Commission on Aging of Mariposa County

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- MINUTES -

August 3, 2022
Tele-Conference

Members Present: Don Fox, Nina Rhodes, Linda Pribyl, Dale Silverman, & Christine Kleiman-Moore

Members Absent:(All excused due to Oak Fire) Dayna Hannagan – Excused, Dayla Reagan-Buell – Excused, & Sarah Montoya – Excused

Staff Present: Diana Ziegenfuss, Lydia Arre, & Terri Peresan

BOS Representative: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Guest Speakers: N/A

Guests: N/A

Recording Secretary: Dale Silverman, Diana Ziegenfuss & Jason Allen

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:**
    a) Completed at 10:05 AM by Dale.
2. **Resolution:**
    a) On the motion Chriss, with a second by Nina, the Commission members unanimously approved the motion proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020 regarding an outbreak of respiratory illness

due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as Covid-19) and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Commission on Aging for the period of August 3, 2022 to September 3, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

3. **Public Comments:**

   a) No comments were made.

4. **Approval of April 27, 2022 Minutes: (Attachment A)**

   a) On the motion of Chriss, with a second by Nina, the Commission members unanimously approved the minutes of April. 27, 2022.

5. **Vote on Chairperson Appointment:**

   a) Define expectations:

      1. Postponed any and all election items until January meeting when the current District 1 and District 3 terms have expired.

   b) Vote:

      1. Postponed any and all election items until January meeting when the current District 1 and District 3 terms have expired.

6. **Fill Any Remaining Elective Positions:**

   a) Define expectations:

      1. Postponed any and all election items until January meeting when the current District 1 and District 3 terms have expired.

   b) Vote:

      1. Postponed any and all election items until January meeting when the current District 1 and District 3 terms have expired.

7. **Appoint a Secretary and Define Expectations:**

1. Postponed any and all election items until January meeting when the current District 1 and District 3 terms have expired.

8. Review of Membership Roster and Vacancies:

a) Internal Roster

1. Each member present verbally indicated that they gave their permission to include their personal contact information on an internal, confidential roster to be regularly distributed to fellow COA members as needed. Dale will reach out to the three absent members to obtain their permission before asking Jason to distribute it.

b) Vacancies

1. It was noted that there is one “at large vacancy” as well as the D2 vacancy. All members are encouraged to reach out to someone they feel might be interested in joining the COA to fill the at-large slot. The D2 opening cannot be filled until a new supervisor for D2 is elected ad can appoint an individual to that slot.

9. Commissioners’ Reports:

a) D1: Rosemarie Smallcombe – Governor's Master Plan on Aging

1. Rosemarie announced that she has just been appointed to serve on a workgroup formed by the California Department of Aging to help guide the next steps related to the governance, funding, and geography for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). She will alert COA members when the workgroup will be meeting and will brief members at the October meeting.

b) D2

1. Lydia will provide a report below.

c) D3:

1. Chriss announced that appointments are now being set up for consultations about the Medicare open enrollment period which begins October 15 and extends through Dec. 7. Appts. are limited as she is the only trained volunteer for Mariposa County with appointments available 3 days per week.

d) D4:

1. Linda expressed strong concern about the potential safety hazards the new sidewalk handicap ramps built by CalTrans at the corner of Hwy 140 and 5th street. The committee concurred that the ramps stick out into traffic and many drivers turn the corners rapidly. Rosemarie will contact a Caltrans rep she has worked with in the past to find out who is the appropriate person to express the Commissions concerns. On the motion of Linda, with a second by Chriss, the committee unanimously approved the creation of a task force consisting of Linda & Don to work with Rosemarie to better document the issue and decide on a course of action.
2. Linda noted that a new “Affordable Connectivity Program” has been rolled out by the federal government with low-income seniors now eligible to get a $30 per month discount on their internet bills. She will send an online link about this program to members after the meeting.

3. Linda suggested the COA invite a representative from the Alliance for Community Transformation to speak about services they provide for seniors. She will send members a link to their website and will reach out to them about obtaining more information and possibly arranging to have a speaker at our October meeting.

e) D5:

1. No report.

10. Lydia Arre's Report:

a) Northside Senior Meal Program

1. A graphic presentation of the results of a food security survey are now available. There is a link on the Mariposa County Seniors Facebook page to the report or members can email Jason and request a copy. There are 189 enrolled in the program but only about 80 people participated during the pilot program which ended in June.
2. A new 2022-23 contract is in place, with about 70-90 people using the vouchers each month and with about 200 to mid-300 vouchers used each month.

b) The department has been awarded 2 new grants, one directly and one through A12AA that will enable new equipment, including a new vehicle, to be obtained. Once the funds are received, it will allow expansion of the delivery of frozen meals and hopefully, hot meals to homebound seniors beyond the 3 mile limit now in place. Ideally delivery will be expanded to include outreaching areas throughout the county.

c) Program changes

1. No changes reported.

d) New Programs and Other Information

1. Terri noted that an application was recently submitted for an access to technology grant.

11. Old Business:

a) Review and approve proposed updates to the COA bylaws:

1. Dale and the selected subcommittee members reviewed the COA's bylaws that were updated in 2021 and found that in most areas they are generally in compliance with the model contained in RES 2022-115. However, a number of changes were developed that would bring them into more complete compliance in a few areas. Now that it is clear that members of the commission are not yet ready to consider revising the scope of the COA, no further changes to the bylaws are considered necessary. Terri will send Dale a Microsoft Word copy of the current approved bylaws so that these proposed changed can be dropped into the appropriate clauses. This marked up draft will then be distributed to the committee for consideration for adoption at the October meeting.

b) Consideration of expanding the scope of the COA to include Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA):

1. Discussion as to whether the COA should consider expanding the scope of the COA to include some aspect of service to the non-senior disabled population took place. It included a short briefing on recent state and federal legislation, the need to review legislation as to the

county's obligations, other public committees/commissions that cover or possibly should be involved in services to the disabled and related issues. It was agreed that ADA issues should remain an agenda item but that it was premature to take action determining the future roll of the COA pertaining to the disabled community.

c) **Unmet Needs:**

1. **MediCAL:**

    0. Held a discussion around low-income seniors and MediCAL approval. Those who don't qualify through IHSS/DRAIL/A12AA. are unsure of how to move forward. Chris McCoy keeps track of those who do and do not qualify.

2. **Consideration of forming an ad-hoc committee for unmet needs:**

    0. Tabled until Lydia can talk to Chris McCoy, ADRC Program Manager, and report back.

3. **Community Outreach:**

    0. Consideration of an ad hoc committee was tabled until Lydia Arre can talk to Chris McCoy, ADRC Program Manager, and report back.

12. **New Business:**

a) **Discussion of roll held by staff regarding this commission other than that defined in Resolution 2022-115:**

1. The following questions were posed: What is the role of any county staff that participate in COA meetings? Who needs to report on what

for this commission to be compliant and successful? Would the commission like regular updates from staff, if so, who? Should Terri/Lydia have regular updates? Would it be beneficial to have other departments present an overview of their services to this commission?

2. The discussion of this subject ended with the following recommendations: regular reports be added to the agenda just after the housekeeping items (minutes, public comments, etc.) by both Terri Peresan, Deputy Director Adult and Aging and Lydia Arre, Program Manager (Senior Center/Nutrition Programs). Also, staff from other areas of senior services, such as the staff person in charge of housing be invited to participate and inform the commission members on challenges and successes in their respective areas pertaining to seniors.

b) Per Chriss:

1. Doreen from A12AA is willing to attend and present at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment:

a) @ 11:41 AM.

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 26, 2022