



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, December 21, 2023

Proceedings: The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council: Regular meeting of Thursday, December 21, 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:

Cheryl V. Walker
AJ Gaddis
John Hernandez
Paul R. Monarrez
Mike Lara
Helen Lopez
Daniel Romero
Oreda Chin
Raquel V. Camacho
Javier Moreno
Sedalia Sanders*
Patricia Burnworth
Ismael Lopez
Lucy M. Hendry

Representing Sector:

District 2
District 3
District 4
Disabled Interests
Senior Advocate
Senior Legislature
Senior Legislature
Senior Organization
HICAP
Law Enforcement
At-Large
At-Large
Alternate At-Large
Alternate At-Large

*Member attended by phone.

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Sarah Enz Public Administrators/AAA Director
Monica V. De Leon ICAAA Manager
Joanna D. Zepeda ICAAA Administrative Analyst I
Karla Flores LTC Ombudsman
Daniel Flores ICAAA I & A Coordinator
Apolinar “Polo” Salazar Catholic Charities, Senior Nutrition, Program Manager
Andrew Briseño Deputy Court Council

Absent:

Cynthia Alba District 1
Benjamin J. Horton District 5
Supervisor Mike Kelley County of Imperial
Virginia Ward League of Cities
Manuel Sanchez Senior Advocate
Patricia Thompson Service Provider
Supervisor John Hawk Alternate At-Large



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Agenda Item / Action Taken:

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

Chair Oreda Chin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Javier Moreno led the Advisory Council in the Flag Salute. Roll call was completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Walker/Hernandez (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023, Advisory Council meeting as presented. Motion carried with an abstention from John Hernandez.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments were received.

IV. PRESENTATION:

a) Life Cycle of Legislation- Presentation will be rescheduled as presenter was unable to present.

V. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) AAA Advisory Council Quarterly Mileage Reimbursement for FY 2023-2024

Chair Oreda Chin reminded the members that they could submit a request for mileage reimbursement. No further comments were received.

b) Review and approve Request for Proposals (RFP) for the years 2023-2024

Cheryl Walker started the discussion regarding the Insurance requirements included in all the RFP's. Sarah Enz, AAA Director, responded that this language was consistent with County RFP's requirements. Enz mentioned that Calexico Wellness Center does need to have Medical Malpractice Insurance. Andrew Briseno also mentioned that language does say "Medical Malpractice or Errors and Omission" Cheryl Walker asked that a letter be sent to California Department of Aging (CDA) asking them to revise the requirements being imposed on our small county and our providers. Enz agreed that the requirements are tough and mentioned that CDA will move away from RFP's to MOU's. Gaddis/Hernandez (M/S/C) to approve the RFP's as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Chair Oreda reported that the Committee will be meeting at the start of the new year.

Legislative Committee: Committee Chair Lopez did not report. Monica De Leon mentioned that a written report was included in the agenda along with a PowerPoint.

Nutrition Committee: Chair Chin shared that she visited the Brawley Congregate Meal site. She expressed that the food was very tasty. Hernandez thanked her for the Christmas gifts that she donated.

Transportation Committee: Gaddis provided an update on the transportation meeting earlier in the month. Hernandez asked about the transportation budget and how it is distributed. Enz responded and mentioned that she will be working on grants for more funds.



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Social & Health Committee: Chair Sanchez was absent. Nothing was reported. Discussion followed regarding the senior event and how this can be funded, including possibly asking the Board of Supervisors to sponsor the event. The council decided to refer this to the Social & Health Committee for further discussion.

VII. INFORMATION:

Chair Chin reminded members to review informational items: Member Attendance Roster, Ombudsman Report, and Legislative Report. Karla Flores gave a quick overview of the missing person from Sonrisa Home.

VIII. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Enz reported on the work she's been doing with SDSU who have approved an additional \$120,000 in funding for dementia training, how to care for an elder adult, and elder abuse. She expects to receive about \$300,000 from different sources to continue working and providing support to family members of those diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's. Director Enz informed the Council that she will be out for a few weeks in the future for personal reasons.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for announcements. Burnworth announced that the Indigent Burial was an amazing event. Gaddis mentioned that the El Centro Community Center hosted an event for Seniors that many attended. She wondered why they were not invited. Monica De Leon reminded the Council that the calendar is shared with them monthly.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for member requests. Gaddis asked for additional information on Senior Housing and asked that Senior Event be placed on the agenda once discussed by the Social & Health Committee.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Monarrez/Gaddis (M/S/C) to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Monica V. De Leon
AAA Manager

Daniel Flores
Recording Clerk