



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

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

IN-PERSON MEETING

Location:

Health & Human Services Agency
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, CA 95338

- 1. Call to order and Introductions:** Completed at 10:03 AM by Lindsay Burtle
 - a. HHSA Staff Members** - Jason Allen (excused), Jeff Dilbeck, & Lydia Arre
 - b. Voting Members Present** – Lindsay Burtle, Linda Pribyl, & Don Fox
 - c. BOS Representative** – Rosemarie Smallcombe
 - d. Guests** – N/A
 - e. Absent:** Candy O'Donel-Browne - Unexcused and Nina Rhodes – Excused
- 2. Public Comments:**
 - a.** Don Fox commended Lydia Arre for the recent Veteran's breakfast. He suggested an educational offering on Long-term care (LTC), navigating the issues of locating and obtaining LTC options. There are no Assisted Living facilities in Mariposa County. Information resources include Brenda Ceja (HHSA), A12, ADRC, and Senior Center.

3. ADA Draft Transition Plan:

Rosemarie reported that ADA will not become a committee. ADA assessments and recommendations need to be made by ADA experts and not by informal committee members. There is too much liability without expert leadership.

4. Approval of October 23, 2024 Minutes: (Attachment A)

- a. The approval of minutes was deferred to the April 23, 2025 COA meeting when a quorum of members who were present at the October 23 meeting would be available to approve minutes.

5. Updates Regarding SB 1249:

- a. Rosemarie Smallcombe plans to speak with Karol Schwartzlander, Executive Director of COA, and Susan DeMarois, Director of CA Dept of Aging, to determine the status of SB 1249 implementation and the option of Mariposa County contracting directly with the State. Mariposa County has the benefit of having a Communication Information Exchange (CIE).

6. Rosemarie:

- a. Mariposa County has 55 committees that are under review with planned efforts to decrease the number of unnecessary or inactive committees or task forces to reduce the amount of staff time needed to support each of these committees. Danielle Bondshu, Board Clerk, will have a position added under her to manage the administration, bylaws, and Brown Act education for the priority committees that are retained. The committees will be evaluated for benefit, value, compliance, and purpose. The Board is reviewing each committee's plan, purpose, and staff time required.

7. Senior Center Program Manager Report:

- a. Lydia Arre provided a report of Senior Center activities. The Art's Council program continues to provide a 6-week course of varied activities (i.e. photography & watercolor painting). Twenty to twenty-four attend each week. The recent Veteran's breakfast was well-received. The Senior Center sponsors the Senior Health Fair in May. The firewood program is available and hosted by CalFire.
- b. Area 12 provided more funding for meals. The Senior Center provides 600 congregate meals per month. They delivered over 500 home-delivered meals/month. Home-delivered meals are delivered weekly by Transportation drivers.
- c. Lydia distributed a report of "North County Meals Served" in 2024.

8. Adult & Aging Deputy Director Report:

- a. Jeff Dilbeck provided report on the food voucher program for North County restaurants. Participants receive 3 vouchers per week. Over 800-900 restaurant meals have been provided. There are 342 IHSS recipients. More IHSS providers are needed. Adult Protective Services averages 20 open referrals. There is an increase in fraudulent activities. Public Guardianship averages 30 people in this program.

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: N/A

10. Old Business:

- a. N/A

11. Adjournment: 11:32 AM.

12. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 23, 2025.