

El Dorado County Commission on Aging

Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022
Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm
Location: City of Placerville Town Hall
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Commissioners Present: Steve Shervey, Ray Wyatt, Craig Kuehn, , Lisbeth Powell, Connell Persico, Jim Wassner, Linda Grimoldi

Absent: Barbara Kaufman, Raelene Nunn, Barbara Raines, Tita Bladen, Marian Washburn Penny Huber

Special Advocates Present: None

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am with a quorum present.

2. Approval of the April 17, 2022 Agenda

A motion was made by Connell Persico to approve the Agenda and seconded by Ray Wyatt. The motion was approved (7-0).

3. Approval of the March 17, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Craig Kuehn to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes and seconded by Jim Wassner. The motion was approved (5-0, 2 Abstained).

4. Chairperson's Report

Lisbeth Powell provided the Chairperson's Report and welcomed Linda Grimoldi to the Commission.

5. Guest Speaker--None

6. Commissioner Reports and Activities

No Reports

7. AAA Director's Report, Questions

Rich Todd provided the Director's Report.

- Congregate meal sites opened March 7, 2022. Take-Out meals are still available.
- The Club in Placerville opened on March 21, 2022. The El Dorado Hills Club remains closed.
- The AARP and VITA tax program have ended. .
- The Fall Prevention Program ended on March 31, 2022 and will restart July 1, 2022.

Star Walker reported:

- HEAP has seen an increase in clients.
- The Low Income Water Assistance Program is expected to begin August 2022.
- Approximately 50 groups are looking forward to returning to returning to the Placerville Senior Center. The bus company that provided transportation for the day trips is no

longer in business. Star is working with the Rancho Cordova Senior Center to coordinate with their day trip programs.

- Senior of the Year will be presented at the Board of Supervisors on May 17, 2022.

8. HHSa Management and EDC Board of Supervisors Report

Rich Todd reported that Don Semon, HHSa Director, resigned effective Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5pm. Ranell Brown, Deputy Director, is leaving in May.

9 Committee Reports

Executive Committee – No Report

Policy & Legislation Committee

Raelene Nunn and Tita Bladen are the only candidates applying for the CSL. The election will be at the May meeting.

10. Ad Hoc Committees

Outreach and Education Team/Lifelong Learning

Craig Kuehn provided the report. Senior of the Year is May 17th at the Board of Supervisors with a reception immediately following the presentation. This is a big event and all commissioners should attend. The county fair is being held June 16th – 19th. COA volunteers are needed to staff the booth.

South Lake Tahoe

There was an in-person meeting held on April 20, 2021 regarding the new multi-generational center. Penny Huber attended the meeting. There were no changes announced to the most recent floor plan. The City of South Lake Tahoe will be coordinating all of the activities in the building.

Membership

Steve Shervey introduced the newest Commission member, Linda Grimoldi, who was appointed by Supervisor Turnbo. The press release for the Commission appointed vacancy has been distributed. Applications will be accepted through June 7, 2022.

Community Action Council Meeting

Star Walker provided an update. The Community Action Council meetings are virtual and held the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Disaster Preparedness

Jim Wassner reported that people can text 911 when voice phone service is not available. The HAM radio program has received a lot of publicity.

Aging in Place/Caregiving

Steve Shervey is the new chair for this committee. Ray Wyatt is the co-chair. Aging in Place is a broad category and the committee will be narrowing down their focus.

Housing for Seniors

Jim Wassner provided the report. The committee will be working with the City of Placerville and the El Dorado County Planning Department. Areas of focus are affordable and workforce housing, ADA accessibility and adaptable housing.

11. Unfinished Business

A. Senior of the Year

The Selection Committee will review applications during the first week of May. Lisbeth Powell announced there will be three specific awards presented. The committee will determine the winner of the awards. The bios of the winners will be read at the Board of Supervisors meeting; and the bios of all the nominees will be read at the reception. Janet Kenneweg is coordinating the reception.

B. Disclaimer for COA Article in Senior Times

Ray Wyatt wrote the disclaimer for the COA article in the Senior Times and provided it to Star Walker. This disclaimer states that the article is the opinion of the individual and not the Commission.

12. New Business

A. Metrics and Data Collection

Two forms will be emailed to the Commissioners to record the number of individuals contacted by the COA and document any requests for follow-up.

B. Special Advocates

Lisbeth Powell reported that there can be an unlimited number of special advocates to the Commission. Special advocates have a unique interest, connection or focus.

C. Outreach to Spanish Community

Jim Wassner reported that the county's Hispanic senior community may be underserved. A Spanish speaking special advocate would be a welcome addition to bring any concerns or needs of this community to the Commission.

13. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

None

14. Topics for Next Meeting

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm. The next meeting is May 19, 2022 at the El Dorado Hills Gilmore Senior Center.