

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes Monday, June 8, 2020, 1:30pm
Meeting held on-line via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Commission Chair Rex Whisnand.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made. **Commissioners Present:** Malcolm Carden, Kristi Conforti, Diana Davidson-Ishmael, John Featherstone, Charlotte Frazier, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock, Syd Robenseifner, Matthew Rose and Rex Whisnand. **Absent:** Kathi Bramblett, Melody Brotby (LOA), Torie Carlson, Sally Dios, **BOS/County Staff Representatives:** Ryan Campbell Tuolumne County Supervisor, District 2
Guests: Doreen Schmidt and Kristen Milhoff, Area 12 Agency on Aging.
3. **Public Comments:** There were none.
4. **Minutes:** Consideration of minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting. Minutes were approved.
5. **Chair's Report:** Rex reported that Treasurer Jim Lee will be resigning due to health. Rex also asked individual commissioners to write the Governor in support of his signature to continue support of the California Senior Legislature. A "model" letter will be sent to commissioners under separate cover. Commissioners were alerted to the valuable public health panel covering "The new normal" held last Friday. A link to that video will be forwarded under separate cover.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** No transactions this past month. (Position VACANT)
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Torie Carlson was absent. A current copy of the roster has been distributed.
8. **BOS Report:** Supervisor Campbell informed the Commission that the special budget meeting scheduled for Friday the 12th is cancelled. Current budget shortfall looks to be 4.5 million dollars which will impact recreation and library services for seniors. Ryan also commented on the value of the "New Normal" panels being conducted in cooperation with County Public Health. A link to this video will be sent under separate cover.
9. **Guest Speakers:** Doreen Schmidt, Planner, Area 12 Agency on Aging and Kristen Milhoff, Executive Director, Area 12 Agency on Aging. Doreen provided a summary of major sections of the Area Board's Assessment of needs. Needs and Conclusions are being used to develop goals and strategies for the next four years. A link to the assessment text will be sent under separate cover. Kristen and Doreen reported on special efforts Area 12 is making during the COVID-19 pandemic. Tuolumne County is very special in its response to Public Health efforts. The COA will certainly have a role to play in the coming years.
10. **Committee Reports:**
Transportation Committee – Co-chairs: Charlotte Frazier and Syd Robenselfner
 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.

Community Relations Committee – Co-chairs: Cathie Peacock and Kristi Conforti.

3. Review viability of Senior Volunteer Event and Centenarian Luncheon.
4. Have a Commissioner attend monthly BOS meeting and speak on one Senior topic during Public Comment or on Agenda.
5. Attend Senior community meetings & events and publicize COA. Report back to COA as part of regular Agenda item.
6. Form alliances with the newspaper and other media outlets to promote Senior activities and issues.

Legislative Committee – Chairperson: Rex Whisnand.

7. Continue to monitor State and Federal Legislation as it impacts Seniors, and report to B.O.S. as needed.
8. Report periodically on the status of Senior Legislature proposals, and highlight items which will directly impact the County.

Governance Committee – Chairperson; Ted Michaud.

9. Continue to recruit new members to fill openings and maintain a “bench strength”. Include candidates from other organizations and disadvantaged communities as appropriate.
10. Develop succession process for the coming year.
11. Review introductory package and distribute to potential candidates.

Education Committee – Co-chairs: Malcolm Carden and Ted Michaud.

12. Review information from applicable organizations and agencies on Senior homelessness, and report concerns to B.O.S.
13. Investigate impact of Homeowners Insurance situation on Senior homeowners and renters.
14. Review current County plans for emergency evacuation of Seniors and make recommendations as appropriate.
15. Assist/support A12AA with needs assessment projects and current area plan.
16. Develop list of relevant speakers for March – November meetings.

Senior Expo Task Force – Task Force Coordinator: Kathi Bramblett.

17. Put on 10th Senior Expo.

Joint Executive/Finance Committee – Chair: Rex Whisnand Meeting held May 4 via Zoom.

11. **Unfinished Business:** The Senior Expo may or may not be held due to COVID-19 management. We will first learn if the County Fairgrounds will be open for public use in the Fall.
12. **New Business:** A visit to the Valley Vista housing development was proposed by Charlotte Frazier. Several commissioners are interested. The COA meeting scheduled for Groveland will be difficult to hold on site due to COVID-19 restrictions.
13. **Public Comment:** A review of current COVID-19 infections in Tuolumne County were shared.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

NEXT COA MEETING:

July 13, 2020, 1:30 PM

Location: To be announced via Zoom

COA Executive Committee Meeting:

July 6, 2020, 2:00 PM

Location: To be announced via Zoom