



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, January 18, 2024

Proceedings: The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council: Regular meeting of Thursday, January 18, 2024, 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:

Cynthia Alba**
AJ Gaddis
Paul R. Monarrez
Virginia Ward
Mike Lara
Manuel Sanchez**
Patricia Thompson
Oreda Chin
Raquel V. Camacho
Javier Moreno
Sedalia Sanders*
Patricia Burnworth
Ismael Lopez
Lucy M. Hendry
Supervisor John Hawk

Representing Sector:

District 1
District 3
Disabled Interests
League of Cities
Senior Advocate
Senior Advocate
Service Provider
Senior Organization
HICAP
Law Enforcement
At-Large
At-Large
Alternate At-Large
Alternate At-Large
Alternate At-Large

*Member attended by phone. ** Member arrived after roll call

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Sarah M. Enz Public Administrators/AAA Director
Monica V. De Leon ICAAA Manager
Joanna D. Zepeda ICAAA Administrative Analyst I
Karla Flores ICAAA LTC Ombudsman Coordinator
Daniel Flores ICAAA I & A Coordinator
Andrew Briseño County of Imperial Counsel
Ivan Romero Catholic Charities, Case Manager
Cynthia Rodriguez Callexico Wellness Center/Marketing and Outreach Manager
Corina De Leon Imperial County Public Health/Nursing Supervisor
Filomena Huerta Imperial County Public Health/Community Health Nurse

Absent:

Cheryl V. Walker District 2
John Hernandez District 4
Benjamin J. Horton District 5
Supervisor Mike Kelley County of Imperial
Helen Lopez Senior Legislature
Daniel Romero Senior Legislature



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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 9:04 a.m. Paul Monarrez led the Advisory Council in the Flag Salute. Roll call was completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lara/Gaddis (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2023, Advisory Council meeting as presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karla Flores informed us that Sonrisa Villa now has a working elevator.

Cynthia Rodriguez from Calexico Wellness Center provided information for the upcoming health fair for Heart Disease Awareness Month on February 21, 2024.

IV. PRESENTATION:

a) Imperial County Public Health Department – Nursing – “Vaccines you need to know.”

Corina De Leon and Filomena Huerta Presented the available vaccines that are recommended by Center for Disease Control for people ages 60 and over. The vaccines that are available/recommended are Influenza, COVID-19, RSV, Tdap, Shingles, and Pneumococcal. Filomena Huerta recommended that seniors talk with their primary medical provider to figure out what vaccines are needed. Huerta also provided the online tool to access vaccine records: <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov>. In California it is mandatory for a medical provider to record all vaccines administered to a patient. Contact Corina De Leon (Nursing Supervisor) via email at corinadeleon@co.imperial.ca.us and Filomena Huerta (Community Health Nurse) via email filomenahuerta@co.imperial.ca.us.

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) Area Plan Hearings for Area Plan 2024-2028 Four Year Update

Oreda Chin started by asking if they had to decide who would lead the Area Plan Hearings. Sarah M. Enz responded that volunteers for the Advisory Council were needed to conduct hearings. Training will be held March 13, 2024, at 9:00am at our office. Lucy Hendry asked if the schedule would be promoted. Sarah M. Enz replied that sites would be notified, and a legal advertisement would go out. The Area Agency on Aging will ask the County Public Information Officer to announce the hearings. Chair Chin mentioned that this is a good opportunity to learn more about the Area Agency on Aging. AJ Gaddis asked if there will be transportation for the Council to the locations. Sarah M. Enz Replied that staff will discuss internally. Thompson/Sanchez (M/S/C) to approve Area Plan Hearings schedules as presented.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Chair Chin had nothing new to report.

Legislative Committee: No report was provided as chair was not present.



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Nutrition Committee: Chair Chin shared that she has been in contact with Daniel Flores to schedule a date for the next committee meeting and the committee will receive an invitation soon. Sarah M. Enz added that Polo Salazar Senior Nutrition Program Manager shared the recent inspections by the Imperial County Public Health Department. The Calexico site scored 96, with four (4) points deducted because the water heater was not working properly. The City of Calexico has now repaired the water heater. The main kitchen in El Centro scored a 96 as well. This was due to an expired Food Safety Certificate, a fridge not working, and the restroom flooring needing coverings in the corner. These findings have now been rectified.

Transportation Committee: AJ Gaddis reported that the Imperial County Transportation Commission sent out an unmet transportation needs survey. She asked if the Advisory Council had received it, if not she will have staff send it out. She invited the Advisory Council to make sure to respond to this survey.

Social & Health Committee: Chair Sanchez will work with Daniel Flores to schedule a committee meeting. AJ Gaddis asked about the Senior Event. Monica De Leon responded that the Advisory Council referred this to the Social & Health Committee for further discussion. If the committee decides to move forward with the event, then this will be brought back to the Advisory Council for support.

VII. INFORMATION:

Chair Chin reminded members to review informational items: Member Attendance Roster and Ombudsman Report.

VIII. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director M. Enz reported on the fiscal audit that is coming up. She informed the Advisory Council that she will be out from February 1st to February 19th for a medical procedure. Sarah M. Enz shared that she participated in a wellness talk show hosted by Imperial County Behavioral Health Services and will make sure to share the link. AJ Gaddis asked about the ADRC vacant position. Sarah M. Enz answered that the position is still pending. AJ Gaddis followed up on the letter to the California Department of Aging (CDA) regarding the request for proposals. Sarah M. Enz responded that CDA is already making changes to the requirements for the RFP's. Once those changes are received then we can see if we need to reach out to them.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for announcements. Supervisor John Hawk asked who monitors the legislative proposals because it is important to follow the End-of-Life Advance Directive proposal. Sarah M. Enz responded that Helen Lopez oversees the Legislative Advisory Committee and monitors proposals. Enz mentioned that Daniel Romero teamed up with senior member Wonda Smith on new legislation. An email was sent to all members of the Advisor Council with this information.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for member requests. No requests received.



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XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Chin adjourned the Advisory Council meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Monica V. De Leon
AAA Manager

Daniel Flores
Recording Clerk