



## AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF LAKE & MENDOCINO COUNTIES PSA 26 ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 5, 2021  
9:30am  
Zoom Meeting

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### **AAA Advisory Council Members Present:**

Paul Branson - President  
Nancy Nanna - Vice President  
Linda Schoeller-Boyle  
Janine Smith-Citron  
Jill Rexrode  
Priscilla Tarver

### **AAA Advisory Council Members Not Present:**

Lisa Morrow  
Lynn Schlapkohl

### **AAA Staff Present:**

Dena Eddings-Green - AAA Program Coordinator  
Amber Madero – AAA Staff Services Analyst

### **Others in Attendance:**

Clarissa Kincy (Lake Links), Julie Colfax (Mental Health Advisory Council), Gary Pace (Lake County Public Health), Betsy Cawn

#### **1. Welcome / Announcements:**

The meeting was called to order by Paul Branson at 9:30 am. There were six (6) Advisory Council members present out of a total of eight (8) active members. Introductions were made all around.

#### **2. Comments from the public on non-agenda items:**

- Linda asked if AAA staff would be recording the Elder Abuse Prevention Conference, Dena explained that the Department of Social Services pays for a trainer from UC Davis so staff is not able to record the sessions but can offer an afternoon session if the morning session becomes fully booked.
- Janine asked if there is a new target date to have the Senior Resource Directories printed. Dena explained that the directories have already been printed and AAA staff can arrange a time to have some picked up for distribution.
- Linda stated she could distribute directories through the Redwood Empire Foodbank.
- Betsy stated there is Department of Social Services(DSS) staff at local food distributions and they could distribute directories for AAA, Betsy stated there seems to be a lack of coordination between DSS and AAA. Dena explained that DSS and AAA do coordinate

regularly. Dena stated she will provide directories to agencies that are attending events if they would like to distribute them.

### **3. Action Items**

- Approve Meeting Minutes for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - ❖ Approve Meeting Minutes March 15, 2021
  - M/S Jill/Nancy All in Favor 0 Opposed

### **4. Presentation: Lake County Public Health**

- Dr. Gary Pace provided an update on Covid-19
  - Dr. Pace stated nationally hospitals come very close to being at capacity with Covid-19 patients and there could be another surge. Lake County is currently relativeley stable.
  - The variant strains and loosened precautions could be drivers of another surge.
  - 1 in 3 people age 16+ have now had at least the first dose of the vaccine, 59% of the 65-74 age group is at least partially vaccinated, and 64% of the 75+ population is at least partially vaccinated.
  - The most vulnearble population based on age is now partially protected from Covid-19.
  - There has been a slight decrease in the demand for vaccines and there have not been reports of serious side effects in older populations that have received the vaccine.
  - Priscilla asked if a person that had Covid already should get vaccinated, Dr. Pace stated they should still get the vaccine.
  - Linda asked what resources there are for those who are having a hard time navigating the state system for scheduling a vaccine, Dr. Pace stated there is a phone line dedicated to Covid-19 vaccines, but if they are still having difficulty they can contact Public Health at (707) 263-8174.
  - Janine inquired about whether there is a strategy in place to get homebound seniors vaccinated. Dr. Pace stated right now it is only set up in a way that those who wish to be vaccinated must travel to the site where it is being done, but it is being looked into on how to reach those vulnerable and homebound individuals.
  - Betsy stated there is concern about In Home Care workers, they are eligible to be vaccinated now, but some are not willing to get vaccinated. Betsy stated that advocating for people to get vaccinated could be a good project for the Advisory Council's Seniors Thriving Ad-Hoc Committee.

- Julie Colfax discussed the newly revised Lake County Mental Health Board.
  - They hope to have more of a focus on services for older adults.
  - The board meets from 3-5pm and if anyone is interested in participation they can email her at [julienoel2000@gmail.com](mailto:julienoel2000@gmail.com)
  - Paul stated he would be very interested in participating in future meetings.
  - Nancy stated mental health support is severely lacking for older adults.

## **5. “Seniors Thriving”: Ad-Hoc Committee**

- Status Update
  - Janine stated a meeting was held with Paul and Dena and herself to discuss issues that had come up, the proposal will remain the same but the committee will be holding off on fundraising for the time being.
  - Priscilla stated she would be willing to participate in the committee.
  - Janine stated the next goal is to create an agenda for a meeting in late April or early May, she stated she would love suggestions on what agencies/organizations to invite and will report back to the advisory council how the first meeting went.
  - Paul stated this is a great time to be creating this Ad-Hoc Committee.
  - Betsy stated she was concerned that focusing on Covid-19 information could be a waste of the committee's time, she stated she would like to see the committee focus on homebound seniors.
  - Priscilla stated there is a lot of overlap where info and training can be shared in Lake and Mendocino Counties.

## **6. Master Plan on Aging**

- Nancy stated it has been broken into goals and strategies that make it easier to read through.
- Paul discussed some of the major goals which include; housing, health reimagined, and inclusion and equality.
- Julie asked where information on the MPA could be found, Paul stated there is a lot of information easily accessible if you Google Master Plan on Aging.
- Priscilla stated housing costs are a large part of the poverty problem.
- Betsy stated she would like to see more local emergency planning for the here and now.

## **7. AAA Staff Report**

- Area Plan Public Hearing
  - Dena stated the Public Hearing for the Area Plan Update will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Paul encouraged everyone to read through the Area Plan.
- Elder Abuse Prevention Conference
  - Dena stated the Elder Abuse Prevention Conference will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, if anyone is interested in attending they can contact Amber to register for the training.

## **8. Presidents Report**

- Paul stated he would like to discuss with Emergency Operations Services what their plans are to evacuate vulnerable populations safely during Covid-19.
- Betsy stated there is a lack of addressing the vulnerable populations in disaster because of the issue of privacy when it comes to sharing information.
- Paul informed the council that Joan resigned, there are now 2 membership openings for Mendocino County.
- Janine stated that focused recruitment for Advisory Council members would be a great way to have members that are passionate about certain topics or fields.
- Janine asked if comments could be made during the Public Hearing, Dena explained that comments are allowed and welcomed.
- Betsy stated she is concerned that in-home contact for the nutrition program is lacking currently because clients are receiving a weeks worth of meals on one day, which limits their social interactions.
- Julie asked if there is a registry for vulnerable populations that can be accessed during a disaster, Linda stated there is not a registry but agencies keep records of their clients that may need assistance.
- Julie stated that Red Cross has a registry that people can sign up on voluntarily if they are a vulnerable population.

## **9. Adjourned**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

9:30 am

Zoom Meeting