

El Dorado County Commission on Aging

Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021
Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm
Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
Contact: Yasmin Hichborn (530) 642-4833 Email: yasmin.hichborn@edcgov.us

Commissioners Present: Tita Bladen, Steve Shervey, Jim Wassner, Ray Wyatt, Penny Huber, Craig Kuehn, Connell Persico, Paul Sobelman, Marian Washburn, Lisbeth Powell, Raelene Nunn

Absent: Barbara Kaufman, Barbara Raines, Keeley Link

Special Advocates Present:

1. **Call to Order, Salute to the Flag, and Roll Call**
The meeting was called to order at 9:30am with a quorum present.
2. **Approval of the September 16, 2021 Agenda**
A motion was made by Connell Persico to approve the Agenda and seconded by Marian Washburn. The motion was approved (11-0).
3. **Approval of the June 17, 2021 Minutes**
A motion was made by Connell Persico to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes and seconded by Ray Wyatt. The motion was approved (11-0).
4. **Chairperson's Report**
Steve Shervey provided the Chairperson's Report.
5. **Guest Speaker: None**
6. **Commissioner Reports and Activities**
Commissioners reported on their thoughts and actions during the Caldor Fire. Both Barbara Kaufman and Penny Huber were evacuated from South Lake Tahoe.

Jill Ritzman, General Manager for the Cameron Park Community Services District, reported the Cameron Park Community Center was used as an evacuation site. They served approximately 68-70 evacuees, the majority being seniors. Pets were allowed to stay with their owners. The evacuation center was operating for 22 days. The Salvation Army used the Community Center kitchen for meals.
7. **AAA Director's Report, Questions**
Rich Todd provided the Director's Report.
 - The congregate meal sites are still closed.
 - The reopening of The Clubs is on hold.
 - Volunteers are always needed, especially for home delivered meal routes.
 - Fall Prevention Program—Still finalizing the contract.

Star Walker reported:

- \$2.6 million in American Rescue Act funding has been received for the LiHEAP program. This is a two-year grant and can provide assistance with PG&E bills.
- In person senior programs are still closed.
- As a result of the Caldor Fire, YANA is receiving an increase in requests for daily phone calls.
- Still awaiting for information on the upcoming Low Income Water Assistance Program.

Jordan Brushia announced:

- Phone calls for Information and Assistance (I&A) are increasing. I&A received 60 calls on Monday, September 13th regarding Caldor Fire Recovery.
- The El Dorado County Fair has been cancelled.
- A press release will be issued once the Fall Prevention Program is ready to begin.

8. HHS Management and EDC Board of Supervisors Report

Daniel Del Monte provided the HHS Management Report. He provided information on Project RoomKey.

**9 Committee Reports
Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee is in the planning stage for the Annual Retreat.

Policy & Legislation Committee – No Report

10. Ad Hoc Committees

Outreach and Education Team/Lifelong Learning

The Team will be updating their power point and presenting at Ponte Palmero in October or November.

South Lake Tahoe

Penny Huber provided an update.

Community Action Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

Disaster Preparedness

Jim Wassner provided a report. He is now a member of the Placerville Radio Neighborhood Watch community group. This group shared a radio frequency with Animal Services and animal rescue groups during the Caldor Fire. Jim recommends all areas start a Fire Safety Council.

56 Acres Project

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

TACC Meeting

Tita Bladen provided a report.

Aging in Place/Caregiving

Paul Sobelman provided a report. COVID and the Caldor Fire has put things on hold. He has contacted case management groups associated with hospitals.

Communications – No Report

Housing for Seniors

Marian Washburn reported that the El Dorado Community Foundation will be creating a housing survey and the Housing Committee will be involved in the process. Marian would like to know

what issues the Commission would like to see addressed in the Housing Survey. Questions/issues should be sent to Marian Washburn and Tita Bladen. The Housing Committee is planning to write a white paper for the Board of Supervisors.

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. New Business

A. Thank You Letter for Local Caldor Fire Response.

A motion was made by Raelene Nunn and seconded by Connell Persico to purchase a ¼ page ad in the Mountain Democrat to thank all of the people who responded in the Caldor Fire Emergency. The cost of the ad is approximately \$250 and Raelene will need donations. It will be a very generic thank you. The motion was approved (11-0). A motion was made by Ray Wyatt and seconded by Connell Persico that anyone voting “yes” will also be sending a monetary contribution for the ad. The motion was approved. (11-0) Checks should be mailed to Raelene Nunn.

B. Volunteer Requirements

Commissioners who are interested in volunteering for other programs and assisting during emergencies will need to be background checked and fingerprinted prior to volunteering.

C. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2022 Officers

Steve Shurvey appointed Ray Wyatt as the Nominating Committee for 2022 Officers. Ray will contact all Commissioners to determine if they are interested in running for 2022 Chair or Vice Chair positions. He will announce the slate of candidates at the October meeting.

13. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

Dylan Davis, Teresa Ogan

14. Topics for Next Meeting

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:46am. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on October 21, 2021.