Commission on Aging of Mariposa County

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- MINUTES -

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January 25, 2023
Tele-Conference

Members Present: Chriss Kleiman-Moore, Dale Silverman, Don Fox, Linda Pribyl, Nina Rhodes, Sarah Montoya
Members Absent: Dayna Hannagan – Unexcused, Dayla Reagan-Buell – Excused
Staff Present: Diana Ziegenfuss, Jason Allen & Terri Peresan

BOS Representative: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Guest Speakers: N/A

Guests: Albert Boyd

Recording Secretaries: Chriss Kleiman-Moore, Dale Silverman, Jason Allen & Linda Pribyl

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:**
   a) Completed at 10:06 AM by acting chair Dale Silverman.
2. **Resolution:** On the motion of Don, with a second by Chriss, 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 October 26, 2022 to November 26, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

a) By a unanimous vote the committee approved the motion of Chriss Kleiman-Moore, with a second by Linda Pribyl, to approve this action. It was noted that the law allowing for online emergency meetings has an end date prior to the April meeting of the COA. Guidelines for holding meetings once the date is reached are now being developed and will be distributed shortly but it is anticipated that the meeting on April 26th will be in-person only unless there is an exception that meets the guidelines for same.

3. Public Comments:

a) Albert Boyd introduced himself, noting that he saw the notice posts at the Senior Center but felt it confusing as it seemed to indicate one needed a computer or smart phone to access the meeting rather than simply dialing in from any type of phone. He indicated he had no specific comments just wanted to learn about the role of the commission.

4. Approval of October 26, 2022 Minutes: (Attachment A)

a) On the motion of Linda, with a second by Chriss Kleiman-Moore, the Commission members unanimously approved the minutes of October 26, 2022.

5. **Senior Center Report – Lydia Arre, Program Manager:** Diana Ziegenfuss reported on Lydia Arre's behalf about the activities and successes in recent months at the Center. She noted that:

   a) The recent inclement weather caused a few shutdowns of the Center but home delivered meals as well as pick-up emergency food boxes were distributed during these incidents. A few emergency food boxes were sent to the North County offices. She advised that a few of these boxes, filled with canned goods, are there at all times in the event of an emergency. Area 12 has provided free Covid testing kits and anyone 60 and older can have a kit by calling or visiting the Senior Center.

   b) New funding approved by the BOS allowed the Northside Restaurant Meal program to resume with new vouchers made available in mid-January. Currently there are 202 participants signed up but only about 80 participate regularly. A questionnaire was distributed recently to all participants with about 60 responses received to date. A suggestion was made that in the future, unless the survey questions/wording is mandated, it might be beneficial for COA members to review the survey draft to avoid confusing questions, and to include questions seeking feedback regarding the value participants receive from the program, such as, improved health and safety, and suggestions for program improvement to better serve their needs. It was also noted that while advisories are promptly sent out when the program initially started and when it was restarted both mid-year in '22 and again in January, there was no notice that vouchers were no longer available (assumably because of funding limitations). It was suggested that in the future such notice be given promptly via the same channels as the start-up notices to minimize fruitless travel and disappointed participants.

6. **Adult & Aging Deputy Director Report – Terri Peresan:**

   a) Director gave a report covering new and renewed grant programs noting that the grant for the vehicles and equipment for the expanded frozen and hot meals program was recently signed as well as the pilot digital program targeting individuals identified by HHSA that meet the criteria (e.g. MediCal eligible).

   b) Concerns were brought up about finding adequate staff to drive the vehicles and other staff roles. Terri advised that finding appropriately trained staff for all positions in the department from social worker to drivers is a serious concern and is being addressed. The lack of bus drivers for the medical transportation program however, is not within her department but is recognized as a serious problem.

   c) A copy of her full report is attached. **(Attachment B)**

7. **Vote on Chairperson Appointment, Fill Any Remaining Elective Positions, Appoint a Secretary and Define Expectations:**

   a) On the motion of Chriss Kleiman-Moore, with a second by Nina Rhodes, the Commission members unanimously approved the motion to appoint Chriss Kleiman-Moore to the chairmanship position, Dale Silverman to remain in the position of vice-chair and Linda Pribyl to assume the role of recording secretary.

8. Commissioners' Reports:

a) D1

1. No report

b) D2

1. Dale reported that interest had been expressed by several members of the district on various local Facebook pages about learning more about developing services for seniors in the district and the role of the commission in this and were expected to participate in this meeting. Unfortunately, they did not join in today.

c) D3:

1. Chriss advised every one of the A12AA kiosk that they are having difficulty finding a home for in Mariposa that would provide access to the online ADRC (Adult and Disabled Resource Directory) and includes a printer to print out information obtained. Dale noted that the library and the Senior Center had turned it down and that a non-profit located in Coulterville had offered to house it in their building in the heart of Coulterville. Terri noted that the reason they turned it down is that they will soon have a similar kiosk focusing on services available specifically in Mariposa County but will also have a link to the ADRC directory. A suggestion was made to see if the Pioneer market would be interested in accepting it and would be willing to

provide the maintenance (refilling paper trays, advising A12AA if broken, etc.). Chriss will follow-up with business owner.

d) D4:

1. Rosemarie has not heard back from Caltrans nor had a chance to follow-up with her contact there about the wheelchair ramp issues discussed at prior meeting. She committed to doing so before next meeting.
2. The Creekside Terrace apartments have no elevators to access the second and third floor apartments.
3. Individuals with storm damage need to file with FEMA. They can be referred to Deputy Wess Smith at the Sheriff's Office who also serves as the emergency officer for FEMA.
4. Rosemarie attended the California 2030 Steering committee; she will be sending Jason information on that meeting who will disburse it to the committee members **(Attachment C)**. For this steering committee Rosemarie needs to know what we, as a committee, are looking for. Rosemarie's next meeting is February 3rd in Sacramento and she is planning to return to the next COA meeting to discuss this further.

e) D5:

1. No report.

f) At Large:

1. No report.

9. **Old Business:**

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

      1. There has been no word from the County Counsel's office regarding the update to the bylaws approved at the October meeting, so item was tabled until next meeting.

   b) **Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA):**

      1. Terri announced that the county has signed an agreement with an outside consultant to move forward with an ADA compliance review.

10. **Community Outreach:**

    a) This item will either be removed from standing agenda or changed to read Community Events.

11. **New Business:**

    a) Unless there is a specific report or proposed action item, this item will be removed from standing agenda.

12. **Adjournment:** @ 11:42 AM.

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 26, 2023