



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2021, 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 1:32 p.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:

Quorum present: Quorum confirmed by Secretary, Lito Morillo

Commission on Aging Members Present: Chris Barrett, Loron Hodge

Honorary Commissioners Present: Linda Fuller

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: Michele Timmerman

Guests Present: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chair Prado initiated discussion on the proposed revision to the Standing Rules, with respect to adding the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee to the responsibilities of the Executive Committee. Commissioners Grasty, Lynch, and L. Oswald emailed proposed verbiage to all Executive Committee members prior to the meeting. It was decided that the proposed revision to the Standing Rules would be placed on the May 17, 2021 Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Agenda as an action item. Michele will send

the revised Standing Rules to all commissioners prior to the meeting, so that they have an opportunity to review prior to the May 17th meeting. The proposed revision reads as follows:

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Advisory Committee

Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, the COA Executive Committee will also be designated as the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Advisory Committee. Per COA By Laws, the Executive Committee can perform other duties as ordered by the Commission (Article VIII, Committees, 5. Executive).

The purpose of this committee is to take on planning tasks and operational or technical issues of the ADRC and provide recommendations to the partners in the ADRC, Aging and Adult Services (AASD) and Independent Living Center of Kern County (ILCKC). These duties will be re-evaluated prior to the June, 2023, election of officers.

Chair Prado shared that Commissioner Grasty previously sent out an email to all commissioners on behalf of Commissioner Brown, regarding the upcoming June election of Commission on Aging Officers. The email requested that any nominations be emailed directly to Commissioner Brown. The voting will take place at the Regular Meeting in June. Commissioner Grasty advised that Commissioner Brown should announce the slate of nominees when she provides the Nomination Committee report at the May 17, 2021 Meeting.

Chair Prado initiated discussion on guest speakers for the regular meetings. Leslie Devitt from the District Attorney's Office was the speaker in April, and she provided a lot of good information. Zach Hoover, who is the Director of Fall Prevention with Kern Around the Clock Foundation has offered to provide a brief overview of their Fall Prevention Program at an upcoming meeting, likely in June. Aging and Adult Services received a grant through California Department of Aging for Fall Prevention Services and has contracted with Kern Around the Clock. A flyer for this program was included in the System of System bags the commission recently distributed. Chair Prado asked Commissioner Lemucchi if she would make a brief presentation before the May meeting, to share information from the recent Senior Rally Day. Commissioner Lemucchi agreed.

Chair Prado shared that there was a recent Senate Bill that the commission was asked to provide a letter of support for, under a very short window of time. She asked for additional information on the guidelines for the commission to provide a letter of support. Commissioner Grasty said that if there is sufficient time, the item can go to the general members for a vote, but in short notice the letter of support template could be sent to the general members who could then submit a letter on their own behalf. The Commission on Aging Foundation could also provide a letter of support. Commissioner Grasty reminded that the other foundation officers are also able to execute a letter of support if she were not available. Commissioner Lemucchi suggested that in situations where the response time is short, the letter be sent to the general members to send a letter on their own behalf.

Chair Prado thanked Lito for the opportunity to attend the recent C4A Coming Together Assistive Technology conference and said there was a lot of very good information provided. Lito said that a lot of positive feedback was received, and he appreciated information was shared about items that participants were not aware of, that they could purchase for people they care for, as well as for themselves. Information was shared on various items, ranging from smart home devices to virtual technology products that he discussed in the workshop he was on. The information demonstrated that technology is even further than we think it is, and that it is not really that costly. Another conference is planned for October that will focus on behavioral health and the services available to older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Lito reported that Laura Juarez will be returning to the department on May 24th.

Commissioner Lynch reported that she will be traveling at the time of the May 17th meeting but plans to attend so long as Wi-Fi is accessible.

Commissioner Grasty advised the Nomination Committee is required to have a minimum of three (3) members, and there are currently only two (2) members. Chair Prado said she will see if Commissioner Mears is interested in assisting or joining the Nomination Committee. Commissioner Grasty said that members who are not currently serving on three (3) committees could be appointed by the Chair. Under the bylaws, members can serve on no more than three (3) committees. Michele will send Chair Prado a listing of eligible commissioners.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the April 7, 2021 Executive Commission on Aging meeting were approved. **Motion/Second/Abstention/Oppose (M/S/A/O) – Lemucchi/Lynch/Snyder/None. Motion carried.**

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda for the May 17, 2021 Regular Commission on Aging meeting was approved, with one revision. **(M/S/A/O) – Snyder/Grasty/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lito Morillo, Secretary