



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2020, 1:30 PM

Aging and Adult Services
5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA
Video Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Prado called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*(*Chairperson, **Vice Chairperson, *** Parliamentarian)*

Executive Members Present: Kris Grasty, Jan Lemucchi, **Stephanie Lynch, Linda Oswald
*Yolanda Prado, and ***Judy Snyder

Excused Absence: Barbara Goodlow

Quorum present: Quorum confirmed by Secretary, Lito Morillo

Commission on Aging Members Present: Loron Hodge and Susan Bodnar

Honorary Commissioners Present: None.

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: Laura Juarez

Guests Present: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2021 COA Regular Meetings

The schedule for the COA Regular meetings for 2021 was reviewed. At this time all meetings will be scheduled via Zoom since senior centers are closed throughout the State. We understand there is an isolation factor in this due to lack of socialization, but centers will remain closed until we receive a guidance from the State when we can safely reopen Senior Centers for congregate meals.

Lito Morillo shared he requested approval to hire 3 temporary Program Technicians to help start a new pilot project to address the Digital Divide. We currently have iPads that will be loaned to seniors interested in learning technology that can help keep them in touch with loved ones. We will also be partnering with Independent Living Center (ILC) to assist with this pilot program. He is currently developing a curriculum for the Digital Divide project.

AASD and ILC have come together to become an Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) in Kern County. The ADRC is a one-stop shop for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The Employee Appreciation event scheduled for August 2020 has been postponed to the end of this year.

Due to the closure of senior centers and stay at home orders for seniors, the Senior Resource Fair scheduled for October 2020 has been cancelled.

AASD Meals on Wheels (MOW) is partnering with Kern County Library to deliver books to those interested. Seniors who receive MOW will be able to get books in their genre/interest (i.e. mystery, romance, etc.) and have them delivered and picked up by MOW drivers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Marketing and Orientation Committee and the Senior Center Advisory Committee will be sending letters to seniors that will provide them with valuable information and resources.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the July 8, 2020 Executive Commission on Aging meeting were approved. **Motion/Second/Abstention/Oppose (M/S/A/O) – Snyder/Lemucchi/None/None. Motion carried.**

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda for the July 20, 2020 Regular Commission on Aging meeting was approved. **(M/S/A/O) – Grasty/Snyder/None/None. Motion carried.**

3. **Approval of 2021 Executive Meeting Schedule:**

The 2021 Executive Meeting schedule was reviewed and approved. **(M/S/A/O) – Grasty/L. Oswald/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lito Morillo, Secretary