



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, November 17, 2016

Proceedings:

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council met on November 17, 2016 at the Department of Social Services, 2895 S. 4th St., in El Centro, CA.

Present:

Voting Attendees:

Sedalia Sanders (Chair)
John Hernandez (Vice-Chair)
Elizabeth Gonzalez (Past Chair)
Terry Swing
Margaret Sauza
Rosyo Ramirez
Albert Newton
Patsy Becerra
Virginia Ward
Bertha Morris
Rosalie Avila
Manuel Sanchez
Tim Blankenship

Representing Sector:

At-Large
District 4/Senior Legislature
Law Enforcement
Senior Organization
Senior Legislature (Excused at 9:33 a.m.)
Service Provider (Excused at 9:50 a.m.)
At-Large
District 2
League of Cities
Senior Advocate
Senior Advocate
Disabled Interest (Alternate)
At-Large (Alternate)

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Norma Saikhon
Gil Rebolgar
Karla Flores
Gracie Rodriguez
Magdalena Lopez
Steven Solis
Diane Leow

Public Administrator/AAA Director
AAA I&A Coordinator
AAA LTC Ombudsman
Catholic Charities
ICPHD
ICPHD
Nutrition Ink

Absent:

Rosalina Blankenship
Sofia Gonzalez
Ray Castillo
Mike Kelley
Lourdes Ramirez (Secretary)
Yolanda Cordero

Assistant Public Administrator
AAA Fiscal Manager
County of Imperial
County of Imperial (Alternate)
HICAP
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 John Hernandez, Vice-Chair.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Discussion was open by John Hernandez to approve the October 27, 2016 Regular Advisory Council Minutes and the November 4, 2016 Transportation Committee Minutes. Bertha Morris motioned to approve both Minutes. **(M/S/C) (Morris/Ward)**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rosyo Ramirez congratulated the AAA and Long-Term Care Ombudsman on a successful Elder Abuse Conference.

Hernandez notified present Council members to complete their Conflict of Interest Disclosure form.

4. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Dianne Leow of Nutrition Ink shared about her duties as the Registered Dietitian for the Senior Nutrition Program. She regularly joins the Catholic Charities drivers on their five routes to monitor and conduct site visits. She also provides nutrition education on a quarterly basis at each site. Hernandez asked how long she has been employed by Nutrition Ink to which Leow replied approximately one year. He also asked her who receives the reports and Norma Saikhon answered that both Catholic Charities and AAA receive the reports. Every month Leow also reviews the menu to ensure each meal meets all the nutritional requirements set forth by the CDA. Rosyo Ramirez asked Laurie Edwards of Catholic Charities on her experience with Nutrition Ink. Edwards shared that under Nutrition Ink, the quality of service has improved. Tim Blankenship asked on a scale of 1-10, what is the quality of service provided by Catholic Charities? Leow stated it is currently at an 8 and that there is room for improvement.

At 9:19 a.m., Chair Sedalia Sanders joined the meeting.

Saikhon stated she is very pleased with the services of Nutrition Ink and the relationship between Catholic Charities, the AAA, and Nutrition Ink.

Hernandez asked if Leow speaks Spanish. She speaks very little, but staff and volunteers at the sites assist her in communicating with seniors.



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5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive- Sedalia Sanders gave the Executive Committee report and apologized for her tardiness due to having just returned from a California Commission on Aging (CCoA) meeting. Discussion was held at the CCoA meeting regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) now that the presidential election was over. Many questions were asked regarding Social Security, Medicaid, Block Grants and how they tie into the ACA. Sanders stated that the Advisory Council needs to rise up and advocate on behalf of the seniors that they represent.

Legislative- John Hernandez shared that he and Margaret Sauza both traveled to Sacramento last month for the California Senior Legislator (CSL) Conference. Hernandez was assigned to Transportation and Housing Committees. Ten major proposals were put forth, such as: long-term care personal allowance, funding for the CSL, elder friendly courts, voluntary contributions to be input into income tax forms, pension benefits, and elder abuse prevention.

Transportation- Hernandez shared that the Transportation Committee met on November 4th and a presentation was held by Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). Seniors are in greater need of transportation to doctor appointments, congregate sites, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other locations; so it is essential that more funding be provided for this service.

Nutrition- Ginger Ward shared about the most recent site visit to the Calexico congregate site. Findings included: trash cans without lids in the dining area, broken smoke alarms, and the outside dumpster was very filthy. Ward expressed that the Community Center was clean but the ceiling tiles and floor needed upkeep. Blankenship asked for the cost of monthly rent and Saikhon stated it was over \$1,000.00 and for a limited number of hours. Saikhon shared that the AAA has offered Catholic Charities assistance to reach out to City Councils to bring awareness to the rental agreements and sites. Sanders expressed the need for a letter to be drafted and sent to City Councils stating the need to decrease or eliminate the rental fee. Elizabeth Gonzalez stated that if a contract is in place then the first step to be taken is to request the contracts for review. Sanders requested for Laurie Edwards to obtain the contracts.

6. ACTION ITEM(S):

a. **Social & Health Committee to schedule meeting date in January 2017.**
Meeting date was postponed due to Committee Chair's absence.

b. **Council to consider Executive Committee's Decision to approve OTO Funds**
Item was opened for discussion by Sanders. John Hernandez, representing District 4, motioned for Council to approve the Executive Committee's decision to approve OTO Funds. (M/S/C) (Hernandez/Sanchez)



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7. INFORMATION:

AAA Staff

a. Attendance Roster

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

b. 2017 Senior Appreciation Day

Two dozen agencies have confirmed their attendance. Music and entertainment will be provided by the band Pure Inspiration. Transportation and lunch have been confirmed by ICTC and Catholic Charities.

8. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTORS'S REPORT:

Saikhon

Advisory Council Member Resignation

Rebecca Dennis submitted her resignation on November 10th after one year of service. She has accepted employment outside of the County. Thank you Ms. Dennis for your dedication and service to Seniors in the Community.

SNAP Ed-Closeout

The closeout report was forwarded to the California Department of Aging in October. The amount expended on the contract was \$13,159. The Health Department met the goals and objectives within a three month period. We anticipate returning \$11,598 to CDA for unspent funds.

2015-2016 Closeout

Closeout was sent to CDA in September; unexpended funds returned to CDA on November 3 in the amount of \$9,802 (Administration, transportation and nutritionist).

2008-2013 CDA Audit

Finalized in October. We will return \$284.42 for 2009-2010 unexpended funds in Senior Nutrition.

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

The Standard Agreement was executed on October 5, 2016 and forwarded to the State. The revised budget for OTO will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors in December. PSA 24 has been allocated \$64,159 in OTO funds; an increase of \$4,590 from last year. Last year we received \$59,569.

Senior Nutrition Meal Breakdown for October 2016

Congregate Meals: 4,412 non senior and senior meals. Contract amount 45,500 senior meals.

Home Delivered Meals: 2,369 senior meals delivered. Contract amount 20,300. Avg.

Provider Claims



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August claims are being processed for payment. Please submit your claims with back-up by the 15th of every month.

2016 Elder Abuse Conference

We had a great turnout last week at our biennial Elder Abuse Conference. Over 100 people were in attendance. Participants had the opportunity to earn CEU, EMS or POST credits. Guest speakers included Tony Chicotel and Paul Greenwood. Thanks to all Advisory Council members that took the time to participate in the conference and to Karla Flores our Ombudsman Coordinator for coordinating a successful event!

Information & Assistance Coordinator Report for October 2016

Outreach: 2 Outreach Events: Site Visits/Presentation to Calipatria High School Niland Resource Center Health Fair and All Valley Senior Club in Brawley.

Number of Referrals: 51

Number of Follow-ups: 27, the remaining 24 either chose not to provide contact information or simply requested information on services in the Imperial County.

C4A Annual Allied Conference

Sofia and Rosie are attending the C4A Annual Allied Conference (November 15-17) in Los Angeles.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS

No announcements were made

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 10:15 a.m. **(M/S/C)**
(Morris/Newton)

Norma Saikhon
Public Administrator/AAA Director

Gilbert Rebollar
Recording Clerk