



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

March 15, 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
Amber Madero – AAA Staff Services Analyst

Others in Attendance:

Clarissa Kincy (Lake Links), Maureen Mulheren (AAA Governing Board)

1. Welcome / Announcements:

The meeting was called to order by Paul Branson at 9:32 am. 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:

- None

3. Action Items

- Approve Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2021
 - ❖ Approve Meeting Minutes February 22, 2021
M/S Lisa/Nancy All in Favor 0 Opposed

4. Presentation: Mendocino County Public Health

Dr. Andy Coren the Mendocino County public health officer discussed Covid-19 impacts and vaccinations for Mendocino County;

- Mendocino County is currently in the Red Tier with a case positivity rate of 5.82%, indoor dining will be allowed with limited capacity and Long Term Care Facilities are allowing residents to have visitors.
- There was a decrease in the number of people getting tested from November to March to due to a shortage of test because the contract with the supplier had expired.
- Mendocino has a very active contact tracing team.
- Vaccinations started the last week of December, 36% of the population over 16 has been vaccinated, 65+ has 46%, 50-64 has 22%, and 18-39 has 39% vaccinated.
- Vaccinne supply has been a bit of an issue for Mendocino County.
- 90% of the Education Sector has been vaccinated.
- Most Skilled Nursing Facility cases have been tied to non-vaccinated staff members or new un-vaccinated residents entering the facility.
- It has been somewhat difficult for seniors and those who are disabled to access the fairgrounds for vaccinations so they are reccomending that they seek the vaccinne through the hospital.
- Jill inquired about the reopening of congregate dining at senior centers now that the county is in the Red Tier, Dr. Coren stated he would need to get back to her with information on that.

5. "Seniors Thriving": Ad-Hoc Committee

- Janine stated the goals are the same as the proposal that was presented to the Governing Board and that she would like to have 2 members of the Advisory Council and participate from members of the community.
- Janine discussed the Scope of Work document that she had created for the work that would be done by the committee.
- Lisa inquired about fundraising since the Advisory Council is bound by the Brown Act, Dena stated she would look into the regulations regarding that. Dena stated any fundraising decisions would need to be brought for approval at the Governing Board and she was concerned that this was not brought to the Governing Board previously.
- Paul mentioned it could be difficult in regards to the timeline and keeping information relevent and that it may be beneficial to keep the purpose of the Ad-Hoc committee more broad.
- Janine stated revisions could be made to the proposal.

- Paul stated the committee is off to a good start, things are changing quickly with Covid.
- Paul stated the next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for April 22nd.

6. Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

- Paul stated the FCC has a funding bill that was approved in December in response to Covid-19 that provides 3.2 billion dollars. Discounts of \$50.00 will be available for households that are low income, \$75.00 for households on tribal land, and it will also offer \$100.00 towards computer and laptop purchases. Those that are interested can visit lifelinesupport.org to see if they qualify.
- Lisa stated this is a wonderful program and suggested that the Ad-Hoc committee could assist with getting this information to seniors.
- Linda stated it is a great program and will be wonderful to connect seniors digitally.

7. AAA Staff Report

- Dena stated the Area Plan for 2020-2024 has been approved, there were many revisions requested by CDA regarding the way things were worded, it has been posted to the AAA website.
- One Time Only contracts have been approved by the Governing Board and are with County Counsel for approval at this time.
- The Falls Prevention Program contract was extended to run through March 31, 2022, AAA can purchase durable medical equipment for those that qualify with the funds, AAA is looking for a licensed contractor that would be willing to install equipment for eligible clients.
- Janine inquired what the age requirement is for the program and Dena explained it is 60 or older.

8. Presidents Report

- Paul stated the TACC meeting was held last week, there was a presentation by Gerontology students regarding the development of a curriculum related to aging for highschool students, the Sacramento High School will serve as the pilot for the program.
- Paul also discussed the Master Plan for Aging, the entire plan can be accessed at MPA.aging.ca.gov.

9. Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

**April 5th, 2021
9:30 am**