



# AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

## Meeting Minutes: Thursday, October 27, 2016

### Proceedings:

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council met on October 27, 2016 at the Department of Social Services, 2895 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., in El Centro, CA.

### Present:

#### Voting Attendees:

Sedalia Sanders (Chair)  
Lourdes Ramirez (Secretary)  
Elizabeth Gonzalez (Past Chair)  
Terry Swing  
Rosyo Ramirez  
Albert Newton  
Yolanda Cordero  
Patsy Becerra  
Rebeca Dennis  
Virginia Ward  
Rosalie Avila  
Manuel Sanchez  
Bertha Morris

#### Representing Sector:

At-Large  
HICAP  
Law Enforcement  
Senior Organization  
Service Provider  
At-Large  
District 1  
District 2  
District 5  
League of Cities  
Senior Advocate  
  
Senior Advocate

### Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Rosie Blankenship  
Sofia Gonzalez  
Gil Rebolgar  
Gracie Rodriguez  
Magdalena Lopez  
Steven Solis  
Monica Veliz de Leon  
Delia Lopez  
Tim Blankenship

Assistant Public Administrator (APA)  
AAA Fiscal Manager  
AAA I&A Coordinator  
Catholic Charities  
ICPHD  
ICPHD  
American Cancer Society  
Molina Healthcare  
At-Large (Alternate)

Ray Castillo  
Mike Kelley  
Manuel Sanchez

County of Imperial  
County of Imperial (Alternate)  
Disabled Interest (Alternate)

### Absent:



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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.

### 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Discussion was open by Sedalia Sanders in regards to the approval of the September 22, 2016 Regular Advisory Council Meeting Minutes; the October 6, 2016 Nutrition Committee Meeting Minutes; and the October 10, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Motioned was made to approve all Minutes. (M/S/C) (R. Ramirez/L. Ramirez)

### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments were made.

### 4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive-** The Executive Committee met to review and update the AAA Advisory Council Bylaws. Proposed revisions have been forwarded to County Council for review.

**Legislative-** CSL Members Margaret Sauza and John Hernandez were both absent from the meeting due to a meeting in Sacramento.

**Nutrition-** Chair Ginger Ward shared that two site visits were conducted, one to the El Centro Desert Villas site and another to the Heber Community Center. No major findings were discovered, but both sites had postings that were not posted. Committee hopes that site managers coordinate better with Catholic Charities, and communication is being conducted with AAA staff and coordinators to ensure that is addressed. Tim Blankenship shared that the meals were very good and the sites were well maintained. Some concerns were made about transportation for the Heber residents. A majority of the participants walk to the site, but in the summer the heat prevents them from walking. Becerra asked what time meals were served at the site and Committee reported that meals were served after 11:00 a.m.

Sanders thanked the AAA staff and Nutrition Committee for conducting these site visits.

### 5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

The presenter, Mike Beltran, shared his background in working with the El Centro Police Department and Department of Justice prior to being an investigator for the IID. Beltran went on to define fraud, the types of people that commit fraud, and the different methods criminals use to scam seniors. He offered examples of how criminals will call and pretend



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that they have kidnapped the victim's family member and how difficult it is to track the culprits.

Criminals will also use email to entice victims in sharing their personal information. To prevent fraud: Contact Better Business Bureau, pay the safest way, guard personal information, check website addresses, be wary of unsolicited emails/phone calls, resist pressure, do not believe promises of easy money, get off credit marketing lists, and check credit reports regularly. Free credit reports can be found at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) and to call your local police department to report fraud.

Beltran took questions from the Council and he shared his personal methods to combat fraud. After every purchase or use of credit card on his computer, he deletes his history; and shared this method with the Council.

## 6. ACTION ITEM(S):

Prior to any action taken on the items listed, Sanders called for the Council to complete and turn in their Disclosure forms.

### **Planning and Finance Committee to schedule meeting date for discussion of One-Time Only funds.**

Blankenship elaborated on the funding, sharing that funds returned to the state are then distributed to local government agencies; but this fiscal year the AAA will also be receiving funds that the governor and federal government allocated to Senior Nutrition. Funding received will be approximately \$64,000.

Committee members are Bertha Morris, Rebeca Dennis, and Elizabeth Gonzalez. Meeting set for November 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Area Agency on Aging office.

Transportation Committee to schedule meeting for discussion of Senior Transportation and unmet needs

Blankenship said the AAA is currently preparing a preparation for the Imperial County Transportation Commission to share the unmet needs of the senior population. The Transportation Committee will discuss at the upcoming these needs and what to present the the ICTC. Committee members are John Hernandez, Rosalie Avila, Rosyo Ramirez, and Lour

## 7. INFORMATION:

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## 8. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTORS'S REPORT:

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## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS



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## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Norma Saikhon  
Public Administrator/AAA Director

Gilbert Rebollar  
Recording Clerk