

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging

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Agenda for Meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021, 1:30 pm

To be held via Zoom

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Introductions.**
3. **Public Comment:** Non-Commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (3 Minutes maximum per speaker) – no discussion, please.
4. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting.
5. **Chair's Report:** Rex Whisnand
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Cathie Peacock
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Kristi Conforti
8. **County Report:** Supervisor David Goldemberg, District 1/Jason Terry, CAO's Office
9. **Committee Reports on 2021 Goals:**

Transportation Committee:

1. Report unmet needs in Senior Transportation to SSTAC (Social Services Transportation Advisory Council) and County.
2. Review a program of driver assistance to Seniors utilizing taxi and public transportation services.

Community Relations Committee:

3. Continue to review viability of Senior Volunteer Event.
4. Continue to review viability of Centenarian Luncheon.
5. Have a Commissioner attend BOS (Board of Supervisors) meetings as needed to speak on Senior topics during Public Comment or on Agenda.

6. Attend Senior community meetings & events and publicize COA (Commission on Aging). Report back to COA as part of regular Agenda item.
7. Investigate establishment of County-wide network to provide services to seniors via phone, online, newspapers, etc.

Legislative Committee:

8. Continue to monitor State and Federal Legislation as it impacts Seniors, and report to BOS as needed.
9. Report periodically on the status of Senior Legislature proposals, and highlight items which will directly impact the County.
10. Study California Master Plan for Aging and make recommendations to BOS and other agencies.

Governance Committee:

11. Continue to recruit new members to fill openings and maintain a “bench strength”.
12. Develop an ongoing succession process for the COA.
13. Review COA ByLaws and present recommended changes to COA.

Education Committee:

14. Review information from applicable organizations and agencies on Senior homelessness, and report concerns to BOS.
15. Investigate impact of Homeowners Insurance situation on Senior homeowners and renters.
16. Review current County plans for emergency evacuation of Seniors and make recommendations as appropriate.
17. Develop list of relevant speakers for March – November meetings, to include all Supervisors.
18. Monitor and report on Covid-19 vaccination situation in County as it applies to Seniors.

Senior Expo Task Force:

19. Investigate putting on 10th Senior Expo later in year.

10. Guest Speaker: Hazel Mitchell, Give Someone a Chance.

11. Unfinished Business:

Current Status of Commission Membership.
Meeting Attendance.
Groveland Meeting.
Nominating Committee Formation.

12. New Business:

In-Person Meetings.

13. Public Comment. 3 minutes maximum per speaker – no discussion, please.

14. Adjournment.

**Next COA Meeting:
August 9, 2021, 1:30 PM
Location: TBA**

**COA Executive Committee Meeting:
August 2, 2021, 2:00 PM
Location: Interfaith**

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Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021, 1:30 pm
**** Meeting held via Zoom and/or phone conferencing ****

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Chair Rex Whisnand.
2. **Introductions: Commissioners Present:** Rex Whisnand, Malcolm Carden, Cathie Peacock, Carleton Penwell, Ted Michaud, Kristi Conforti, Syd Robenseifner, Matthew Rose, Melody Brotby, John Featherstone (late). **Absent:** Jim Grinnell, Catherine Driver, Laurie Sylwester, Tyler Summersett, Charlotte Frazier .
BOS/County Staff Representatives: David Goldemberg, District 1 Supervisor, Tuolumne County, Jason Terry, County Administrator's Office.
Guests: Jaron Brandon, District 5 Supervisor.
3. **Public Comments:** Non-Commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (2 minutes maximum per speaker) – no discussion, please. None.
4. **Minutes:** Minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.
5. **Chair's Report:** None.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Cathie Peacock – no activity during May, 2021. Malcolm's check will be issued shortly.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** No report.
8. **BOS Report:** Supervisor Goldemberg mentioned that the County Budget for 2020/21 will be presented and hopefully approved tomorrow by the full Board. The County will be hosting the California Veterans Association this week.

Supervisor Brandon mentioned that the Housing Committee had met and discussed a possible housing development on Cabezut Road.

9. Committee Reports on 2021 Goals:

Transportation Committee: No report.

1. **Report unmet needs in Senior Transportation to SSTAC (Social Services Transportation Advisory Council) and County.**
2. **Review a program of driver assistance to Seniors utilizing taxi and public transportation services.**

Community Relations Committee: Cathie mentioned that she and Kristi are working on an elderly seniors voucher program for the Farmers Market, with Sonora Area Foundation. Also that she had contributed to an ad for the Elder Abuse seminar taking place in June, 2022.

3. **Continue to review viability of Senior Volunteer Event.**

4. **Continue to review viability of Centenarian Luncheon.**
5. **Have a Commissioner attend BOS (Board of Supervisors) meetings as needed and speak on Senior topics during Public Comment or on Agenda.**
6. **Attend Senior community meetings & events and publicize COA (Commission on Aging). Report back to COA as part of regular Agenda item.**
7. **Investigate establishment of County-wide network to provide services to seniors via phone, online, newspapers, etc.**

Legislative Committee: No report.

8. **Continue to monitor State and Federal Legislation as it impacts Seniors, and report to BOS as needed.**
9. **Report periodically on the status of Senior Legislature proposals, and highlight items which will directly impact the County.**
10. **Study California Master Plan for Aging and make recommendations to BOS and other agencies.**

Governance Committee: The Committee met last week and discussed the three goals.

11. **Continue to recruit new members to fill openings and maintain a “bench strength”.**
12. **Develop an ongoing succession process for the COA.**
13. **Review COA ByLaws and present recommended changes to COA.** Per Carleton, some minor tweaks of the ByLaws may be needed.

Education Committee: The Committee did not meet in June.

14. **Review information from applicable organizations and agencies on Senior homelessness, and report concerns to BOS.** Malcolm mentioned the Camp Hope evacuation, also the massive cleanup that will be needed, not only at Camp Hope but also at other areas adjacent to it. 1Pileatotime is coordinating these cleanups, but major community support will be needed for the latest projects, both financial and physical.
15. **Investigate impact of Homeowners Insurance situation on Senior homeowners and renters.** Malcolm mentioned the new regulations that the State Insurance Commissioner is considering, which are similar in many ways to the Board of Forestry regulations that are currently under discussion. In particular, the California Fair Plan, which many homeowners depend on, may be given the ability to revise rates upwards based on projected losses, rather

than actual, and also to deny coverage to new structures in fire-prone areas, possibly including rebuilding after a fire or other catastrophic event.

16. Review current County plans for emergency evacuation of Seniors and make recommendations as appropriate. A firm has reportedly been selected for the TCTC evacuation route project, more info to come.

17. Develop list of relevant speakers for March – November meetings, to include all Supervisors. Speakers are set for July-October, pending decision on date of Groveland meeting.

18. Monitor and report on Covid-19 vaccination situation in County as it applies to Seniors. Per Matthew, general interest in vaccinations has dropped off. The rate of senior vaccination in the County is believed to be one of the highest in the State, at around 65%. We are still experiencing new Covid cases, however, and the new variants are a concern.

Senior Expo Task Force:

19. Investigate putting on 10th Senior Expo later in year. No further action. Cathie suggested combining the Expo with the Elder Abuse Seminar in June, 2022.

10. Guest Speaker: Supervisor Jaron Brandon spoke about his new position as Supervisor of District 5. Many challenges for the County this past year – Covid and homelessness in particular. Broadband is still a major challenge for the County, but the Economic Development unit is working on this as a priority. The County is considering internships (unpaid) going forward, to both ease workload for County employees, and also to introduce younger people to how the County functions. A long discussion ensued on various topics, including the fate of the old jail, the Blue Zone jobs that are being advertised by Adventist Health, and improvements in County operations.

11. Unfinished Business:

Status of Commission Membership – We now have 5 vacancies on the Commission. District 2 was identified as not having any representatives at present. Supervisors were encouraged to put candidates forward,

Meeting Attendance – no report.

12. New Business:

In-Person Meetings – no action taken, pending changes in Senior Center rules as a result of State opening up.

Groveland Meeting – Syd cannot be present at a meeting in September. The Little House in Groveland is bookable for meetings, however. A decision was deferred until the next Executive Committee meeting.

Nominating Committee Formation – this is required by the July meeting, per the by-laws.

13. Public Comment: None

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3.20 pm.

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting – TUESDAY, July 6, 2021, 2 pm.

Next COA Meeting – Monday, July 12, 2021, 1.30 pm. Both by Zoom.

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