



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

February 1, 2021
9:30am
Zoom Meeting

AAA Advisory Council Members Present:

Paul Branson - President
Nancy Nanna - Vice President
Lisa Morrow
Linda Schoeller-Boyle
Janine Smith-Citron
Jill Rexrode

AAA Advisory Council Members Not Present:

Joan Walter (excused)
Lynn Schlapkohl

AAA Staff Present:

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

Others in Attendance:

Eileen Bostwick, Clarissa Kincy

1. Welcome / Announcements:

The meeting was called to order by Paul Branson at 9:31am. 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:

- Dena mentioned the Town Hall Meeting email that was sent to the Advisory Council Members.

3. Action Items

- Approve Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2020
 - ❖ Approve Meeting Minutes December 7, 2020 with corrections made
 - Paul stated that Amber had made a correction to the minutes and sent them to all members prior to the meeting.

M/S Lisa/Janine All in Favor 0 Opposed

- Review and Approval of Membership Application for Priscilla Tarver
 - Jill stated she seemed very qualified

- Nancy stated she was an excellent case manager for the Willits Senior Center and would be a great resource for the Advisory Council.
- Paul stated he had discussed her application with Joan and that Joan was very positive about her application to the council.

M/S Jill/Linda All in Favor 0 Opposed

4. Covid-19

- Paul discussed the state website myturnca.gov where individuals can sign up to receive the Covid vaccine when it is available to them, the State has designated Blue Shield as the 3rd party manager.
- Nancy stated it has been difficult to get an appointment for the vaccine in Mendocino County, and that KZYX has been providing updates on the process 3x per day.
- Eileen stated everyone involved with the vaccinations is working incredibly hard but due to the shortage of available shots it is difficult.
- Nancy stated the 14% of the eligible population in Mendocino County has received their first vaccine.
- Lisa stated that Dr. Gary Pace has been working with the Senior Centers in Lake County to assist with scheduling the most vulnerable population of 75 and older.
- Dena stated the Lake County Public Health is working on setting up a vaccine 211 phone line and Social Services staff have been assisting with calling seniors to schedule vaccinations.
- Paul mentioned that there are two populations that he can foresee falling through the cracks, those who do not have a primary care physician and those who have a language barrier.
- Eileen mentioned that a lot of the information regarding the vaccines has been promoted online and many seniors do not have access to the internet, Dena stated Social Services staff have been assisting those that do not have internet access to sign up for the vaccine.

5. Covid-19 Vaccination Outreach

- Paul stated he had drafted a document, but the situation with vaccines is rapidly changing.
- Janine stated there can never be too much outreach done.
- Eileen stated there is a lot of controversy surrounding the vaccines and anything that can be done to help educate why they are safe is beneficial.

6. Creation of “Seniors Thriving” Ad-Hoc Committee

- Paul stated a major focus of the committee could be the Covid-19 vaccine.
- Jill stated her plan for the Senior Center is to have more programs and activities for seniors.
- Janine stated it would be beneficial to reach out to the public for more involvement.
- Paul inquired about staff support to distribute outreach materials for the Advisory Council, Dena stated it could be done with Governing Board approval.
- Paul stated the committee should work on getting a plan together in time for the next scheduled Governing Board meeting in April.
- Lisa and Jill mentioned that it may be better to meet sooner.
- Janine stated it could be possible to create a proposal and request it be heard on the next agenda.
- Dena stated members could gather information that is already out there into one place to provide to seniors.
- Janine stated she would be willing to spearhead the project, Paul and Lisa stated they would also assist with the committee.
- Dena explained that the membership should be limited in regard to how many members are included in the Ad-Hoc Committee in order to align with Brown Act requirements.
- Paul stated he and Janine would work on the proposal and would like to bring it to the Advisory Council prior to sharing it with the Governing Board, Dena stated there could be an additional meeting scheduled.
- Paul requested that an additional meeting be scheduled for February 22nd at 9:30 am.
- Dena stated she would send out the calendar invites and inquired as to what would be on the agenda, Paul stated that at this time it would just be the proposal.
- Dena stated if anyone had changes the agenda would be sent out 72 hours in advance of the meeting and the changes could be discussed and approved at the meeting.
- Janine brought up the press release that had been developed regarding Covid-19 and vaccines and Paul requested that it be added to the February 22nd meeting agenda.

7. CSL Representative Recruitment Process

- Paul stated the council is still in need of a representative.

8. Dignity at Home Falls Prevention Funding

- Dena explained that the contract had been extended to June 30, 2021.
- Program funds can be used to purchase equipment for falls preventions, like walkers, hand rails, and toilet seat risers.

9. Committee Meetings

- Community Involvement and Advocacy Committee
- Nominating and Membership Committee
- Legislative Committee
 - Paul discussed the release of the budget, there was a 10% increase in funding for the In Home Supportive Services Program and there is a focus on expanding Aging and Disability Resource Centers.
- Elder Abuse Prevention Committee
- Needs Assessment/Health Promotion Committee
- Area Plan Committee

10. Presidents Report

- Paul stated the Master Plan for Aging which was released on January 6th has 5 main goals and will have specific targets, strategies, and initiatives for each of the main goals.

11. AAA Staff Report

- Dena stated that the OTO funding is likely to be delayed, it was originally scheduled to be released mid-February.
- Paul inquired about the Elder Abuse Prevention Conference, Dena explained that it is scheduled for March 11th from 9am-12pm and the topic will be isolation.

12. Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 10:59

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

April 22, 2021

9:30 am

Zoom Meeting