



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Area Agency on Aging • 778 W. State St. • El Centro, CA 92243

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, January 26, 2017

Proceedings:

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council met on January 26,, 2017 at the Department of Social Services, 2895 S. 4th St., in El Centro, CA.

Present:	Voting Attendees:	Representing Sector:
	Sedalia Sanders (Chair)	At-Large
	John Hernandez (Vice-Chair)	District 4/Senior Legislature
	Lourdes Ramirez (Secretary)	HICAP
	Elizabeth Gonzalez	Law Enforcement
	Yolanda Cordero (Excused at 9:55 a.m.)	District 1
	Patsy Becerra	District 2
	Terry Swing (Excused at 9:50 a.m.)	Senior Organization
	Margaret Sauza (Excused at 9:55 a.m.)	Senior Legislature
	Rosalie Avila	Senior Advocate
	Albert Newton	At-Large
	Bertha Morris (Excused at 10:08 a.m.)	Senior Advocate
	Virginia Ward	League of Cities
	Ray Castillo	Imperial County
	Manuel Sanchez (Excused at 10:35 a.m.)	Senior Advocate (Alternate)
	Tim Blankenship	At-Large (Alternate)

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Rosalina Blankenship	Public Administrator/AAA Director
Sofia Gonzalez	AAA Fiscal Manager
Gil Rebollar	AAA I&A Coordinator
Karla Flores	AAA LTC Ombudsman
Gracie Rodriguez	Catholic Charities
Magdalena Lopez	ICPHD
Steven Solis	ICPHD

Absent:	Mike Kelley	
	Rosyo Ramirez (Excused)	County of Imperial (Alternate) Service Provider



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Agenda Item / Action Taken

1. FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL (MEMBERS), AND INTRODUCTIONS (GUESTS):

The regular meeting of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Sedalia Sanders, Chair. John Hernandez, Vice Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Discussion was open by Sedalia Sanders to approve the November 27, 2016 Minutes. Bertha Morris motioned to approve Minutes. (M/S/C) (Morris/Ward)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments made.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

Steven Solis, Nursing Manager of the Imperial County Public Health Department, shared about the senior programs of the health department. Services of the programs include: health screenings and blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol checks. Screenings and checks are conducted at 19 sites throughout the Imperial County. Blood pressure checks are conducted once a month. Training for Home Meds, a new evidence based program, will be conducted next week. This program consists of a nurse following up with seniors and conducting an evaluation of all medications for a pharmacist to review.

Hernandez asked how the Home Meds program will be funded. Rosie Blankenship stated that funding falls under health promotion and education. The funds had been allocated by the California Department of Aging. Solis shared that the Home Meds pilot program will begin assisting 20 seniors before increasing to 50.

Manuel Sanchez asked whether the Home Meds program will check if medications counteract with one another and Solis stated that is the intention of the program, to ensure that medications are being taken properly.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive (Executive Report was given following Action Item 6b)-

Sedalia Sanders shared on the delays she experienced on her return from the California Commission on Aging meeting she attended. The Executive Summary of the CCoA identified integrated care, comprehensive array of continuing services, and caregiver compensation as items of concern. The Trump Administration has signed an Executive Order to eliminate all funding to the extent appropriated by law, of the Affordable Care Act. There are concerns from Congress regarding the millions of people who utilize the ACA for healthcare. Discussions are taking place regarding how much can be done from both political parties. Sanders said no major changes are to be expected to the ACA in 2017. Cordero expressed her desire for the Council to contact our local representatives.



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Sanders said she spoke with their representatives at the Senior Event and they are all well aware of the needs of the senior population. Bills supported by CCoA: Assembly Bill 71 tax credit for affordable housing, Assembly Bill 74 regarding housing, and, Senate Bill 35 to eliminate barriers for affordable housing,

Planning & Finance- Committee had nothing to report

Legislative- Committee had nothing to report

Social & Health Committee- Committee had nothing to report

Transportation- Committee had nothing to report

Nutrition-

Ginger Ward referred the Action Item 6B regarding the site visit reviews. Committee has visited Brawley and Westmorland in the month of January. Ward shared that many of the findings were minor, but still need to be addressed. Yolanda Cordero asked if visits were unannounced, and Ward explained that they were not due to reservations being needed. Supervisor Ray Castillo stated that the American Legion hall, a building owned by the Imperial County, could be a possible location to relocate the Holtville congregate site. He stated he will look into the matter.

Hernandez asked on the next congregate site findings report to include reviewers, time meals were eaten, and number of meals of served at each site. He went on to share his concerns regarding that the visits were not unannounced. Ward stated that she wished initially to conduct unannounced visits, but without reservations they would be unable to review the meals.

Gracie Rodriguez, Catholic Charities Quality Assurance Coordinator, shared that reservations are needed for all who attend the congregate sites. Reservations are required to mitigate wasted meals.

6. ACTION ITEM(S):

A. Social & Health Committee to schedule meeting date (Cont.)

Chair of Committee, Yolanda Cordero, proposed January 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at 780 Olive Avenue in El Centro, California. Committee accepted and agreed to date, time, and location.

B. Nutrition Committee's congregate site visit findings

C. Committee Membership Update

Blankenship shared that when Judith Brown vacated her seat, it left a vacancy on the Planning & Finance Committee. Sedalia Sanders named Rosyo Ramirez to the Committee. Cordero expressed that the Committee requires someone who is



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knowledgeable of contracts and financing due to the fiscal responsibilities. **(M/S/C)**
(Hernandez/Ward)

D. By-Law Update

Blankenship explained the changes being recommended to the By-laws. She stated the major change was moving from an alternate for each seat to only three alternates at-large. This is due to many alternate seats being vacant. Language was added to the Conflict of Interest for clarification on perceived financial interest. Other revisions were made to: language for removal of appointed members, voting rights and restrictions for each member to only have one vote, and reimbursement of mileage for advisory council if funding permits. **(M/S/C) (Hernandez/Becerra)**

E. Councilmember's Vacancies

Information has been sent to interested individuals, but no applications have yet to be received by the AAA. Vacancies include: District 3, District 5 and Disabled Interest.

Disabled Interest Alternate, Manuel Sanchez, stated he is unable to fill the seat due to his schedule.

Hernandez stated that the master roster be updated to reflect the newly elected District 4 Supervisor, Luis Plancarte.

7. INFORMATION:

AAA Staff

A. Attendance Roster

An attendance roster was attached to the agenda packet for Council review.

B. Meal Count

Rosie Blankenship explained the meal count report that was available for the Council Members at the meeting.

C. Monitoring Schedule: Program and Fiscal

Program and fiscal monitoring for AAA providers has been scheduled and a schedule was provided in the agenda backup for members.

D. 2017 Senior Appreciation Day Recap

Gil Rebollar took responsibility for the confusion regarding the selection of the Volunteer of the Year. Rebollar expressed that only one application met the criteria of volunteering for an "AAA funded program." He then recommended a Senior Event Committee be put on the next agenda for the Advisory Council to have oversight on the annual event. Liz Gonzalez and Tim Blankenship also recommended removing the provision of the volunteer being required to be under AAA-funded program. Karla Flores and Rosie Blankenship also expressed interest in an ad-hoc committee being created to ensure transparency throughout the selection of the volunteer of the year.



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Hernandez shared that accommodations need to be made for the disabled and handicapped at the next event.

E. FY 16-17 Provider Statistics

A spreadsheet with the data and fiscal percentages, as of December 31, 2016, for AAA providers was available for Council Members to review.

8. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTORS'S REPORT:

Blankenship

a. *Advisory Council Member Resignation*

Judith Brown has submitted her resignation on the Advisory Council due to an increase in her workload. She has 10 years of service. Thank you Ms. Brown for your dedication and service to seniors in the Community.

Three seats to fill: District 3 (Kelley) and District 5 (Castillo), and Disabled Interest. Alternate interested: Eugene Mendoza for District 2 (Plancarte).

b. *CDA Amendment No. 1-One Time Only Funds-Budget Display*

The Board of Supervisors approved the Budget Amendment Request for One Time Only funds at their December 20th meeting. Standard Agreements have been forwarded to Service Providers for execution. As a reminder, PSA 24 has been allocated \$64,159 in OTO funds; an increase of \$4,590 from last year. Last year we received \$59,569.

c. *Senior Nutrition Meal Breakdown for December 2016*

Congregate Meals: 4,412 senior meals. Contract amount 45,500 senior meals. Avg. senior meals served per day 210.

Home Delivered Meals: 2369 senior meals delivered. Contract amount 20,300. Avg. Meals served per day 113.

d. *Provider Claims*

December claims have been processed for payment. Please submit your claims with back-up by the 15th of every month.

Catholic Charities has a new Executive Director: Dr. Robert Moser; Sister RayMonda DuVall retired December 23, 2016 (letter of appreciation was sent to her December 13th).

New meal site in Salton City: West shores Senior Citizens Club (Site Coordinator: Ruby Ward); will see an increase in meals served.

e. *Ombudsman Coordinator Report for December 2016*



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Facilities Inspected: 8-Vintage Village 1, Vintage Village 2, Casa Elite, Blossom Valley Manor, Heart & Hand, Imperial Manor, Imperial Heights, and Valley Convalescent

Hours of Volunteer Training: 3

Number of Complaints Received: 9

Number of Complaints Resolved: 9

f. Information & Assistance Coordinator Report for December 2016

Outreach: 3 Outreach Events: Senior Resource Fair at Imperial Gardens Senior Apartment, Homeless Resource Fair in Calexico, and presentation at the LGBT Resource Center

Number of Referrals: 37

Number of Follow-ups: 19, the remaining 18 either chose not to provide contact information or simply requested information on services in the Imperial County.

g. CDA Monitoring Review for FY 2015-2016 held In October 2015

Monitoring Report was received December 27, 2016 with findings related to Policy and Procedures for I&A, AAA Fiscal Responsibilities, Senior Nutrition Program and Data Reporting; update Elder Nutrition Monitoring Tool and ensure assessments for HDM are being conducted within designated timeframes: 2 week in-home assessment and quarterly in-home reassessment. Deadline to submit Corrective Action Plan: January 31.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Supervisor Castillo shared about the release of the Governor Brown's budget and there was an item regarding transferring the cost of in-home services to local counties. There are over 4,000 providers, yet there are over 5,000 recipients of services. County Supervisors will carefully monitoring the item and he hopes to have an update at the next meeting.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested by Council

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no future items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. **(M/S/C)**
(Hernandez/Ward)

Norma Saikhon
Public Administrator/AAA Director

Gilbert Rebollar
Recording Clerk