



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Proceedings: The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, June 20, 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
Cheryl V. Walker
Benjamin J. Horton
Virginia Ward
Mike Lara
Manuel Sanchez
Patricia Thompson
Helen Lopez
Daniel Romero
Oreda Chin
Raquel V. Camacho
Patricia Burnworth
Ismael Lopez

Representing Sector:

District 1
District 2
District 5
League of Cities
Senior Advocate
Senior Advocate
Service Provider
Senior Legislature
Senior Legislature
Senior Organization
HICAP
At-Large
Alternate At-Large

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Sarah M. Enz Public Administrator/AAA Director
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
Karina Leon Access to Independence/Program Manager
Polo Salazar Catholic Charities/Program Manager
Marisol Enriquez Catholic Charities/Case Manager
Jennifer zapata Calexico Wellness Center/MA
Jose Rodriguez Calexico Wellness Center/Record intake
Cynthia Rodriguez Calexico Wellness Center/Coordinator
Blanca Morales Calexico Wellness Center/CEO

Absent:

AJ Gaddis District 3
John Hernandez District 4
Supervisor Mike Kelley County of Imperial
Paul R. Monarrez Disabled Interests
Javier Moreno Law Enforcement
Sedalia Sanders At-Large
Supervisor John Hawk Alternate At-Large
Lucy M. Hendry 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 9:03 a.m. Benjamin Horton led the Advisory Council in the Flag Salute. Roll call was completed. Guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sanchez/Walker (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024, Advisory Council meeting as presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Monica De Leon presented a certificate of recognition to Oreda Chin thanking her for her service as Advisory Council Chair. Certificates of recognition were also presented to Virginia Ward, Sedalia Sanders, and Raquel Camacho on their last day serving the Advisory Council.

Blanca Morales, CEO of Calexico Wellness Center, presented a letter thanking the Advisory Council and Imperial County Area Agency on Aging for the opportunity to serve the senior community. Calexico Wellness Center no longer will be renewing their contract.

No further comments received.

IV. PRESENTATION:

a) Long-Term Care Ombudsman Update – Karla Flores

Karla Flores, Long Term Care Ombudsman, gave an update on Ombudsman Program activities for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

b) Information & Assistance Program Update – Daniel Flores

Daniel Flores, Information & Assistance Coordinator, Flores provided an update on Information & Assistance Program activities for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

V. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) Election of Officers for the Advisory Council AAA Advisory Council for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Ismael Lopez/Thompson (M/S/C) to elect the following members to the Advisory Council Executive Committee for a two-year term starting July 2024.

- Chair: AJ Gaddis
- Vice-Chair: Paul R. Monarrez
- Secretary: Patricia Burnworth
- Past Chair: Oreda Chin

b) Review and approve proposed Area Plan for the 2024-2028 Four-Year Cycle

Oreda Chin reported that the Area Plan was approved by the Executive Committee this morning and the Committee is recommending that the Advisory Council approves the Area Plan as well. Cheryl Walker asked if the plan was sent to the other organizations or providers for input. Sarah M Enz replied that providers set goals and objectives and have this information. Cheryl Walker suggested that the Area Plan is sent out for review by the providers and other organizations mentioned in the plan. Sanchez/Helen Lopez



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(M/S/C) to approve proposed Area Plan for the 2024-2028 Four-Year Cycle and recommend Board of Supervisors to approve as well.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Chair Chin reported that the Executive Committee met and approved the Area Plan 2024-2028 to be presented to the Advisory Council. This concluded her report.

Legislative Committee: Helen Lopez stated that a written report was provided with the agenda. She provided a brief update on the CSL proposals. This concluded the report.

Nutrition Committee: Oreda Chin reported that the Nutrition Committee went over the congregate sites and rental fees. The cities charging rent do not have the funds to provide the site for free. After reviewing it is the Committees recommendation to not pursue this issue further. This concluded the report.

Transportation Committee: Nothing was reported.

Social & Health Committee: Manuel Sanchez reported that the committee will be discussing the senior event at the next meeting. This concluded the report.

VII. INFORMATION:

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

VIII. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Sarah M. Enz provided an update on SB 1249. Counties will have an option to take over a AAA only if the AAA doesn't offer the core services and complies with State requirements. More details are expected which will be shared with the Council. This concluded the report.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for announcements. Chair Chin announced that the Imperial Valley Community Foundation is offering a series of trainings for Non-Profit Board Leadership. Chair Chin mentioned that effective June 14, 2024, she is no longer with San Diego State University. Polo Salazar announced that the Calexico Senior Center will have a Father's Day event on Friday, June 21, 2024. Daniel Flores announced that the El Centro Adult Center has a tentative date of October 10, 2024, for a Senior Day event.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for member requests. No future agenda items.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Monica V. De Leon
AAA Manager

Daniel Flores
Recording