



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

February 22nd, 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 (AAA Governing Board), Clarissa Kincy (Lake Links), Jessica Pyska (Lake Co. BOS)

1. Welcome / Announcements:

The meeting was called to order by Paul Branson at 9:33 am. There were six (6) Advisory Council members present out of a total of eight (8) active members. Introductions were made all around.

- Janine stated she was very grateful for the information that Dena and Amber share with the Advisory Council members.

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

- None

3. Action Items

- Approve Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2021

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M/S Lisa/Linda All in Favor 0 Opposed

4. Creation of “Seniors Thriving”: Ad-Hoc Committee

- Seniors Thriving Ad-Hoc Committee Proposal
 - Janine explained the goal of the proposal is to increase the action taken by the Advisory Council on issues that senior face, and this would be a standing committee that could create a positive impact on seniors by getting information related to Covid-19 to those who may be hard to reach. There is a limit of 2 Advisory Council members on the committee so there needs to be support and membership from the community.
 - Janine stated the Ad-Hoc committee would also work on other issues affecting seniors and would provide regular and accurate information that is beneficial.
 - Janine stated she has been in contact with Olga Martin-Steel from the Silver Foundation regarding possible funding.
 - Nancy stated the proposal was very well written.
 - Paul stated it would be a good idea to reach out to other foundations in Mendocino County for funding opportunities also.
 - Eileen suggested having a non-profit agency act as the fiscal agent for the committee.
 - Janine inquired about how the committee could remain effective while adhering to the Brown Act requirements. Dena explained that it would depend on what the committee planned to do, if the committee would like to use the name of the Advisory Council it would need to have Advisory Council and Governing Board approval and the Governing Board would want to know what the goals and proposed outcomes would be and how much staff time would be needed.
 - Paul stated he would like to see participation from the Advisory Council and the public.
 - Linda stated the proposal creates a good structure for ongoing projects.
 - Nancy asked if the people who are sent invitations to meetings would change with the different projects, Janine explained that anyone who works with seniors or has knowledge relative to the project at hand would be invited to participate.
 - Nancy stated there should be an emphasis on community member participation.
 - Dena mentioned possible topics that the committee could focus on include, isolation, transportation, and food insecurity.
 - Paul requested a motion be made to approve bringing the Proposal to the AAA Governing Board for final approval.

M/S Nancy/Jill All in Favor 0 Opposed

- Seniors Thriving Press Release
 - Janine stated the press release would be used to recruit community members interested in participating in the Seniors Thriving Ad-Hoc Committee.
 - Dena stated it would be fine to have the AAA staff as the contact for those interested and AAA staff had made a correction to the contact information for Amber on the press release.
 - Nancy mentioned that it would be better to have interested people contact the chair of the committee directly.
 - After discussion it was agreed to have interested parties contact the chair of the Ad-Hoc committee.
 - Paul asked whether there would need to be Governing Board approval to publish the press release, Dena explained that it would need to wait to be posted until the Governing Board approves the Proposal.
 - Dena asked if there were any changes that needed to be made and informed the council that the next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for March 3rd at 10:00am.
 - Paul stated their needs to be a chair of the Ad-Hoc committee and suggested Janine, Janine accepted the nomination to chair the committee.
 - Janine stated she would like to create a budget proposal to bring to the Silver Foundation.
 - Dena stated an additional meeting should be scheduled for after the Governing Board has reviewed the Proposal, Paul suggested Mid-March.
 - Dena offered the date of March 15th, 2021 for the additional meeting.
 - Paul asked staff to request the representatives from Public Health in Mendocino and Lake County be invited to provide updates on the Covid-19 vaccine process for seniors.
 - Motion to approve additional Advisory Council Meeting March 15th, 2021 at 10am.
M/S Janine/Jill All in Favor 0 Opposed
 - Motion to approve the press release with revisions as needed.
M/S Janine/Nancy All in Favor 0 Opposed
 - Motion to approve the Ad-Hoc Committee chair nomination of Janine Smith-Citron
 - M/S Jill/Nancy All in Favor 0 Opposed

5. AAA Staff Report

- Dena stated AAA staff is currently working on budget allocations for the One Time Only funds received from CDA.
- Paul inquired about the Elder Abuse Prevention Conference, Dena explained that it had to be rescheduled for April 29th, 2021.

6. **Adjourned**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:26 am

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

April 5th, 2021

9:30 am

Zoom Meeting