

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging  
Minutes Monday, April 8, 2019, 1:30pm  
Senior Center 540 Greenley Road, Sonora CA 95370

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:32 by Rex Whisnand. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were done. Commissioners Present: Kathi Bramblett, Melody Brotby, Malcolm Carden, Torie Carlson, Kristi Conforti, Diana Davidson-Ishmael, Sally Dios, Bill Edwards, Charlotte Frazier, Pete Handell, Christine Ravelly, Rex Whisnand, Meryl Soto. Absent: Jim Lee, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock, JoAnn Rascon. Guests: Ryan Campbell, Supervisor District 2, Jason Terry BOS Liaison, Jan Fuller, Victim Witness, Jan Clark, Area 12 Advisory Council, Carol Hallett Twain Harte CERT.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Minutes:** Consideration and approval of minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting. Approved as presented.
5. **Chair's Report:** None.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** None. Kathi Bramblett stated there will be no change until Jim Lee returns.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Torie Carlson reported that Ted would be making any needed changes to the roster. Torie will report any changes and ask if he can e-mail the amended roster to all members. Badges for new members were distributed to those present.
8. **BOS Report:** BOS Ryan Campbell who filled in for BOS John Gray in his absence stated the Fire Safety and Evacuation Preparedness Community Meetings have been well attended. The next and final meeting in this series will be Saturday April 13 at 9:00 am. at the Columbia College (Dogwood Theatre). Jason Terry reported that the BOS has six priorities this year; forest health, infrastructure(roads), broadband, solid waste, Federal environmental lawsuit reform and vulnerable populations. He stated that summary sheets will be prepared. BOS Members will be attending a CSAC conference.
9. **Old Business:** None.
10. **New Business:** None.
11. **Committee Reports:** There was discussion regarding low attendance at the committee meetings and all were encouraged to participate as timeliness is important to accomplish our goals.

**Senior Expo Committee** – Christine Ravelly, Senior EXPO chair reported that the next committee meeting is on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. She reported that they currently have 34 booths. No radio ads this year, PSA's and free advertising will be mostly used. Kristi Conforti stated that she would put together a Facebook event page. Christine passed out EXPO posters and postcards.

1. Hold the annual Senior Expo with an emphasis this year on Disaster Preparedness, Homeowners Insurance and Prescription Drug issues.

**Transportation Committee** - Tyler Summersett, Chair

Tyler stated the committee has not met since the last COA meeting.

2. Educate the COA on the roles of the TCTC, CAC and SSTAC.

3. Identify the transportation challenges faced by the senior population in Tuolumne County and produce a prioritized list for the TCTC.

**Community Relations Committee** -- Cathie Peacock, Chair

No report.

4. Hold the Senior Volunteer of the Year event, and assess its long term viability.

5. Hold the Centenarian Awards/Honor Luncheon.

6. Identify meetings in the County related to senior topics and appoint attendees, with a view to their reporting back to the Commission at the next meeting.

**Legislative Committee** - Rex Whisnand and Kristi Conforti, Co- Chair

Rex Whisnand encouraged everyone to donate to code 438 on your state income tax return and passed out a copy of The Advocate a quarterly newsletter put out by the CSL. He also encouraged members to participate in the Senior Rally Day on May 7, 2019. He asked committee members to stay after the meeting to determine a date for their meeting.

7. Develop a list of important issues to work on, including senior housing and homeowners insurance.

8. Work with Housing Commission and other bodies and recommend legislative proposals for CSL by June 30.

9. Review the legislative agenda proposed by the CSL and recommend support of one bill to BOS by year end.

**Governance Committee** - Malcolm Carden reported that the Governance committee has not met and will meet when Ted Michaud is able to attend.

10. Continually recruit new members into the COA to reach and maintain the allowed number of 20 members by June 30.

11. Develop a succession plan for Officers by September 30.

**Education Committee** - Malcolm Carden, Chair

Malcolm reported that the Education committee met on March 20 2019 and minutes were e-mailed out to all members of which he reviewed. Malcolm also discussed the subject of placing disaster evacuation maps in the homes that are rented out or used by vacationers. He also brought up the recent homeowners insurance issue. Discussion included Cal Fair the last resort homeowners insurance may go up another 30%. Kathi Bramblett listed upcoming speakers and requested the names and or organizations for speakers and she will contact them. Next meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 at Interfaith.

12. Research and assess Disaster Preparedness as it impacts seniors in the County.

13. Research and assess viability of supporting CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) program for use in the County.
14. Research issues related to senior mental health and prescription drug use in the County, and prepare recommendations.
15. Prepare by April 30 a basic demographic analysis of the County from published sources, so that all Commission members can be on the same page.
16. Invite speakers to March – November meetings to address topics related to COA goals and other issues impacting seniors.

**Joint Executive/Finance Committee - Cathie Peacock, Chair**

No report

**12. Guest Speaker:** .Carol Hallett, Team Leader with Twain Harte Area CERT gave a presentation. Her presentation included the history of CERT and its purpose and goal. She also did a demonstration on the Go Bag and what a person should pack in the bag in the event a disaster occurs. She stated that Twain Harte CERT serves all of Tuolumne County and brochures were distributed. She is meeting with Groveland to show them how to start CERT in their area. She is also working with two other fire chiefs. If interested in future training's you can go to the e-mail [twainhartecert@gmail.com](mailto:twainhartecert@gmail.com). A copy of the suggested go-bag contents is attached.

**13. Public Comment:** Jan Clark shared that the Area12 Advisory council now has openings for members. Amador County has 3, Calaveras has 5 and Tuolumne has 1. Christine Ravelly announced that she will be retiring from the Commission on May 31,2019 as she and her husband will be moving. Tyler Summersett passed out transportation brochures.

**14. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm

**NEXT COA MEETING:  
May 13, 2019, 1:30 PM  
Location: Senior Center  
540 Greenley Road, Sonora, Ca 95370  
209.533-2622**

**COA Executive Committee Meeting:  
May 6, 2019, 2:00 PM  
Location: Interfaith  
18500 Striker Ct., Sonora CA 95370  
209.532.0905**