

El Dorado County Commission on Aging

Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 18, 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: Judy Husak

Special Advocates Present: Janet Kenneweg, Roger Berger, Lindell Price

1. **Call to Order, Salute to the Flag, and Roll Call**
The meeting was called to order at 9:33am with a quorum present.
2. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
 - A. **HHSA Strategic Plan & Goals for 2021**
Don Semon, HHSA Director, provided an overview of the HHSA Strategic Plan and 2021 Priorities and Initiatives.
 - B. **Future of EDC Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)**
Don Semon provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the MSSP and the advantages and disadvantages of an El Dorado County run program and a State of California run program. This will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Don will update the Commission on Aging as more information becomes available.
3. **Opening Remarks for the Retreat**
Steve Shervey welcomed everyone to the retreat.
4. **Review of 2020 (How we did)**
A recap of 2020 was discussed.
5. **2021 Goals and Objectives**
 - A. **Recap of Ideas Submitted by Commissioners**
Tita Bladen reviewed the major ideas that were submitted by the Commissioners and the applicable goals and objectives.
 - a. **Affordable and Inclusive Senior Housing and Aging in Place**
 1. Review data on population in county to learn number of seniors in County, percentage of population, numbers aging in place and where, i.e. homeless, seniors in facilities, homes, rentals, etc.
 2. Explore options and possibilities in County for middle income seniors downsizing since right now very limited.
 3. Funding for fall prevention- finding people willing to install grab bars and ramps. Sent out RFP as had grant funding for fall prevention – Need to

be insured. No one applied. Primary Issues, liability and insurance - handy man; Not interested – Contractor;

4. Explore issue of seniors in mobile homes and being unable to remain in homes due to rent increases

b. South Lake Tahoe 56-Acres Project

1. Include “Senior” in name of facility
2. Meeting on Monday between Board of Supervisors and City to discuss project. Commissioners join and let Supervisors know our concerns.

c. Improve and Expand Resource Communications System(s) with Senior County Residents

1. Issues listed were discussed to some degree
2. Subsidize Senior Times for those without internet and cannot pay for it.

d. Training for Volunteers

1. Discussed Tahoe Seniors Inc.

e. After COVID-19 – New Normal

1. Consider new normal as we look at all topics.
2. Less Community based
3. PTSD Don't know impact on new normal
4. Until we get closer to being out of pandemic, don't know what new normal is going to be.
5. Plan how we can accomplish getting back together to continue our work when there is a new normal
6. What guidance will be provided by the State of California?

f. Caregiving

1. Work with County on this
2. Impact of what happens with MSSP

g. Enhance Data, Improve Analytics

1. Review what Data available on aspects of aging and senior population and create a metric of what we learn.

h. Lifelong Learning

1. Explore areas of interest of individuals (creativity, curiosity, imagination) and research courses of study and explore how to make them available to seniors.

i. Scorecard for Services Delivered, Benchmarking

j. Other Ideas

6. Finalizing 2021 Goals and Objectives

A. Assign Rankings (i.e. 1, 2, and 3 depending on priority)

Next Steps after Goal Discussion:

- Commissioners will submit their final ranking COB 2/18/21
- Goal Rankings will be reviewed with COA Leadership team
- Commissioners will be asked which goal teams they would like to serve on
- Goal committee leader and team will be created
- Goal committees will meet at least once prior to the March 18, 2021 EDC COA meeting to be able to provide Goal objectives and detailed action items.

7. Discuss Top 5 Goals and Assign Commissioners

The Commissioners will send their final rankings to Tita Bladen.

8. Closing Remarks

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 18, 2021 via Zoom.