

El Dorado County Commission on Aging

Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021
Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm
Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
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Commissioners Present: Tita Bladen, Steve Shervey, Jim Wassner, Ray Wyatt, Penny Huber, Barbara Raines, Craig Kuehn, Connell Persico, Paul Sobelman, Marian Washburn, Keeley Link

Absent: Raelene Nunn, Lisbeth Powell, Barbara Kaufman

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

1. **Call to Order, Salute to the Flag, and Roll Call**
The meeting was called to order at 9:32am with a quorum present.
2. **Approval of the May 20, 2021 Agenda**
A motion was made by Marian Washburn to approve the Agenda and seconded by Jim Wassner. The motion was approved (11-0).
3. **Approval of the April 15, 2021 Minutes**
A motion was made by Connell Persico to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes and seconded by Ray Wyatt. The motion was approved (10-0). Abstained (1).
4. **Chairperson's Report & Introduction of New Commissioner – Keeley Link**
Steve Shervey provided the Chairperson's Report. Supervisor Turnboo's appointee, Keeley Link, introduced herself.
5. **Guest Speaker: Michelle Ward, Attorney, Senior Legal Services Program**
Michelle Ward provided an overview of the current activities of the Senior Legal Services Program. Except for emergencies, the program is not seeing clients in-person. Telephone appointments are being made as appropriate. Senior Legal Services is receiving an increase in phone calls regarding evictions, both landlord and tenant issues.
6. **Commissioner Reports and Activities**
None
7. **AAA Director's Report, Questions**
Rich Todd provided the Director's Report.
 - A vendor has been identified for The Dignity Fall Prevention Program and is moving through the contract process.
 - 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.

Star Walker reported:

 - A new Low income Water Program will be announced. This program will most likely be administered through the HEAP/CSBG program.

- 950 Senior Activity Kits have been distributed to El Dorado County Seniors. The activity kits promote physical, mental and social health.

Jordan Brushia announced:

- Information & Assistance (I&A) is receiving more calls regarding the opening of The Clubs. Staff is offering respite services to these callers.
- The El Dorado County Fair is scheduled for September 23-26, 2021. Volunteers are need to help staff the booth.
- I&A will be receiving 100 Farmers' Market coupons for distribution to El Dorado County Seniors.

8. HHS Management and EDC Board of Supervisors Report

Don Semon provided the HHS Management Report. The County will not be renewing the lease with the Mother Lode Lions Hall.

9. City of South Lake Tahoe Report

Kelley Edwards, Recreation Director for City of South Lake Tahoe, provided the report. Ground breaking for the new multigenerational recreation center is planned for Spring 2022.

10. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – No Report.

Policy & Legislation Committee

Roger Berger forwarded the current legislation supported by the CSL.

11. Ad Hoc Committees

Lifelong Learning – No Report

Outreach and Education Team

Tita Bladen provided the report. Planning for the 2021 Senior-of-the-Year event will begin in the summer.

South Lake Tahoe

Penny Huber provided an update.

Community Action Council Meeting

Star Walker provided a report.

Disaster Preparedness

Jim Wassner provided a report.

56 Acres Project

The COA would like to see the revised plans for the Recreation Center.

TACC Meeting

Tita Bladen provided a report. TACC did not meet in May. Tita attended Senior Rally Day via Zoom.

Aging in Place/Caregiving

Paul Sobelman provided the report. The committee is researching the following:

Who needs services?

What kind of assessments are needed?

What type of equipment is needed?

Communications – No Report

Housing for Seniors

Marian Washburn reported on the El Dorado County Community Foundation sponsored Public Forum attended by committee members. The committee plans to attend future meetings.

13. Unfinished Business

A. Mandated Trainings

El Dorado County Risk Management Department will be sending out emails to all Commissioners regarding the Ethics training. This is a mandatory training.

14. New Business

A. Written Goals & Objectives for Committees

As a follow up to the COA Retreat, Tita Bladen would like all of the committees to create written goals and objectives and provide updates on the progress. Tita will send out an email requesting this information and provide a summary at the June meeting.

B. Mobile Home Outreach Collaborations

Marian Washburn reported on her discussion with Jordan Brushia. COA will support I&A, as needed, with mobile home park outreach efforts.

C. Appointment of COA Representative for New County Housing Committee

This item was tabled to the June meeting.

15. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

J. Connolly, R. Michaelson

16. Topics for Next Meeting

17. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm. The next meeting is on June 17, 2021 via Zoom.