



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, March 23, 2017

Proceedings:

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council met on March 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. 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
	Elizabeth Gonzalez	Law Enforcement
	Patsy Becerra	District 2
	Terry Swing	Senior Organization
	Rosyo Ramirez (Exc. at 9:43 a.m.)	Service Provider
	Rosalie Avila	Senior Advocate
	Albert Newton	At-Large
	Bertha Morris (Exc. at 9:48 a.m.)	Senior Advocate
	Virginia Ward	League of Cities
	Manuel Sanchez	Disabled Interest (Alternate)
	Tim Blankenship	At-Large (Alternate)

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Norma Saikhon	Public Administrator/AAA Director
Rosalina Blankenship	Assistant Public Administrator
Sofia Gonzalez	AAA Fiscal Manager
Gil Rebolgar	AAA I&A Coordinator
Karla Flores	AAA LTC Ombudsman
Gracie Rodriguez	Catholic Charities
Laurie Edwards	Catholic Charities
Steven Solis	ICPHD
Karrahd Caldwell	ICPHD
Magdalena Lopez	ICPHD
Debbie Garcia	Public Authority
Paul Monarrez	Imperial Heights
Diana Peacher	Molina Healthcare

Absent:	Ray Castillo	County of Imperial
	Mike Kelley	County of Imperial (Alternate)
	Lourdes Ramirez (Secretary)	HICAP
	Margaret Sauza	Senior Legislature
	Yolanda Cordero	District 1



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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 February 23, 2017 Minutes. John Hernandez motioned to approve Minutes. **(M/S/C) (Hernandez/Ward & Gonzalez)**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rosyo Ramirez introduced Debbie Garcia of Imperial County Public Authority and shared that Garcia will be attending when she is unable to attend.

Ramirez went on to say that in January, California Governor Jerry Brown proposed the upcoming fiscal year budget and that the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) was dismantled. This will affect In-Home Support Services (IHSS) throughout the nation and state at an administration level. Providers and recipients will not be affected. The program and hours are not being cut, it is an entitlement program, but the costs will impact the county on a large scale. Counties will incur costs of over \$600,000,000 in the first year. In the Imperial County there are over 5,000 individuals receiving services and over 4,000 service providers working for the program.

4. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Laurie Edwards of Catholic Charities presented on the Senior Nutrition Program. This fiscal year Catholic Charities' goal in the Congregate Meal Program is to serve 1,000 unduplicated seniors and 51,450 meals. They have served 951 and 33,021 thus far. In the Home Delivered Meal Program, they have served 152 unduplicated seniors out of their goal of 114; and 19,524 meals out of 30,250. The biggest challenge is the waiting list for the home delivered meals; they receive on average 5 calls a day requesting the service.

Gracie Rodriguez, Quality Assurance Manager, shared about referrals and activities. They receive referrals from a variety of agencies and organizations from around the Imperial Valley. The activities of the Senior Nutrition Program include presentations, celebrations of birthdays and holidays, and nutrition education in partnership with Nutrition Ink.



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Rosyo Ramirez asked what the waiting list is for the HDM. Gracie shared that there are 88 on the waiting list while they are currently serving 119 seniors. They will be serving 20 more seniors in Calexico with additional funding received from the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District.

Hernandez asked if there will be an addition in staff to alleviate some of the duties, but Edwards stated that there is no funding for additional staff.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive- Committee had nothing to report

Planning & Finance- Bertha Morris shared that the Committee met prior to the Advisory Council meeting to review the Area Plan Update. The major concerns were reductions in meals to the Senior Nutrition Program, but they did recommend the Plan to be adopted as amended. Rosyo Ramirez stated that it was difficult to accept cuts but understood why they were being proposed. Hernandez asked if the most recent audit report was involved in the Area Plan. AAA Fiscal Manager, Sofia Gonzalez, stated that the audit was not involved in the Area Plan. The audit focused on policies and procedures.

Hernandez also asked about the Needs Assessment Survey and the surveys that were not accounted for. Gil Rebollar stated that the surveys that were not accounted for was because the identification information was not completed on the forms, thus them being counted as duplicates. Hernandez also went on to ask the communication with the local LGBT community and Rosie Blankenship shared that the AAA has made a presentation at the LGBT Resource Center and has open communication with the center's Director Rosa Diaz.

Legislative- Hernandez shared that the legislature is in session and several bills of the California Senior Legislature have obtained sponsors from several committees.

Social & Health Committee- Terry Swing reported that the Committee met in January to review their duties and education in social and health matters. Sanchez expressed that the committee is somewhat overlapped by the other Committees. Hernandez shared that perhaps the Health Department may see a need in the community in regards to social and health matters. Steven Solis shared that one of the biggest concerns he has seen is that many seniors do not have a dental provider. Sanders shared that Medi-Care does not cover that component of healthcare.

Transportation- Committee had nothing to report.

Nutrition- Ginger Ward shared she was unable to participate in the most recent site visit to the Ocotillo site. Tim Blankenship shared about the site review at Ocotillo that he attended



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with Gil Rebollar. The Ocotillo seniors have an active group that meets for the meal once a week and that they expressed that their meal was satisfactory.

6. ACTION ITEM(S):

A) AREA PLAN 2016-2020 UPDATE FY 17-18 SECOND YEAR

Hernandez asked if the most recent audit report was involved in the Area Plan. AAA Fiscal Manager, Sofia Gonzalez, stated that the audit was not involved in the Area Plan. The audit focused on policies and procedures while the Area Plan addresses services and service units.

Hernandez also asked about the Needs Assessment Survey and the surveys that were not counted. Gil Rebollar stated that the surveys that were not counted for was because the identification information was not completed on the forms, thus them being counted as duplicates. Hernandez also went on to ask if the AAA has any communication with the local LGBT community and Rosie Blankenship shared that the AAA has made a presentation at the LGBT Resource Center and has open communication with the center's Director Rosa Diaz. The Center was provided surveys and returned over two dozen. The AAA has also opened communications with the Jewish population and presented to their congregation the services of the AAA.

Ramirez shared that although there are cuts, some of the cuts were made because the AAA received additional funds in the previous year to serve a greater number of service units.

Norma Saikhon stated that the Area Plan is a living document that can be changed throughout the year at the discretion of the State.

Rosyo Ramirez made a motion to accept the recommendations and revisions to the 2016-2020 Second Year Area Plan Update. **(M/S/C) (Ramirez/Sanchez)**

7. INFORMATION:

AAA Staff

The informational items included: the attendance roster, audit report, service provider program and fiscal monitoring, and Medi-Care chart. Sanders asked if any Council members had any questions regarding any of the items. Council had no questions.

8. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTORS'S REPORT:

Saikhon



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a) *Program and Fiscal Monitoring for fiscal year 2016-2017*

Each provider is in compliance with the Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act.

Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District Funding

The Heffernan Memorial Health District will be providing \$15,608 for the Home Delivered Meal Program in Calexico.

Unmet Transit Needs

ICTC has held public hearings on the unmet needs of transportation services in the Imperial County. The AAA

b) *Senior Nutrition Meal Breakdown for February 2017*

Congregate Meals: 4, senior meals. Contract amount 45,500 senior meals. Avg. senior meals served per day 217.

Home Delivered Meals: 2,431 senior meals delivered. Contract amount 20,300. Avg. Meals served per day 116.

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

c) *Ombudsman Coordinator Report for January 2017*

Facilities Inspected: 9-Vintage Village 1, Vintage Village 2, Casa Elite, Blossom Valley Manor, Heart & Hand, Imperial Manor, Imperial Heights, Valley Convalescent, AA & Cottage View Assisted Living

Number of Complaints Received: 18

Number of Complaints Resolved: 15

Total Number of Volunteer Time: 37.24 hours

d) *Information & Assistance Coordinator Report for January 2017*

Outreach: 3 Activities: Presentation to Christ Community Church in El Centro. Participated in Calexico Housing Authority Senior Resource Fair at Mario Esquer Senior Apartments and conducted presentation at Heber Community Center with Elder Law & Advocacy.

Number of Referrals: 34

e) Number of Follow-ups: 18 the remaining 14 either chose not to provide contact information or simply requested information on services in the Imperial County.

f) *Provider Claims*

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

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS



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No announcements were made by members

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 10:11 a.m. **(M/S/C)**
(Ward/Hernandez)

Norma Saikhon
Public Administrator/AAA Director

Gilbert Rebollar
Recording Clerk