



Commission on Aging of Mariposa County

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

IN-PERSON MEETING

Location:

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

- 1. Call to order and Introductions:** Completed at 10:01 AM by Candy O'Donnell-Browne.
 - a. HHSA Staff Members** - Jason Allen & Lydia Arre
 - b. Voting Members Present** – Candy O'Donnell-Browne, Don Fox & Linda Pribyl.
 - c. BOS Representative** – Rosemarie Smallcombe
 - d. Guests** – Claudia Gonzales and Matt Hespenheide – ADA Coordinators
- 2. Absent:** Lindsay Burtle - Excused & Nina Rhodes - Excused.
- 3. Public Comments:**

a. N/A

4. Rosemarie Smallcombe:

a. The current director of the Department of Aging, Susan DeMarois has identified a need to engage more with the public and Area Agencies on Aging. The department contracted with Creative Consulting on the CA 2030 Steering Committee who, after the last meeting that was held in December of 2023, created a report outlining recommendations regarding the structure in California for the delivery of services to seniors and people with disabilities. Throughout the state there have been many changes to the population causing there to be far more variation to necessary services than captured in the previous report, this means that messaging needs to be heavily adjusted. The Department of Aging is currently working towards identifying what needs to be done internally to support people who have questions about how to better communicate with California's population and how to better deliver services to all.

b. SB 1249: Discussed implications of the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act. Handouts were distributed to all present. Further analysis is needed to study the impact to Mariposa County and Area Aging on Aging.

c. Effective as of January 2024, people in Mariposa County that have Medi-Cal have been moved to one of two new providers under the newly established County Organized Health System (COHS.)

d. Discussed the need to look at our own county and how Mariposa can adjust to better deliver services to those who need them.

e. Discussion was held around Prop 1 and how it affects counties. Rosemarie provided an overview.

f. Discussed a desire for a "neighbors helping neighbors" program.

g. It was suggested to add a standing item regarding CA 2030 Steering Committee. Jason will add this to agendas going forward.

5. Approval of January 24, 2024 Minutes: (Attachment A)

a. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Linda with a second by Don, to approve the minutes of January 24, 2024.

6. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA):

a. Claudia Gonzales and Matt Hespenheide spoke about the ADA transition plan and explained it is still in draft form.

b. Discussed the ADA Advisory committee, mentioned current and potential members.

c. Matt mentioned changes coming to the county courthouse and discussion was held around programmatic and physical accessibility. Don mentioned that a single door for all approach would be ideal and discussed options that are possible and those that have been assessed in the past. Matt mentioned that the last time the interior had been changed was in the late 1980s and current standards are understandably quite different. Discussion was held around the possibility of retiring the current building and building a new one from the ground up.

d. Discussed the deadline for the establishment of the ADA Advisory committee; there is currently no solid deadline though progress is being made as quickly as possible.

e. Discussion was held around upcoming Caltrans projects in the county and how ADA will be improved.

- f. Jason will reach out to 2 members of the IHSS Advisory Committee to see if they are interested in joining the ADA Advisory committee; if interested, their contact information will be shared.

7. Senior Center Program Manager Report:

- a. Lydia Arre discussed and provided Coulter Cafe statistic handouts.
- b. Coulter cafe program will be ending June 30th. A request for Proposal has been sent out regarding the replacement of the program. Ideally there will be no gap in services as the program will be replaced ASAP.
- c. Senior and Family event will be held May 29th at Farmers' Market and the Senior Center will be present and handing out Farmers' Market vouchers to seniors and families on a first come first serve basis. Vouchers can be used through the whole month of June.
- d. Senior Health Fair coming May 17th at the fairgrounds starting @ 10AM, 22 vendors have RSVP'd, hoping for 25 vendors at minimum.
- e. A volunteer appreciation event was held at Senior Center on 4/23 and the turnout was great.
- f. Veterans' Breakfast events seeing between 50 and 60 participants.
- g. Discussed various programs for seniors that are active or being assessed in the community.
- h. The Friendly Visitor Program is available and coordinated by Katy Landers.
- i. The Firewood program was successful and provided around 400 cords of wood to seniors.

8. Adult & Aging Deputy Director Report:

- a. Terri Peresan was not present.

9. Commissioners' Reports:

- a. **D1:** N/A
- b. **D2:** N/A
- c. **D3:** N/A
- d. **D4:** N/A
- e. **D5:** N/A
- f. **At-Large:** Discussed transportation needs for appointments.

10. Old Business: N/A

11. Adjournment: @ 11:33AM

12. Next Scheduled Meeting: July 24, 2024 @ 10AM.