



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, July 18, 2024

Proceedings: The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Imperial County Workforce Development Board – Conference Room, located at 2799 S. Fourth Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

Voting Attendees:

Cynthia Alba
Cheryl V. Walker
AJ Gaddis
John Hernandez
Benjamin J. Horton
Paul R. Monarrez
Mike Lara
Helen Lopez*
Daniel Romero**
Patricia Burnworth
Ismael Lopez

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

Representing Sector:

District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
Disabled Interests
Senior Advocate
Senior Legislature
Senior Legislature
At-Large
Alternate At-Large

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Monica V. De Leon ICAAA Manager
Karla Flores ICAAA LTC Ombudsman Coordinator
Joanna Zepeda ICAAA Administrative Analyst
Daniel Flores ICAAA I & A Coordinator
Andrew Briseño County of Imperial Counsel
Agnes Zsigovics Alzheimer’s Association/Community Engagement Manager
Polo Salazar Catholic Charities/Program Manager
Yolanda Barrios ICPHD Community Service Worker
Reyna Villejo ICPHD Community Service Worker
Martin Robledo Imperial County/Program Supervisor

Absent:

Supervisor Mike Kelley County of Imperial
Manuel Sanchez Senior Advocate
Patricia Thompson Service Provider
Oreda Chin Senior Organization
Javier Moreno Law Enforcement
Lucy M. Hendry Alternate At-Large
Supervisor John Hawk Alternate At-Large

Agenda Item / Action Taken:

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



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Chair AJ Gaddis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. John Hernandez led the Advisory Council in the Flag Salute. Roll call was completed. Guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lara/Alba (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024, Advisory Council meeting as presented. Motion carried with abstentions from Monarrez, Gaddis, and Hernandez.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AJ Gaddis read the public comment disclaimer. No comments received.

IV. PRESENTATION:

a) Alzheimer's Association update and services – Agnes Zsigovics

Agnes Zsigovics, Community Engagement Manager, presented Dementia and Alzheimer's facts and figures. Zsigovics provided the 24/7 emergency line 1-800-272-3900. Zsigovics completed the presentation by mentioning that there are office hours in El Centro every 3rd Friday of the month at the DayOut Center located at 757 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243. Alzheimer's Association is always looking for facilitators and volunteers who speak Spanish to add more services.

V. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) Committee Membership Roster

AJ Gaddis started discussion and opened the floor for any member interested in joining a committee. Monica De Leon asked members to let Chair Gaddis know if they would like to make any changes. No further requests made.

b) Imperial County Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Update

Monica De Leon provided an update. She announced that CDA had granted the Imperial County ADRC full designation. She also informed them that she is looking to hire a Part-Time Information & Assistance Coordinator for this program. Quarterly updates will be provided by core partner. ADRC is working on a logo. This concluded the update.

c) Announcement of Vacancies & Council to set deadlines for applications

- One (1) position to be appointed by the League of Cities
- Two (2) at-large positions (one recommended to represent Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program -HICAP). Advisory Council to set deadline to accept applications for the two at-large positions.

AJ Gaddis started discussion. She will reach out to League of Cities to let them know about their vacancy. Cheryl Walker recommended having another city council representative to be part of the Advisory Council. Monarrez/Hernandez (M/S/C) to set the deadline to accept applications for the at-large positions for September 19, 2024. Motion carried without any abstentions.

d) Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee

AJ Gaddis appointed the following members to the Ad-hoc Nominating Committee: Paul Monarrez, Patricia Burnworth, and Chair AJ Gaddis.

e) Council to vote to go dark in August

Hernandez/Walker (M/S/C) to go dark in August. Motion carried without any abstentions.



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VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Chair AJ Gaddis reported that she is looking for some re-structuring. Cheryl Walker asked if the Executive Committee could put a timeline of scheduled meetings coming up. De Leon responded that a timeline should be doable.

Legislative Committee: Helen Lopez provided a written report with the agenda. This concluded the report.

Nutrition Committee: Benjamin Horton reported that Catholic Charities cleans the facility before using it, when it should be cleaned by the previous party using it. It will be brought up at the next Nutrition Committee meeting.

Transportation Committee: AJ Gaddis reported on the two articles that were sent out to the committee for informational purposes and reminded the committee that a meeting is set for this coming Monday, July 22, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

Social & Health Committee: Nothing was reported.

VII. INFORMATION:

Chair Chin reminded members to review informational items: Member Attendance Roster, Legislative Report, Information & Assistance Coordinator Report, and Ombudsman report.

VIII. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A written Director's Report was provided to the Council.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Gaddis opened the floor for announcements. Daniel Romero announced that there is an effort to re-open the Calexico Chamber of Commerce. AJ Gaddis asked if there are any questions, who should they contact. Romero responded that questions should be directed to Gil Acuna. Patricia Burnworth provided a brief update on the new Health Plan District. Karla Flores added that the Imperial Valley Memorial Healthcare District voted unanimously to recommend LAFCO to dissolve the Heffernan District on July 25, 2024. AJ Gaddis requested members to share any updates regarding the new Healthcare District. This concluded the announcements.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Gaddis opened the floor for member requests. Lopez requested to add the discussion of a retreat to address our Mission and Visions of the Area Agency on Aging to future agendas.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Gaddis adjourned the Advisory Council meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Monica V. De Leon
AAA Manager

Daniel Flores
Recording