



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Meeting Minutes: Thursday, September 22nd, 2016

Proceedings:

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council met on July 21, 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)
Lourdes Ramirez (Secretary)
Elizabeth Gonzalez (Past Chair)
Terry Swing
Rosyo Ramirez
Judith Brown
Albert Newton
Yolanda Cordero
Patsy Becerra
Rebeca Dennis
Virginia Ward
Rosalie Avila

Representing Sector:

At-Large
District 4/Senior Legislature (Assembly)
HICAP
Law Enforcement
Senior Organization
Service Provider
Disabled Interest
At-Large
District 1
District 2
District 5
League of Cities
Senior Advocate

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Norma Saikhon
Rosie Blankenship
Sofia Gonzalez
Karla Flores
Gil Rebollar
Gracie Rodriguez
Geoff Holbrook
Layla Sarwari
Magdalena Lopez
Steven Solis
Monica Veliz de Leon
Delia Lopez
Tim Blankenship

Public Administrator/AAA Director
Assistant Public Administrator (APA)
AAA Fiscal Manager
AAA LTC Ombudsman
AAA I&A Coordinator
Catholic Charities
Imperial County Counsel
Deputy County Counsel
ICPHD
ICPHD
American Cancer Society
Molina Healthcare
At-Large (Alternate)

Absent:

Margaret Sauza
Bertha Morris
Ray Castillo
Mikey Kelley

Senior Legislature (Senate)
Senior Advocate
County of Imperial
County of Imperial (Alternate)



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Manuel Sanchez

Disabled Interest (Alternate)

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 9:05 a.m. by Sedalia Sanders, Chair. The flag salute was led by Liz Gonzalez.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Discussion
was open by Sedalia Sanders in regards to the approval of the July 21st Advisory Council Meeting Minutes and the August 12th Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Motioned was made to approve both Minutes. (M/S/C) (Hernandez/Ward)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Norma Saikhon shared that Ofelia Duarte, one of the first Area Agency on Aging's Advisory Council Members, recently passed away and asked for the Council to keep her family in prayer.

Sanders held meeting introductions following public comments.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

Monica Veliz de Leon of the American Cancer Society (ACS) presented on the variety of services offered by the local office of her organization. One in three women and one in two men will deal with some form of cancer in their lives. The ACS provides support via fundraisers and education to assist those battling the disease. The local office has partnered with Between Women to provide support groups for female survivors of breast cancer. Another program offered is the Look Good, Feel Good program that assists women in connecting them with wigs and licensed cosmetologists. Through a partnership with Extended Stay America and various hotel providers, the ACS can assist cancer patients who have to stay in San Diego for treatment or surgery.

Yolanda Cordero asked as to what are the local cancer statistics. De Leon stated that the cancer statistics for the Imperial Valley are similar to nationwide levels, except for liver cancer. She also shared to Cordero that any information can be found at the ACS website or by contacting the local office at (760) 336-2208.



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5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

John Hernandez stated his concerns about his concerns of the Nutrition Programs for the members of the Nutrition Committee. His concerns were with the nutritional value of the meals, the El Centro site not having congregate activities, seniors taking meals home and if there was in any way related to the home delivered meals waiting list, and the advertisement in the local newspapers not stating that meals are provided by the AAA.

Rosalie Avila shared that although some seniors do take meals home, they do pay for them and are taking them home for other seniors that may live near them. She stated that she has given a donation and had others bring her food when she was unable to attend the site.

6. ACTION ITEM(S):

Sanders

- a. Proposed Change of Advisory Council Meeting Date
 1. A proposal has been made to hold the Regular Advisory Council Meetings on the 4th Thursday of every month beginning September 2016 until August 2017. (Attachment a1.)
- b. Committee Assignments
 1. Council to approve Committee assignments for 2016-2017 as proposed by the Chair. (Attachment b1.)
- c. Schedule Bylaw (Executive) Committee meeting
 1. Bylaws have been reviewed by County Counsel and must be reviewed by Executive Committee prior to any amendments being approved by Advisory Council.
- d. Schedule Nutrition Committee meeting (C1 Congregate Meal Site Visits)
 1. Reorganized Committee to schedule a meeting to begin site visits in October.

7. INFORMATION:

AAA Staff

- a. Demographic Information- Update on Senior Voter Demographics (Attachment 7a.)
- b. 2016 Legislative Update (Attachment 7b.)
- c. Orientation Packet (Attachment 7c.)
- d. List of Provider Presentations (Attachment 7d.)
- e. Senior Event-Jan 25 (Attachment 7e.)
- f. Elder Abuse Conference-Nov. 9 (Attachment 7f.)
- g. Provider's End of Year Report for FY 15-16 (Attachment 7g.)

8. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTORS'S REPORT:

Saikhon

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS



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10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Norma Saikhon
Public Administrator/AAA Director

Gilbert Rebollar
Recording Clerk