



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, November 17, 2022

Proceedings:

The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Imperial County Workforce Development Office, located at 2895 S. Fourth Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

Voting Attendees:

- AJ Gaddis
- John Hernandez
- Benjamin J. Horton
- Paul R. Monarrez
- Virginia Ward
- Manuel Sanchez
- Patricia A. Thompson
- Helen Lopez
- Oreda Chin
- Javier Moreno
- Sedalia Sanders
- Patricia Burnworth
- Ismael Lopez

Representing Sector:

- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- Disabled Interest
- League of Cities
- Senior Advocate
- Service Provider
- CSL – Senate
- Senior Organization
- Law Enforcement
- At-Large
- At-Large
- Alternate At-Large

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

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| Joanna D. Zepeda | ICAAA Administrative Analyst I |
| Monica Veliz De Leon | ICAAA Information & Assistance Coordinator |
| Andrew Briseno | County of Imperial, Counsel |
| Polo Salazar | Catholic Charities, Senior Nutrition, Program Manager |
| Gustavo Gomez | I.C. Transportation Commission (ICTC), Regional Mobility Coord. |
| Maricela Galarza | ICTC, Regional Mobility Coordinator |

Absent:

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| Cynthia Alba | District 1 |
| Cheryl Viegas Walker | District 2 |
| Supervisor Ray Castillo | County of Imperial |
| Mike Lara | Senior Advocate |
| Daniel Romero | CSL – Assembly |
| Pablo Corona | HICAP |
| Supervisor Mike Kelley | Alternate At-Large |

Agenda Item / Action Taken:

- I. **FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL (MEMBERS), AND INTRODUCTIONS (GUESTS):**
Chair Oreda Chin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Flag salute and roll call were completed and quorum was established. Staff introduced guests.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Helen Lopez motioned to approve the October 20, 2022, Advisory Council meeting minutes as presented. Virginia Ward seconded the motion. Chair called for vote. The motion passed unanimously with no nays or abstentions.



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III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Oreda Chin opened up the floor for public comments. No public comments were received.

IV. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) Chair to appoint new councilmember to committee(s).

Chair Oreda Chin introduced new At-Large Member Patricia Burnworth and welcomed her to the Advisory Council. She asked Ms. Burnworth to introduce herself. Ms. Burnworth thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve the senior community. Chair Oreda Chin appointed Mrs. Patricia Burnworth to the Social & Health Committee and the Nutrition Committee. This concluded this discussion.

Chair Oreda Chin then informed the Advisory Council that she would like to proceed with the presentation before continuing with the action items. The Imperial County Transportation Commission staff presented on the transportation services offered. (See presentation section below.)

b) Discuss the ICAAA Logo

Chair Chin asked members if this could be tabled since the member that requested the discussion item was not present. Members agreed to table. Helen Lopez motioned for the discussion of the ICAAA logo to be tabled for another meeting. Manuel Sanchez seconded the motion. Chair Oreda Chin asked if there was any other discussion. Nothing further was asked or discussed. Chair Chin called for vote. The motion passed unanimously with no nays or abstentions.

c) Area Plan Hearings for Area Plan 2020-2024 Fourth Year Update

Helen Lopez motioned for dates proposed be approved as presented and for Advisory Council members to email Monica De Leon with the dates they would be available to run those Public Hearings. AJ Gaddis seconded the motion. Chair Oreda Chin asked if there was any other discussion. Some members commented that other types of facilities should be included. Chair Chin called for vote. The motion passed unanimously with no nays or abstentions.

d) Council to vote to go dark in December 2022

Helen Lopez motioned for Advisory Council to go dark in December 2022 and reconvene on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Patricia Thompson seconded the motion. Chair Oreda Chin asked if there was any other discussion. Nothing further was asked or discussed. Chair Chin called for vote. The motion passed unanimously with no nays or abstentions.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

a) Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) Services – Maricela Galarza and Gustavo Gomez, Regional Mobile Coordinators

ICTC Staff introduced themselves and provided an overview of each transportation line that is offered by ICTC. They went over the eligibility criteria, how to enroll for those lines with an enrollment process, fees associated with each line and how to purchase tickets.



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Staff discussed upcoming changes to the way tickets are purchased. ICTC has been working on allowing over the phone purchases using a debit card or credit card. However, ridership will always be able to purchase tickets using cash. Advisory Council members had several questions regarding the enrollment process for the IVT Access, the local curb to curb transportation service for people with disabilities. AJ Gaddis commented that she would like additional information on the riders age 60 and older. John L. Hernandez commented on several issues which included the raiteros in the City of Calexico and no restrooms being available at the bus stops. He also asked who the new director was. ICTC staff informed him that David Aguirre was the appointed as the new Director for ICTC. Gustavo Gomez, then shared with the Advisory Council that a new pilot program would be introduced in the City of Calexico. The program will be an Uber type program where clients could request a curb-to-curb ride using their phones. If the program goes well in Calexico, the plan is to expand to other cities. This concluded the presentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair Oreda Chin asked Committee Chairs to report for their committee.

Executive Committee: Chair Chin had nothing new to report.

Planning & Finance Committee: Paul R. Monarrez had nothing new to report since this committee usually meets with the Executive Committee.

Legislative Committee: Helen Lopez had nothing new to report.

Nutrition Committee: Oreda Chin reported that the committee met and have set the dates for this year's Congregate Site Monitoring visits. Nothing further was reported.

Transportation Committee: AJ Gaddis reported that the Transportation Committee has not met and had nothing further to report.

Social & Health Committee: Manuel Sanchez reported that the Social & Health Committee has not met. However, he will work with staff to schedule a meeting in January 2023.

Ad-Hoc By-Law Committee Report: Helen Lopez reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet on November 21, 2022. The Committee expects to be able to present a draft as early as March 2023. This concluded her report.

John L. Hernandez, commented that he has seen an increase in homeless seniors. He would like for one of the sub-committees to investigate this further for Imperial County. There is funding available to alleviate this issue and it would be great to receive some of that funding. Helen Lopez suggested for Advisory Council to ask Sarah Enz for an update on this at the next meeting. John L. Hernandez commented that the Social & Health Committee would be the appropriate committee to work on this. Manuel Sanchez, Social & Health Committee Chair, agreed to look into this. Ismael Lopez commented that the real issue is housing for seniors. Oreda Chin agreed that the lack of affordable housing is causing the homelessness issue. AJ Gaddis commented that the local chambers of commerce are looking into this, since this issue also impacts local commerce. This concluded the discussion.



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VII. INFORMATION:

Oreda Chin went over the informational items included in the agenda and at each of the member's seats, she asked members to review at their leisure.

VIII. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Oreda Chin reported that there would not be a Director's Report since Sarah Enz was at another meeting that she needed to attend.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for announcements.

Helen Lopez announced that she is currently recruiting volunteers for the AARP Tax Consulting program that will begin mid-February. She invited those interested to contact her for additional information.

Oreda Chin announced that the annual Turkey Run will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2022. She invited members to the event and informed them that she would have extra turkeys to give away to families in need after this event. Families can contact her for support.

No other announcements were made and nothing further was discussed.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Helen Lopez suggested for the Executive Committee to meet and discuss a possible timing policy to limit the length of time someone speaks or the time spent on a particular topic. This will help alleviate the length of the Advisory Council Meetings. Chair Oreda Chin agreed to schedule a meeting to discuss this.

AJ Gaddis asked staff to add an action item on the next meeting agenda to discuss the use of social media for the Public Administrator/AAA.

No further requests were made.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Oreda Chin adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Joanna D. Zepeda
ICAAA Administrative Analyst I

Monica Veliz De Leon
Recording Clerk