior Celebration that usually occurs in the month of October. Desiree Ingalls will get back to us with a tentative date.

Elder Abuse Prevention Conference

This year's annual Elder Abuse Prevention Conference has been canceled due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Update and Senior Resources

Lito Morillo an update regarding the COVID-19. Kern County Chief Administrative Officer Ryan Alsap extended the closure of County buildings through May 15, 2020, with the continuation of essential staffing.

Free testing for COVID-19 will be held at the Richard Prado Senior Center. Even though this will be a drive-thru testing, staff from the Richard Prado Center have relocated to the Bakersfield Senior Center during testing.

During the Stay-At-Home order, Aging and Adult Services will assist seniors 65 years and older who have no other means of safely shopping for groceries. Staff will purchase groceries for seniors with delivery to their residence. Orders will be limited to 15 non-perishable items using their own funds. Seniors can call the office at 661-868-1000 to sign up for this program.

"Friendship Line" has been set up for persons 60 and older, and adults living with disabilities. This nationwide program is a crisis intervention hotline for non-emergency emotional support calls, reaching out to help those older adults who are lonely, depressed, and/or isolated. The number to call Friendship Line is Toll-Free 1-800-971-0016.

The Governor is urging Californians to do "Neighbor Check-Ins" during COVID-19. This can be done safely via telephone call, text, video, or even by talking through the door. Encourage isolated seniors in need to call 661-868-1000.

An "Emergency Feeding Program" is in the works to help seniors 65 and over who have been exposed to or contracted COVID-19, but do not require hospitalization, or are high-risk with underlying health conditions to have access to prepared meals. These individuals must not be receiving any other public nutrition services, such as SNAP-Ed. This program is pending and details have not yet been worked out, or decided if Kern County will be participating in this program.

Commission on Aging Meetings

We will continue to have Commission on Aging meetings via Zoom until further notice. The next Executive meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2020. The next Regular meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Commission on Aging Foundation purchased gift cards to purchase donuts or cookies for the staff who are working in the outlying areas. Thank you cards will also be sent to the senior centers that remain open during this pandemic. Commissioner Bodnar volunteered to help with the Ridgecrest area. Laura Juarez will provide Commissioner Grasty with a list of the open senior centers.

Laura Juarez thanked the Commission on Aging for her birthday card.

ACTION ITEMS:**1. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the March 4, 2020 Executive Commission on Aging meeting were approved.

Motion/Second/Abstention/Oppose (M/S/A/O) – Goodlow/L. Oswald/Grasty, Lemucchi, Lynch/None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lito Morillo, Secretary