



Commission on Aging of Mariposa County

**Post Office Box 99 / 5362 Lemee Lane Mariposa,
CA 95338**

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

IN-PERSON MEETING

Location:

**Mariposa Conference Room
Health & Human Services @
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA 95338**

- 1. Call to order and Introductions:** Completed at 10:10 AM by Linda Pribyl, Recording Secretary.
 - a. HHSA Staff Members** - Jason Allen & Lydia Arre
 - b. Voting Members Present** – Candy O'Donel-Browne, Nina Rhodes, Linda Pribyl & Lindsay Burtle.
 - c. BOS Representative** – Rosemarie Smallcombe
 - d. Guests** – Claudia Gonzales, Ron Hull and Erica Jonson (Program Specialists, Housing & Energy Assistance)
- 2. Absent:** Don Fox.

3. Public Comments:

- a. Ron Hull and Erica Jonson provided a presentation on housing. Gave an overview of staff & programs / resources offered. Handed out an affordable housing list. Also gave an overview on low-income based energy and weatherization assistance.
- b. Discussed working on a COA new member packet to present at next meeting.

4. Rosemarie:

- a. Got approval to share CA 2030 Steering Committee report. It was sent to Jason who will disburse. The idea is to outline the next steps necessary after the governor's master plan on aging expires in 2030. Will be put on next agenda for further discussion after members have had a chance to review. Webinar coming out later in January 2024, Rosemarie will share info when available.

5. Position Elections:

- a. Chairperson: Lindsay was unanimously appointed.
- b. Vice Chair: Candy was unanimously appointed.

6. Approval of October 25, 2023 Minutes: (Attachment A)

- a. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Nina with a second by Candy, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2023.

7. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA):

- a. Claudia Gonzales shared info on the formation of a new Americans with Disabilities Act Committee and shared membership applications. Applications are posted around the county seeking member representation for each district and 2 at-large members.

8. Senior Center Program Manager Report:

- a.** Senior firewood program is going strong. Clients can setup delivery for homebound participants in the case of an emergency.
- b.** Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) came to the senior center last Friday to assess the site for being able to provide services from there. Lydia offered for them to set up zoom meetings to help with this. Rosemarie mentioned that it would be beneficial to put out an article for the community, will reach out to county and HHSAProgram Information Officers.
- c.** The last 400 vouchers for the Coulter Cafe Senior Meal Program have been given out and the program will be ending once funding runs out or resources are exhausted. Coulter Cafe will be transitioning to accepting CalFresh when the meal program ends. Transportation still going out to Coulterville once a week.
- d.** Mariposa is running out of Area 12 Agency on Aging funding, though services will not stop functioning and the county will assume the financial responsibility.
- e.** Veterans breakfast is held on the second Wednesday each month, seeing around 40 participants each time. Spouses are welcome to attend.

9. Adult & Aging Deputy Director Report:

- a.** Terri Peresan was not present; prepared printouts were provided at the meeting.

10. Commissioners' Reports:

- a. D1:** A member of the community has requested Tai Chi. Lydia mentioned they are working on offering it through the senior center.

b. D2: A volunteer group has been assessing signage in north county and would like to see a sign added to help direct people. Yoga classes starting in February at the Gazzola Building. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) doing a Valentines Day Spaghetti dinner and a Sweetheart Dance.

c. D3: N/A

d. D4: Reminder given about ethics training and making sure commission members are up to date. Jason offered to send the link to all who need it.

e. D5: N/A

f. At-Large: N/A

11. Old Business: N/A

12. Adjournment: @ 11:35AM

13. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 24, 2024 @ 10AM