



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, April 20, 2023

Proceedings:

The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council: Regular meeting of Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Imperial County Department of Social Services – Classroom A, located at 2895 S. Fourth Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

Voting Attendees:

Supervisor Mike Kelley
Cheryl Viegas Walker
AJ Gaddis
John Hernandez
Benjamín Horton
Virginia Ward
Paul Monarrez
Sedalia Sanders
Mike Lara
Manuel Sanchez
Helen Lopez
Oreda Chin
Patricia Burnworth
Javier Moreno

Alternate Attendees

Lucy M. Hendry
Ismael Lopez

Representing Sector:

County of Imperial
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
League of Cities
Disabled Interests
At-Large
Senior Advocate
Senior Advocate
CSL – Senate
Senior Organization
At-Large
Law Enforcement

Alternate At-Large
Alternate At-Large

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Joanna D. Zepeda
Karla Flores
Sarah Enz
Andrew Briseno
Miguel Figueroa
Ivan Romero
Marisol Enriquez
Raquel Camacho
Annie Huber
Cynthia Rodriguez
Jecell Murgula
Jennifer Zapata
Elisa Barnett
Karina Leon
Blanca Morales
ICAAA Administrative Analyst I
ICAAA LTC Ombudsman Coordinator
Public Administrator/ICAAA Director
County of Imperial, Counsel
County of Imperial, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Catholic Charities, Senior Nutrition, Q/A, Case Manager
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Elder Law and Advocacy/HICAP
Registered Dietician, Senior Nutrition
Calexico Wellness Center
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Alzheimer's Association, San Diego/Imperial County
Access to Independence, IC-ADRC Program Coordinator
Calexico Wellness Center

Absent:

Cynthia Alba
Daniel Romero
Patricia A. Thompson
Supervisor John Hawk
District 1
Senior Legislature
CSL - Assembly
Service Provide



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Agenda Item / Action Taken:

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

Chair Chin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Member Horton led the Flag salute; roll call was completed, and quorum was established. Guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Walker/Ward (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023, Advisory Council meeting as presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cynthia Rodriguez of Calexico Wellness Center invited the public to the Center's fundraiser Mother's Day event scheduled for May 5th at the Calexico Senior Hall. Elisa Barnett of Alzheimer's Association of San Diego announced that on May 4th a Mental Health Fair will take place at Sun Valley Behavioral she provided an event flyer.

IV. PRESENTATION:

- a) **Senior Nutrition Program – Catholic Charities – Ivan Romero Quality Assurance/Case Manager:** Summarized program mission and recent updates to services.
- b) **Annie Mohamed - Registered Dietician:** Described her role in the Senior Nutrition program in concert with Catholic Charities.

V. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a) **Update/feedback from 2022-2023 Public Hearings**
Members reported on experiences and challenges from Public Hearings completed during March 2023.
- b) **Recommendations from Executive/Planning/Finance Committee:**
 - i) Chair Chin announced Executive Committee recommendations regarding committees, including a requirement to meet at least quarterly and committee chairs to submit written reports for inclusion in AAA-AC monthly agendas, or distribution of same at monthly meetings.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Chair Chin reported recommendations as in **Item V b. i.**

Planning & Finance Committee: Combined with Executive Committee.

Legislative Committee: Chair Lopez reported 8/10 CSL proposals picked up, 4 kicked back by Legislative Counsel, other 4 are still "spot bills". Redistricting and legislator turnover has rendered Sacramento in a state of disorganization. This will not be a good year for CSL proposals. A fuller report will be submitted in May.

Nutrition Committee: No report.

Transportation Committee: Chair Gaddis reported that due to turnover there has not been a meeting since March 27th.

Social & Health Committee: Chair Sanchez reported a meeting was in the process of being scheduled. Noted 2-3 items have been referred to committee for discussion and recommendations.

Ad-Hoc By-Law Committee Report: Member Lopez reported "Phase 1" Work completed, committee disbanded.



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VII. INFORMATION:

Chairman Chin reminded members to review informational items: Current Member Roster, Member Attendance Roster, Staff reports. LTC Ombudsman Coordinator Flores, report on the fire at an RCFE in Holtville "Sonrisa Villa Inc. Facility".

VIII. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Written report provided and attached to Agenda. Director Enz highlighted details of SCAN Foundation visit and resulting award of \$10,000 grant to AAA, and City of El Centro CDBG grant extension for Senior Nutrition program. Also reported that Monica DeLeon will be returning to AAA next week as the AAA Manager. Monica's prior position of I&A Coordinator is currently open for recruitment and when on-boarded the ADRC I&A position will be opened for recruitment. Joanna Zepeda's Administrative Analyst I position has been upgraded to full-time.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for announcements. Appreciation expressed for attendance by Miguel Figueroa, County of Imperial CEO, today. Member Walker highlighted Member Ward's recent appointment as Holtville Mayor, and member Sanders's dedication and display for her Lifetime of Service at the new El Centro Library. Member Lopez reported that the AARP Tax Consulting for the Elderly program was completed and over 300 returns had been submitted. She thanked member Gaddis and all the other volunteers for their work. Tax submission deadline for most of California including Imperial County has been extended to Oct 16th, and Dreams for Change located in Vons' Shopping Center will continue to process returns free until Oct 16th. Member Ward invited all to Holtville this evening for Farmers Market. Director Enz invited everyone to stay after the meeting to tour Calexico Wellness Center's Mobile Unit that was in the parking Lot. Chair Chin reported she spoke with the Interim CEO of Pioneers and informed him of the struggles that local cancer patients were experiencing due to the closure of that unit. Chair Chin also reported she had accepted a position with SDSU as Associate Director of Development but would remain active with her work in the Cancer Organization; however with no funding that work was quite limited. Member Hernandez announced that IVC was having a Career Day today, as well as dedication of local artist Roberto Pozos, at 3 p.m. at the IVC library.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) Executive Committee: to discuss future Public Hearing process
- b) Social Health Committee: to discuss developing a letter of support for grant applications to Calexico Wellness Center.
- c) Ad-Hoc Social Media Committee: To vet social media program as requested by member Gaddis, including redesign of AAA logo as requested by member Walker. Resulting recommendations to be referred to the executive Committee.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Chin adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Sarah Enz
Public Administrator/ICAAA Director

Karla Flores
Recording Clerk