



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 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 1:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Executive Members Present: Barbara Goodlow, Kris Grasty, **Stephanie Lynch, *Yolanda Prado, and ***Judy Snyder

Excused Absence: Jan Lemucchi, Linda Oswald

Quorum present: Quorum confirmed by Lito Morillo

Commission on Aging Members Present: Tawny Rocha

Honorary Commissioners Present: None.

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: Laura Juarez

Guests Present: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **DEAR Newsletter** – Chair Prado encouraged the Committee to read the DEAR Newsletters that are emailed by Leslie Devitt, of the District Attorney's office. She shared that the newsletters have good information.

- **Senior Day at the Kern County Fair** – Chair Prado will be giving opening remarks to the seniors in attendance for Senior Day at the Kern County fair on September 24, 2021.
- **Standing Committees** – So far, only one Commissioner has requested to change committees. This matter will be discussed further at the COA Regular meeting.
- **COA Bylaws** – Commissioner Grasty reported she hadn't received any requested changes to the Bylaws. She made a recommendation to change the wording under "Nominations." Chair Prado said she would review the information for the Marketing and Orientation committee.
- **Honorary Commissioners** – Chair Prado reported that she couldn't reach all of the Honorary COA members to ask if they wish to continue as Honorary members. Commissioner Grasty said she would reach out to Dee Sutherland. Chair Prado said she would contact Harley Baker.
- **Article in Bakersfield Californian** – Chair Prado reported about an article in the newspaper on August 21, 2021 from COUCH'S CORNER entitled, "Funding ensures Kern seniors receive quality services." The article states, "...Recently, the Board of Supervisors approved more than \$260,000 in a combination of federal, state, and county funding for Aging and Adult Services for Kern County seniors, including congregate senior nutrition services, management and support for the Senior Medicare Patrol Program (SMP), training resources for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) care providers, homemaker services, and family caregiver support program services." The article went on to say that, he "looks forward to collaborating with Aging and Adult Services Director Lito Morillo to ensure senior citizens in Kern County receive quality services that they deserve."
- **Krispy Kreme Promotion** – Krispy Kreme is showing support for those who are vaccinated. Anyone who shows his or her COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card will receive one free Original Glazed doughnut.
- **Kern County Veterans Stand Down** - The Kern County Veterans Stand Down will take place Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Stramler Park from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a one-day, one-stop-shop community service for veterans, with the focus on those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Services include free haircuts, food, clothing, toiletries, hats, scarves, and resources to help them obtain housing and gainful employment. Commissioner Goodlow shared they are in need of help with crocheting scarves and hats for this event. Commissioner Rocha shared donations are being accepted at CA Veterans Assistance Foundation, 1400 Easton Dr., suite 102, Bakersfield, CA. Contact person is President/CEO, Deborah Johnson.
- **Letters of Support** – Chair Prado shared that the Kern County Council of Government (Kern CoG) is requesting letters of support for grant applications to develop a plan for a unified approach to rural transportation. If anyone would like to send a letter of support, the deadline to submit them is September 10, 2021.

- **Scam** – Laura Juarez shared there is a new scam that seems to be in the form of an email from “Geek Squad (Best Buy)” asking for payment to re-deliver their order. It requests a name, address, birthday, credit card number, and social security number. Please note this is a scam and do not provide any personal information to anyone you don’t know or for services you did not initiate.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no recommendations for correspondence.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the July 7, 2021 Executive Commission on Aging meeting were approved as prepared.

Motion/Second/Abstention/Oppose (M/S/A/O)

Grasty/Lynch/None/None. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda for the September 20, 2021 Regular Commission on Aging meeting was approved. **(M/S/A/O) – Snyder/Goodlow/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lito Morillo, Secretary