



AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF LAKE & MENDOCINO COUNTIES
PSA 26

ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 5, 2020
9:30am
Zoom Meeting

AAA Advisory Council Members Present:

Paul Branson - President
Nancy Nanna - Vice President
Linda Schoeller-Boyle

AAA Advisory Council Members Not Present:

Janine Smith-Citron- excused
Lynn Schlapkohl- excused
Joan Walter- excused

AAA Staff Present:

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

Others in Attendance:

Eileen Bostwick

1. Welcome / Announcements:

The meeting is called to order by Paul Branson at 9:38 am. There are three (3) Advisory Council members present out of a total of six (6) active members. Introductions were made all around.

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

- None

3. Action Items

- Approve Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2020
 - Meeting minutes held over until next scheduled meeting due to lack of a quorum.

4. Covid-19

- Impact to Senior Services
 - Tai Chi classes are being offered via zoom to older individuals six times per week, instructors held 50 zoom classes last month.
- Senior Center Meal Programs
 - All AAA contracted senior centers have closed their congregate dining and are offering clients congregate meals either through pick up or delivery.

- Nancy stated that the Ukiah Senior Center has a new Director and they have been delivering meals themselves, they partner with an agency that typically does all of their meal deliveries.
- The senior centers have seen an increase in the number of clients requesting home delivered meals.
- Walmart gift cards with a balance of \$35.00 were distributed among the seven senior centers to be distributed to clients.
- Linda asked if staff knew when senior centers would be allowed to open and Dena explained that they had received no guidance on this yet.
- **Great Plates Delivered**
 - Lake County declined to participate in the program, there would be a very small margin of individuals that would be eligible so the program would be cost prohibitive, and Lake County does not currently have a waitlist for Home Delivered Meals at any of the Senior Centers.
 - Mendocino County did implement the program and as of May 27th partnered with five restaurants, processed 305 applications, of which 239 were eligible. The Ukiah Brewery is serving the Ukiah and Willits Area. The program to date had served 5,250 meals to eligible participants.
- Nancy mentioned that the Covid-19 testing site at the Ukiah Fairgrounds needs to conduct at least 135 tests per day in order to stay open and that people did not need to be symptomatic in order to get tested at the location.

5. 2020-2024 Area Plan

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic California Department of Aging postponed the deadline to July 15, 2020. AAA staff is currently working on the Area Plan and will be presenting it for approval at the July 23, 2020 Governing Board meeting.

6. CSL Representative Report and Recruitment

- **Senior Assembly Member**
 - Assembly member is still needed.

7. State Budget

- Status and Impacts to Senior Programs
 - The proposed cuts to programs were rejected, and the budget is awaiting approval.
 - There will be triggers in place that may prompt budget cuts, triggers such as not receiving federal funding.

8. Master Plan on Aging

- The Master Plan on Aging committee meetings are set to resume soon, most likely in July.

9. Committee Meetings

- Community Involvement and Advocacy Committee
 - Paul stated the council needs to work on recruiting members.
 - Linda stated a friend might be interested in applying, Paul stated she should invite them to the August 3rd meeting.
- Nominating Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Elder Abuse Prevention Committee
 - Eileen asked what the Elder Abuse Prevention funding would be used for since gatherings are not allowed at this time. Dena explained that if unable to use the funds they would be returned, and that the AAA is very limited on what may be purchased using the funding.
- Needs Assessment/Health Promotion Committee
- Area Plan Committee

10. Presidents Report

- Paul stated he attended his first Triple-A Council of California (TACC) meeting. There is current legislation to change the ASDL age from 65 to 60. Ombudsman visits to skilled nursing facilities have decreased due to Covid-19 and the numbers are less than satisfactory. Paul also mentioned that the April TACC meeting was canceled.
- Paul inquired about the 2020 Census, Amber explained that flyers were distributed to all of the Senior Centers in Lake County to be given to their clients.
- Nancy reported that door to door census activities have been canceled.

11. AAA Staff Report

- Status of RFP #20-02
 - The Request for Proposal will be resumed and notice will be sent out during the week of June 7th.
- Status of FY2020-2021 Contracts
 - Contract amendments were approved during the May 28th Governign Board meeting to extend contracts through September 30, 2020 and authorize the receipt of additional funding received from the CARES Act.
- Falls Prevention Program
 - Working with Mendolake Home Respiratory Services to purchase equipment, AAA staff has also reached out to Hammers for Hope and Habitat for Humanity to partner with them to provide the instillation and repair services authorized through the Falls Prevention Program.

12. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

August 3, 2020

9:30am

Location TBD