

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021, 1:30 pm
**** Meeting held via Zoom and/or phone conferencing ****

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by Chair Rex Whisnand.
2. **Introductions: Commissioners Present:** Malcolm Carden, Kristi Conforti, Cathie Peacock, Syd Robenseifner, Carleton Penwell, Melody Brotby, Ted Michaud, Catherine Driver, John Featherstone, Matthew Rose and Rex Whisnand. **Absent:** Torie Carlson (LOA), Sally Dios (LOA), Jim Grinnell, Charlotte Frazier, Diana Ishmael.
BOS/County Staff Representatives: David Goldemberg, District 1 Supervisor, Tuolumne County, Darin Grossi, TCTC, and Jason Terry, County Administrator's Office.
Guests: Kristin Milhoff, Executive Director, Area 12 Agency on Aging.
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 December 14 , 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.
5. **Chair's Report:** Rex mentioned that we were trying to reroute incoming COA mail from the County Offices to the Senior Center, where Kristi would intercept it.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Cathie Peacock – no activity during December, 2020.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** No report.
8. **BOS Report:** Supervisor Goldemberg mentioned the ongoing discussions on the Covid virus and the availability of vaccines, also that the BOS will be holding a planning session towards the end of the month.
9. **Guest Speaker:** There being none, Darin Grossi spoke briefly about the TCTC and Cathy Salsedo's role as County Mobility Coordinator. The County Bus service is now all Dial-a-Ride.
10. **2021 Goal Setting Exercise, Part 1.** Malcolm discussed the Goal Setting process for the year. The general consensus is that we should take last year's goals and fine tune them as necessary for 2021. Plus add or delete some goals. Part 2 of the exercise in February will consist of approving the final goals and appointing Chairs and Committee Members.

Changes to the 2020 goals were suggested as follows:

Transportation Committee:

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

Both of these goals are acceptable for 2021, but may be refined by the Committee when they first meet. It was suggested that Cathy Salsedo be invited to join this Committee.

Community Relations Committee:

3. (New)Continue to review viability of Senior Volunteer Event.
4. (New)Continue to review viability of Centenarian Luncheon.
5. Have a Commissioner attend BOS meetings as needed and speak on Senior topics during Public Comment or on Agenda.
6. Attend Senior community meetings & events and publicize COA. Report back to COA as part of regular Agenda item.
7. (Drop - Form alliances with the newspaper and other media outlets to promote Senior activities and issues.). (New) 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 B.O.S. as needed.
9. Report periodically on the status of Senior Legislature proposals, and highlight items which will directly impact the County.
10. (New) 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”. (Drop - Include candidates from other organizations and disadvantaged communities as appropriate.)
12. Develop succession process for the coming year.
- (Drop13 - Review introductory package and distribute to potential candidates.)

Education Committee:

13. Review information from applicable organizations and agencies on Senior homelessness, and report concerns to B.O.S.

14. Investigate impact of Homeowners Insurance situation on Senior homeowners and renters.
15. Review current County plans for emergency evacuation of Seniors and make recommendations as appropriate.
- (16. Drop - Assist/support A12AA with needs assessment projects and current area plan.)
16. Develop list of relevant speakers for March – November meetings, to include all Supervisors.
17. (New) Monitor Covid-19 trends as they impact the Senior Community, particularly the vaccine rollout.

Senior Expo Task Force:

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

(End of Goal Setting Exercise).

11. Unfinished Business:

Election of Officers for 2021 - Rex proposed Malcolm and Kristi for Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary respectively. Approved unanimously.

Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors – February. Committee Chair reports needed.

Status of Commission members – 16 commissioners at present, with 2 on LOA.

Status of Centenarian recognition effort – Packages have been sent out, and numerous responses received.

12. New Business: None.

13. Public Comment: None.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2.52 pm.

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting – Monday, February 1, 2021, 2 pm.

Next COA Meeting – Monday, February 8, 2021, 1.30 pm. Both by Zoom.

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