



AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF LAKE & MENDOCINO COUNTIES PSA 26

ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday June 14, 2019

9:30 am

University of California

Farm Advisory Room

890 N. Bush St.

Ukiah, Ca 95482

AAA Advisory Council Members Present:

Paul Branson

Joan Walter

Linda Schoeller-Boyle

Jonathan Crooks (10:00)

Eileen Bostwick

Nancy Nanna

Janine Smith-Citron (absent)

Ruth Valenzuela (absent)

AAA Staff Present:

Dena Eddings- Program Coordinator

Others in Attendance:

None

1. WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The meeting is called to order by Paul at 9:40 am. There are 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

None

3. Action Items:

- Meeting Minutes from May 23rd, 2019
M/S Eileen/Joan All in Favor 0 opposed 0 abstain
- Motion to recommend to the Governing Board to standardize and simplify Title IIIB funding allocation and tie service units to funding in 2020-2021.
- There was discussion regarding properly tracking the data for IIIB funding and Jonathan mentioned that the funds received don't cover the cost of tracking information.
- Dena stated that all data that needs to be tracked is important, AAA has to report to the state quarterly and annually and must explain fluctuations in data of 10% or more.
- Linda stated reporting falls through the cracks because of the lack of funding and stated she would like to see a more transparent system.
- M/S Jonathan/Nancy All in Favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

4. CSL Representative Recruitment Process

- Lynn Schlapkohl's application was reviewed and discussed.
- Eileen stated the representative needs to be someone who is motivated.
- Paul explained the difference between Senior Senator and Senior Assembly Member, and that it is modeled after the State. There are 40 Senior Senator Representatives and 80 Senior Assembly Members.

5. Approval of CSL Application

- Paul discussed what the role and responsibility of the representative is.
- There was discussion about which position to appoint Lynn to, it was decided that she would be appointed to Senior Senator.
- M/S Eileen/Nancy All in Favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

6. Committee Meetings

- Paul stated he would like to focus on local navigators in order to streamline assisting clients find services.
- Linda mentioned that there is a lack of info sharing between the senior centers and would like to see that area improve.
- It was decided to add a Community Involvement and Advocacy Committee, and more would be discussed regarding the details of the new committee at the next scheduled meeting.
- Paul stated he would like to invite more speakers related to the subcommittee topics.
- Jonathan stated he would research ideas for FB pages/groups that could be created for the subcommittees.

7. Presidents Report

- Eileen discussed the recent TAC meeting that she attended, there was discussion regarding Governor Newsom's Master Plan on Aging and what the final recommendations from TAC would be for it. Eileen also discussed the May revised budget and that it had some positive changes for seniors. Eileen mentioned the SSI Calfresh expansion and asked Dena to provide more clarification.
- Dena discussed the expansion of Calfresh so that those who are receiving monthly SSI payments are no longer automatically excluded from being eligible to receive Calfresh benefits. In Lake County there are about 2,000 people now eligible to apply for benefits. Dena stated that AAA will be providing Outreach for Calfresh Expansion.

8. AAA Staff Report

- Dena discussed Emergency Preparedness and passed out information to the committee. She discussed the list of which senior centers will have backup generators in the event that the power is shut off. Dena also discussed the businesses that have generators and will remain open during a power shut off. Eileen mentioned making sure that you have adequate fuel in your vehicle in case of no power.
- Dena discussed the budget request that is being sent to the Governor to increase funding for Fall Prevention, MSSP, Elderly Nutrition, and the "No Wrong Door" initiative.
- Dena mentioned that the Long Term Care Ombudsman program is looking for letters of support for the requested funding increase of 5.2 million, Dena stated this would help with the acquiring of a full time position to increase the Lake and Mendocino staff to two Ombudsman.
- Dena mentioned that Redwood Caregiver Resource Center is also looking for support letters for increased funding.

9. ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Thursday August 22, 2019

9:30 am

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