

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging

Agenda for Meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021, 1:30 pm

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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 September 13, 2021 COA 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. **Guest Speakers** – Dore Bietz, Tuolumne County OES/Groveland Participants
10. **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 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:

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.

11. Unfinished Business:

Current Status of Commission Membership.

12. New Business:

Presentation of Senior Homeless Interview Data to Board of Supervisors.

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

14. Adjournment.

**Next COA Meeting:
November 8, 2021, 2 PM
Location: By Zoom**

**COA Executive Committee Meeting:
November 1, 2021, 2:00 PM
Location: By Zoom**

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September 7, 2021

Interfaith's Survey of Homeless Seniors Yields Insights into Needs, Wants, Housing

Overview

Interfaith Community Social Services gathered information from homeless seniors on their needs and wants, and their views on housing. Information was gathered from through informal conversations with those who visited Interfaith's Sonora office during several one-month periods in 2020 and 2021. Homeless seniors were asked about their desires for housing during June 2020. This group was queried about their needs and wants during July 1 - 31, 2020; January 1 – 31, 2021; and June 1 – 30, 2021.

Interfaith staff tallied a total of 112 conversations from these four time periods: 31 in June 2020; 21 in July 2020; 27 in January 2021; and 33 in June 2021. Key words, phrases or ideas from conversations were noted along with the number of duplicate or similar responses that contained those same key words, phrases or ideas.

Adventist Health Sonora staff created categories based on all of the needs responses, the wants responses, and the housing responses, and assigned a category (or categories) to each response based on the key words, phrases or ideas in each response. Most responses fit only one category, while five fit two categories and one fit three. One response had no number listed, so it was not included in the results.

Needs and Wants

Homeless Seniors - Needs

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of Responses</u>
Safety	143
Hygiene/Grooming	107
Socialization/Recreation	79
Transportation	65
Shelter/Comfort	55
Healthcare	44
Drinking Water/Hot Drinks	43
Post Office Box	8

Homeless Seniors - Wants

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of Responses</u>
Safety	129
Shelter/Comfort	98
Food/Water	86
Hygiene/Grooming*	66
Socialization/Recreation	45
TV/Internet	44
Pet Access/Assistance	35
No "Do-Gooders" Coming to Their Camps	24
Healthcare	19
Library	18
Religious Services	10

*One Hygiene/Grooming response that did not list a number of responses is not included.

Housing

Homeless Seniors Who Say They Would Like Housing – Reasons Cited**

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of Responses</u>
Safety	157
Stability	58
Health/Hygiene	50
Socialization	28
Comfort	28
Dignity	24

**14 responses indicated that housing would be desirable only if it were free; other responses that did not include reasons for desiring housing, but instead included comments about housing, are not recorded here.

Homeless Seniors Who Say Housing Would Not “Work for Them” – Reasons Cited

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of Responses</u>
Undesirable Rules/ Unattainable Standards Associated with Housing	54
Unaffordability	33
Hadn’t Considered it an Option	7