



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Proceedings: The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council: Regular meeting of Thursday, November 16, 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
Benjamin J. Horton
Paul R. Monarrez
Virginia Ward
Mike Lara
Patricia Thompson
Daniel Romero
Oreda Chin
Sedalia Sanders*
Patricia Burnworth
Ismael Lopez

Representing Sector:

District 2
District 3
District 5
Disabled Interests
League of Cities
Senior Advocate
Service Provider
Senior Legislature
Senior Organization
At-Large
At-Large
Alternate At-Large

*Member attended by phone.

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Daniel Flores ICAAA I & A Coordinator
Monica V. De Leon ICAAA Manager
Joanna D. Zepeda ICAAA Administrative Analyst I
Karla Flores LTC Ombudsman
Apolinar "Polo" Salazar Catholic Charities, Senior Nutrition, Program Manager
Jacell Murguia Calexico Wellness Center, Outreach
Blue Guerra Calexico Wellness Center, Volunteer
Cynthia Rodriguez Calexico Wellness Center, Marketing / Outreach Manager
Gustavo Gomez ICTC Transportation
Annie Huber Project Food Box

Absent:

Cynthia Alba District 1
John Hernandez District 4
Supervisor Mike Kelley County of Imperial
Manuel Sanchez Senior Advocate
Helen Lopez Senior Legislature
Raquel V. Camacho HICAP
Javier Moreno Law Enforcement
Lucy M. Hendry Alternate At-Large
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 9:04 a.m. Daniel Flores led the Advisory Council in the Flag Salute. Roll call was completed. Quorum was established after Public Comments. Guests introduced themselves.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Ward/Gaddis (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023, Advisory Council meeting as presented.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments were received.

IV. **PRESENTATION:**

a) **Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC)** - Gustavo Gomez, the Regional Mobility Coordinator, provided information on the ICTC services which include Imperial Valley Transit, Imperial Valley Transit Blue Line, Green Line and Gold Line. Eligibility was discussed for the IVT Ride and IVT Access services. IVT MedTrans and the senior Dial-a-Ride were also discussed. The presentation ended with information on the Calexico On-Demand Transit and a new system that would allow riders to track routes.

b) **Project Food Box**- Annie Huber presented on the Project Food Box offered in Imperial County. She discussed eligibility requirements and emphasized the high-quality food being provided as it is locally grown and delivered in icepacks to ensure freshness.

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.

VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Executive Committee: Chair Oreda informed them that they would be meeting soon. Monica De Leon mentioned that a meeting needs to happen in the week of November 27th to approve RFP'S. The Advisory Council will need to meet in their regularly scheduled meeting in December to approve the RFPs.

Legislative Committee: Committee Chair Helen Lopez was not present. Nothing was reported.

Nutrition Committee: Chair Chin had nothing to report. The committee will go dark in December and will meet in January 2024.

Transportation Committee: AJ Gaddis reported that the Committee met on October 30, 2023, and several concerns were brought up. She would like the Committee to meet again. She will work on a possible meeting date in December. Daniel Flores will follow up with Gaddis to set a date to meet in December.

Social & Health Committee: Chair Sanchez was absent. Nothing was reported.



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VII. INFORMATION:

Chair Chin reminded members to review informational items: Member Attendance Roster and Flying Doctors event flyers. Monica De Leon gave a brief overview of this event. It is the first time the AAA will be attending.

VIII. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

No Director's Report was provided as Director Enz was not present. Monica De Leon, AAA Manager, introduced Daniel Flores, the new Information and Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Flores gave a brief introduction and stated that he is excited to be part of the team at AAA.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for announcements. The indigent burial ceremony was brought up as a topic. Monica De Leon mentioned that this event was organized by the Public Administrator Department, and they were inviting everyone to attend. Chair Chin mentioned that she brought some flyers regarding low-cost internet service. The company offering the service is having an event where people can sign up. This concluded the announcements.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Ward/Lara (M/S/C) to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Monica V. De Leon
AAA Manager

Daniel Flores
Recording Clerk