

El Dorado County Commission on Aging

Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 21, 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

Absent: Judy Husak, Barbara Kaufman

Special Advocates Present: Janet Kenneweg

- 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. Approval of the January 21, 2021 Agenda**
A motion was made by Lisbeth Powell to approve the Agenda; and seconded by Connell Persico. The motion was approved.
- 3. Approval of the November 19, 2020 Minutes**
A motion was made by Barbara Raines to approve the November 21, 2020 minutes and seconded by Lisbeth Powell. The motion was approved.
- 4. Chairperson's Report**
Steve Shervey provided the Chairperson's Report.
- 5. Correspondence Folder**
Correspondence has been emailed to all Commissioners.
- 6. Guest Speaker: Ranell Brown, HHSA Deputy Director, Community Services Division**
Ranell Brown introduced herself as the new Deputy Director and provided information on her background and her upcoming goals.
- 7. Commissioner Reports and Activities**
Connell Persico reported that the new Commissioner orientation presented by Raelene Nunn, Lisbeth Powell and Steve Shervey was excellent.

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

Rich Todd provided the Director's Report.

- The Fall Prevention RFQ did not receive a response and the AAA is still looking for interested contractors.
- The Clubs remain closed. Some of the Club staff is working for Public Health conducting COVID-19 contact tracing.
- The CDA CARES funding is paying for the weekly Grocery Box program.
- I&A is conducting outreach at the Take-Out Meal sites.
- AARP Taxes has submitted a re-opening plan to Public Health. If approved the AARP Tax Service will begin at the Placerville Senior Center on February 12, 2021.

Jordan Brushia, I&A and the FCSP Program Supervisor, announced:

- The Mountain Democrat will be featuring the Senior Nutrition Program in an upcoming article.
- I&A is coordinating outreach activities with the Placer County Food Bank at the El Dorado County Food Giveaway Locations
- Caregivers have been hesitate to allow outside provider into their homes for respite care.
- Assisted Transportation to medical appointments is available.

Star Walker reported:

- Senior Activities are still closed.
- HEAP is very busy. The program has just received funding for 2021.
- The \$32,000 CSBG Discretionary funding was used to purchase activity kits for seniors, and 550 kits have already been distributed.
- A plan has been created for CSBG CARES which includes rental and eviction assistance and utilities. This will be rolled out starting with utilities.

9. **HHSA Management and EDC Board of Supervisors Report**

HHSA Director, Don Semon, reported:

- Daniel Del Monte is returning to HHSA on February 8th
- The Mid Year Budget process will begin in February.
- Vaccinations have started, however, there are not enough vaccines for everyone who is eligible to receive one.
- HHSA staff continues to telework. Community HUBS are being evaluated for a third work location. This would bring the services into the community instead of the community coming to a central office.

AAA Program Report

Penni Jacobs-Ricci provided an overview of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). This program provides assistance with electricity, propane, oil, wood or pellets, to income eligible households.

10. **Unfinished Business**

A. Update on Planning for February 2021 Retreat

Tita Bladen received everyone's input and will create a chart of the major topics and related ideas.

B. Formation of AdHoc Committee for SLT 56-Acres Project

Jim Wassner, Lisbeth Powell, Steve Shervey, Barbara Kaufman, and Penny Huber will be on the adhoc committee. Jim will collect the questions regarding the project and forward them to Don Semon.

11. New Business

**A. Introduction of New Board of Supervisor Appointed Commissioners
Connell Persico—Member-at-Large
Judy Husak—District II**

Connell Persico was introduced by Steve Shervey. Connell was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the Member-at-Large. Judy Husak, the new appointee for District II, Supervisor Turnboo, did not attend the meeting.

Marian Washburn will be the new appointee for District III. Supervisor Thomas. Lisbeth Powell will schedule orientations with the new commissioners.

B. Smoke Detectors for Seniors

Ray Wyatt reported that the Fire Department may have a program that provides free smoke detectors for seniors. Jim Wassner add that SAFE-D also provides smoke detectors to seniors when SAFE-D installs the bathroom safety modifications. Other organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, and the Red Cross may also provide smoke detectors.

C. Cameron Park Community Services District (CPCSD) 5-Year Strategic Plan

Ray Wyatt will be the Commission on Aging liaison to the project. Jill Ritzman, General Manager, Cameron Park Community Services District, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the CPCSD 5-year plan. Jill encouraged everyone to take the survey located on the CPCSD website.

12. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – No report.

Policy & Legislation Committee – No report.

Outreach & Education Team

The Outreach Team is continuing to develop their priorities and define their upcoming projects. The goal of the Outreach Team is to provide a consistent and factual message to the general public and community groups. All Commissioners are encouraged to send their ideas to the Outreach Team. They are also exploring ideas for an Outreach Pipeline. Craig Keuhn is the newest member of this committee.

South Lake Tahoe

Barbara Kaufman is very busy at Barton and the current situation related to COVID-19.

13. Ad Hoc Committees

Membership Committee

All vacancies on the Commission have been filled.

Community Action Council Meeting

The Community Action Council meets monthly via Zoom.

Disaster Preparedness

Radio preparedness is essential during a power outage.

TACC Meeting

Tita Bladen will attend the upcoming December TACC meeting. Contact Tita directly if you have any concerns or issues you would like her to bring up at the TACC meeting.

14. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

None

15. Topics for Next Meeting

16. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm. The next meeting will be the retreat and be held on February 18, 2021 via Zoom.