



**Commission on Aging of Mariposa County
Post Office Box 99 / 5362 Lemee Lane Mariposa,
CA 95338**

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

IN-PERSON MEETING

Location:

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

- 1. Call to order and Introductions:** Completed at 10:05 AM by Lindsay Burtle.
 - a. HHSA Staff Members** - Jason Allen & Lydia Arre
 - b. Voting Members Present** – Linda Pribyl, Lindsay Burtle & Nina Rhodes
 - c. BOS Representative** – Rosemarie Smallcombe
 - d. Guests** – Claudia Gonzales and Matt Hespenheide – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinators, Summerlynn Marquez and Brandon Stump – Alliance for Community Transformations
 - e. Absent:** Candy O'Donel Browne – Excused, Don Fox - Unexcused
- 2. Public Comments:**

- a. Summerlynn gave an overview of the services offered by Alliance for Community Transformations. They are serving approximately 100 clients over the age of 55, referrals will be picking up in September 2024 when they begin to collaborate with the Central California Alliance for Health.
- b. Summerlynn will be sending a business card / information to Jason who will share with commission members.
- c. Nina asked Summerlynn about assistance available in North County regarding recently lost homes due to a fire, Summerlynn offered to connect with Nina and see what they can do.
- d. Summerlynn expressed that Alliance would like to continue attending Commission on Aging meetings, Jason will include them in future invites.

3. ADA Draft Transition Plan:

- a. Matt informed the Commission that the Public Works department has been unable to form an ADA committee due to not being able to recruit enough qualified members wanting to join.
- b. Matt asked if the COA could temporarily fill in and assume the responsibilities of an ADA committee. This group would work with the Board of Supervisors and the ADA Coordinators on making ADA related recommendations. Matt would come to us with official recommendations and have their ADA consultant make presentations to inform this Commission so they can advocate for the community and express concerns that have been brought to them. Rosemarie mentioned that an action item will need to be brought before the Board of Supervisors and approved to move forward with this request. Matt will work on this and get back to the Commission by the next meeting in October.
- c. Rosemarie mentioned that it would be helpful for Matt / his team to create a flyer that can be posted to the community in order to spread awareness about ADA and invite them to express their concerns.

d. Rosemarie mentioned DOJ has released a document that outlines how we should come into compliance.

4. Approval of April 24, 2024 Minutes: (Attachment A)

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

5. CA 2030 Steering Committee:

a. Recommendations regarding better communication with the diverse population in CA is going through the final stages of approval at the state level.

b. The last CA 2030 Steering Committee meeting was held in December 2023. This item will be removed from future agendas.

c. SB 1249: The state is required to come into compliance with the new regulations outlined in SB 1249 by the end of 2024. "Updates Regarding SB 1249" will be included in future Commission agendas going forward.

6. Rosemarie:

a. Rosemarie provided updates regarding the Area Agency on Aging and how they affect Mariposa County. Explained that they administer the contracts on the nutrition and transportation programs and provide funding sources. Lydia mentioned that we have recently received multi-generational funding from the Agency.

b. Lindsay asked about downfalls of not utilizing Area Agency on Aging, Lydia said we would lose strength in negotiating and advocating for funding / assistance

due to being independent and representing a smaller population when not unified with the other counties involved.

c. Rosemarie mentioned that it would be beneficial to consider alternate options like Central CA Alliance for Health and decide what would be best for the community and its needs.

d. Proposition 35 will be on the November ballot; Rosemarie will send a summary for this Commission to review. The County recommends we support it as it would provide more funding for Medi-Cal beneficiaries state-wide.

e. Linda asked about Prop 1, passed in March. Rosemarie gave a brief overview of Proposition 1 which has two major components related to the provision of mental health care and drug or alcohol treatment and addressing homelessness.

Prop 1 changes the Mental Health Services Act that was passed by voters in 2004, with a focus on how the money from the act can be used. It approves a \$6.4 billion bond to build (1) more places for mental health care and drug or alcohol treatment and (2) more housing for people with mental health, drug, or alcohol challenges.

7. Senior Center Program Manager Report:

a. North county meal program has continued into the new fiscal year.

i 140 people have enrolled so far as opposed to the previous 250 of the last fiscal year.

ii A new part of the program is home delivered meals in North County; 5 people have been enrolled and receive 7 meals delivered every Monday. To enroll, one would call the senior center and an assessment would be conducted by staff.

iii For the restaurant program one can sign up at North County office on every 1st and 3rd Monday. Meals are still offered at the Coulter Cafe and now also at the Copper Pot Cafe in Greeley Hill.

iv Program information flyers were posted around the community and on social media sources. Rosemarie mentioned it would be good to send the information to IHSS providers who can distribute it to their recipients. Nina offered to distribute the information in North County as well.

v People have to apply and pick up vouchers in-person in order to mitigate fraud.

vi Last year 7447 meals were served.

b. Ninety people were helped at the fire preparedness event held in Greeley hill on 6/29. Fire preparedness kits were given out and a raffle for a generator was held. A second event was held in Mariposa at Safe Families, over 200 people attended.

c. USDA Farmers Market vouchers were given to Seniors. Will be doing vouchers for seniors and families through intergenerational funding in August 2024.

d. Provided cooking classes to seniors through Rose Fluharty.

e. Senior Health Fair went great, served over 200 people.

f. Linda asked if the COA could receive information / flyers on upcoming events. Lydia will begin sending to Jason who will share with both the COA and IHSS.

g. Art classes will be starting soon and will be administered by the Arts Council. Safe Families will be invited to do a Paint and Snack event. Different teacher will be hosting every 6 weeks.

12. Next Scheduled Meeting: October 23rd, 2024.