

# El Dorado County Commission on Aging

## Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, April 15, 2021  
**Time:** 9:30am – 12:00pm  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting Via Zoom  
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**Commissioners Present:** Tita Bladen, Lisbeth Powell, Raelene Nunn, Steve Shervey, Jim Wassner, Ray Wyatt, Penny Huber, Barbara Raines, Craig Kuehn, Connell Persico, Paul Sobelman, Barbara Kaufman, Marian Washburn

**Absent:** None

**Special Advocates Present:** Roger Berger

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#### **Public Hearing: 2021-2022 Area Plan Update**

The public hearing regarding the 2021-2022 Area Plan Update began at 9:31am. Rich Todd provided information about the Area Plan Update.

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#### **1. Call to Order, Salute to the Flag, and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:44am with a quorum present.

#### **2. Approval of the April 15, 2021 Agenda**

A motion was made by Connell Persico to approve the Agenda and seconded by Lisbeth Powell. The motion was approved (13-0).

#### **3. Approval of the March 18, 2021 Minutes**

A motion was made by Ray Wyatt to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes and seconded by Barbara Kaufman. The motion was approved (13-0).

#### **Approval of the April 1, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Ray Wyatt to approve the April 1, 2021 minutes and seconded by Barbara Kaufman. The motion was approved (13-0).

#### **4. Chairperson's Report**

Steve Shervey provided the Chairperson's Report.

#### **5. Correspondence Folder**

Correspondence has been emailed to all Commissioners.

#### **6. Guest Speaker: None**

#### **7. Commissioner Reports and Activities**

Lisbeth Powell reported that she completed the two hour Implicit Bias training. The training provided good information. Once the Commission resumes in-person meetings, she would like all commissioners to have name badges.

**8. AAA Director's Report, Questions**

Rich Todd provided the Director's Report.

- The Dignity Fall Prevention funding expiration date has been extended until March 31, 2022.
- Senior Nutrition continues to provide approximately 750 hot meals per day and 1,500 frozen meals per week. Volunteers are always needed.
- The Clubs remain closed. An opening date has not been determined.
- Senior-of-the-Year has been rescheduled for October 2021.

Star Walker reported:

- LiHEAP was monitored by the California Department of Community Services in January. There were no findings.
- A new Low income Water Program will be announced. This program will most likely be administered through the HEAP/CSBG program.
- A Needs Assessment is being conducted for the EDC 2021 Community Action Plan. A public hearing is scheduled for May 26, 2021.
- A proclamation for all volunteers will be read at the April 20, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Jordan Brushia announced:

- The Vaccine Line is being transitioned to the Public Health.
- Only 21 requests have been received from home bound seniors needing vaccines.
- A vendor has been identified for the Fall Prevention Program.
- Staff is contacting seniors on the wait list for The Clubs to offer respite services.

**9. HHS Management and EDC Board of Supervisors Report – No Report**

**10. City of South Lake Tahoe Report**

Joe Irvin and Lauren Thomaselli provided the report. The City is working with a contractor to replace the floor at the Tahoe Senior Center. Meals are currently being prepared at the Recreation center. A joint meeting between the City and the County regarding the 56 Acres is scheduled to begin at 9:00am on April 27, 2021.

**11. Committee Reports  
Executive Committee – No Report.**

**Policy & Legislation Committee**

Roger Berger will forward the legislation supported by the California Senior Legislature.

**12. Ad Hoc Committees  
Outreach and Education Team**

Lisbeth Powell provided the report. The Team has sent a letter introducing the Commission on Aging to the Administrators of the Skilled Nursing Facilities located within El Dorado County. Shirts or vests for Commissioners to identify them at public events was suggested. A source of funding will need to be secured.

**South Lake Tahoe**

Barbara Kaufman provided an update.

**Membership Committee**

Judy Husak has resigned. Supervisor Turnboo will be appointing a new commissioner at the next Board of Supervisors Meeting..

### **Community Action Council Meeting**

Star Walker provided a report.

### **Disaster Preparedness**

Jim Wassner provided a report. The El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club has installed a repeater in the Oak Hill, Coloma area and will add repeaters in the Placerville, Pollock Pines and Somerset areas. More information can be found on their website ([www.arc.net](http://www.arc.net)).

### **56 Acres Project**

This was discussed under New Business.

### **TACC Meeting**

Tita Bladen provided the TACC report. TACC is meeting quarterly.

### **Aging in Place/Caregiving**

The committee members are Paul Sobelman, Jim Wassner, Craig Kuehn, and Barbara Kaufman. The committee is gathering data.

### **Communications**

Raelene Nunn reported that this is still a work in progress.

### **Housing for Seniors**

Marian Washburn reported the committee will be focusing on mobile homes. There is an upcoming meeting regarding mobile home parks. Marian, Raelene and Tita will attend.

### **Lifelong Learning**

Connell Persico will meet with Star Walker. This committee needs additional members.

## **13. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Timeline of Meetings Via Zoom**

The June meeting of the Commission will be held via Zoom. The Commission does not meet in July. If COVID restrictions are lifted this summer, an in-person August 2021 meeting may be a possibility.

## **14. New Business**

### **A. Mandated Trainings – Brown Act, Ethics, and Implicit Bias**

Rich Todd identified the mandated trainings for Commissioners. These will be coordinated by EDC Human Resources. Commissioners will receive an email with the training information. The Implicit Bias training is only required for Commissioners who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

### **B. Letter Regarding SLT 56 Acre Project**

A motion was made by Jim Wassner to send the a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the City of South Lake Tahoe in support of the multi-generational Recreation Center in the proposed 56 acre project. Barbara Raines seconded the motion. The motion was approved (13-0).

### **C. Affordable Housing Letter**

After discussion, Lisbeth Powell made a motion to hold the proposed letter to the Board of Supervisors pending the outcome of an upcoming public forum about mobile home parks. Connell Persico seconded the motion. The motion was approved (13-0).

**D. Change in Letterhead Format**

The proposed new format for the COA letterhead was discussed. Lisbeth Powell made a motion to approve the new letterhead format. Connell Persico seconded the motion. The motion was approved (13-0).

**15. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items**

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**16. Topics for Next Meeting**

**17. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am. The next meeting is on June 17, 2021 via Zoom.