



AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF LAKE & MENDOCINO COUNTIES PSA 26

ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 2nd, 2019

9:30 am

Health & Human Services

Big Sur Conference Room

747 S. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

AAA Advisory Council Members Present:

Paul Branson

Joan Walter (excused absence)

Linda Schoeller-Boyle (absent)

Jonathan Crooks (absent)

Eileen Bostwick

Nancy Nanna

Janine Smith-Citron (absent)

AAA Staff Present:

Kelli Page- Program Manager

Dena Eddings- Program Coordinator

Amber Madero- Staff Services Analyst

Others in Attendance:

Richard Radovic, Lucerne Senior Center

Lynn Schlapkohl, Lucerne Senior Center

Diana Clarke, Ukiah Senior Center

Marina Zangeneh-Lester, California Telephone Access Program

Michelle Radcliffe-Garcia, California Telephone Access Program

1. WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The meeting is called to order by Paul at 9:35 am. There are three (3) Advisory Council members present out of a total of seven (7) active members. Introductions were made all around.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- There were no public comments.

3. Action Items:

- No action taken due to lack of a quorum.

4. Diana Clarke- Ukiah Senior Center Presentation

- Diana Clarke gave a power point presentation on the Ukiah Senior Center and the challenges their transportation program is facing with the possible loss of funding from Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA).
- 80% of their transit program funding comes from MTA.
- The center held fundraisers that helped them to purchase a vehicle to take seniors to out of town medical appointments.
- Diana stated their transportation program is door through door service and they operate 3 buses 4 days a week.
- In 2019 they have had 7,166 riders and offered 1,490 no cost rides to seniors and their caregivers
- Diana stated that community support has helped to show the MTA Board that the Senior Center transit program is valuable and necessary and stated that there has been a lull in the effort to discontinue their contract with the Ukiah Senior Center.
- Diana stated they have some challenges that lay ahead, the building that they currently occupy is small and they are needing a larger space to accommodate the growing senior population, they are seeking volunteers, and they are looking for new sources of income to support the programs they offer.
- Eileen stated that the door through door services are absolutely amazing and that a large portion of the community would lose their independence without this service offered by the Ukiah Senior Center.
- Nancy expressed her gratitude for Diana presenting at the meeting and asked if there is anything the Advisory Committee could do to help, Diana stated that all would be okay for now, but that the contract issues would likely come up again in the Spring.
- Paul stated he felt the decision to take the funding away from the senior center was going backwards in terms of progress and it doesn't make sense to eliminate the funding for such a vital program.

5. Alzheimer's Day Care Presentation

- Presenter was not at meeting

6. California Telephone Access Program Presentation

- This is a state mandated program that helps people with hearing and vision problems access phone systems designed to make using them easier.
- There is no age limit or income requirements, but an applicant does need a note from their doctor with the reason they need the equipment and they must be a resident of California.

- There is no fee for the program, but a person does need to have landline or cellphone service in place.
- They offer trainings on how to use smart phones and stated they could set up a training event at senior centers, libraries, or other locations if anyone is interested.
- They showed meeting attendees examples of the types of equipment that can be given, which included phones that have large buttons, extra loud speakers, and phones that can type out what someone was saying so the person could read it on the large display screen.
- Staff will come to the home of the participant and help them to install and set up their equipment.
- There have been 7,000 individuals served in California so far.
- Brochures and business cards were given to meeting attendees.

7. 2021-2025 Area Plan

- Dena stated that the members discussed at the previous meeting forming a subcommittee and meeting before today to discuss the Area Plan.
- Paul stated that they were not able to meet and that he would contact Janine to set up a meeting to discuss the goals.
- Paul said he felt the Area Plan currently looks very comprehensive.

8. Needs Assessment

- Paul stated he would also discuss the Needs Assessment with Janine as they had agreed at the last meeting to form a subcommittee.
- Dena explained that the Needs Assessment must be finalized in early January in order to allow staff enough time to distribute and process the surveys so that the information can be included in the new 4 year Area Plan.

9. California Senior Legislature

- Lynn reported that she is currently working on a bill to have the DMV give people the option of listing on their Driver's License if they have a Do Not Resuscitate, like the option of being an organ donor.
- Lynn also mentioned that she would be meeting with Senator McGuire soon and that this role with the California Senior Legislature has been a wonderful opportunity for networking and a positive experience.

10. Committee Meetings

Community Involvement and Advocacy Committee:

- Richard stated that Betsy Cawn expressed interest in being a member of this committee.

Nominating Committee:

- None

Legislative Committee:

- Lynn expressed interest in being on this committee.

Elder Abuse Prevention Committee:

- None

Health Promotion Committee:

- None

Needs Assessment/Health Promotion Committee:

- Paul will arrange a meeting with Janine

Area Plan Committee:

- Paul will arrange a meeting with Janine

11. Presidents Report

- Paul stated recommendations for the Master Plan on Aging are being accepted until December 13th and there will be an IHSS forum held in Modesto December 3rd from 2:00-4:00 and members of the public could call in.

12. AAA Staff Report

- Dena stated that the Annual program monitoring of AAA contractors will begin in January for Mendocino County and February for Lake County, staff will send Advisory Council members a copy of the schedule so that they can participate if available.
- Second Quarter nutrition site visits are being conducted this month
- AAA attended the Hopland Health and Wellness fair and provided CalFresh information, there were about 25-30 people.
- The Corrective Action Plan for the California Department of Aging (CDA) Monitoring conducted in June has been completed and submitted to CDA for review and approval.
- AAA staff is preparing for the upcoming Request for Proposal process for FY2020-21.

13. ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

**February 7th, 2020
Health & Human Services Agency
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