



# **Kern County Commission On Aging**

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**January 5, 2022, 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:** Barbara Goodlow, Kris Grasty, \*\*Stephanie Lynch, Linda Oswald,  
\*Yolanda Prado, and \*\*\*Judy Snyder

**Excused Absence:** Jan Lemucchi

**Quorum present:** Quorum confirmed by Lito Morillo

**Commission on Aging Members Present:** None.

**Honorary Commissioners Present:** None.

**Aging & Adult Services Staff Present:** Laura Juarez

**Guests Present:** None.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Spring Alive Senior Resource Fair** – The Committee decided it is not safe yet to have a large gathering for seniors so the Spring Alive Resource Fair has been postponed to Fall. Commissioner Snyder suggested having it at the Rasmussen Senior Center. Commissioner Grasty suggested combining the Senior Celebration with the Senior Resource Fair. Commissioner Snyder will check with Desiree at NOR about tentatively reserving the facility for this event for October 15, 2022. We will need at least six volunteers to help coordinate this event.

- **California Senior Legislature (CSL) Elections** - The CSL announced elections are due this year for CSL Senior Senator and CSL Senior Assemblymember. Applications must be received by AASD no later than March 31, 2022. Voting will take place during the May 16, 2022 COA Regular meeting. Laura will send the CSL flyer to all Commissioners and will post it on the AASD and COA website, as well as send it to the Senior Centers.
- **Stanislaus County COA** – During the last Exec. Meeting, Chair Prado requested that the Exec. Committee review information she shared about Stanislaus County COA for discussion during this meeting. Commissioner Grasty shared that she likes how Stanislaus County Commissioners meet with their appointing representative and suggested that we do the same. She also suggested for Laura to make bullet points of topics to discuss with representatives, and to come up with a standard script, etc. Chair Prado suggested that we should promote AAA and COA, and after the Commissioners meet with their representative, they can share that they met with them under “Commissioners Comments” during the COA Regular Meetings. Will discuss further on how often Commissioners should meet with their appointing representatives.
- **COA Holiday Virtual Gathering** – Due to the current pandemic, the COA was not able to have an in-person Holiday Luncheon. Instead, we had a Virtual Holiday Gathering via Zoom on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. It was brief and sweet.
- **COA Employee Appreciation** – Chair Prado reported on December 13, 2021, she and Commissioner Lynch, with the help of Secretary Morillo, passed out candy canes, with a thank you poem attached, to 140 AASD employees to thank them for all their work with seniors, especially during this pandemic. Thank you to Commissioner Grasty for donating the candy canes, and to Commissioner Lynch for tying ribbons and poems to the candy canes.
- **COA Highlights 2019-2022** – The COA Highlights for 2019-2022 are complete and will be sent to the Board of Supervisors this month. Laura will include the COA Highlights with the agenda packet for the this month’s COA Regular meeting.
- **New Commissioner** – Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County (ADAKC) appointed William Wright to represent their organization on the COA. We will need to schedule a new Commissioner Orientation with him soon.
- **COA January Regular Meeting Guest Speaker** – the Exec. Committee would like to have Public Health Nurse, Wendy Jewett, to be the guest speaker for this month's COA Regular meeting to provide an update on the Omicron, and the Shingles vaccination. Laura will check with Wendy to see if she is available to speak. Chair Prado requested that Laura ask all Commissioners if they have any specific questions for the guest speaker.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letters to be sent to Ex-Officio Department Directors thanking them for their designee's active participation at the monthly COA meetings.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the November 3, 2021 Executive Commission on Aging meeting were approved as prepared.

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

**Snyder/Lynch/Grasty/None. Motion carried.**

### **2. Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda for the January 24, 2022 Regular Commission on Aging meeting was approved with revisions. **(M/S/A/O) – Grasty/Goodlow/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lito Morillo, Secretary