



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

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 23, 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 Candy O'Donel-Browne.
 - a. **HHSA Staff Members** - Jason Allen & Lydia Arre
 - b. **Voting Members Present** – Candy O'Donel-Browne, Linda Pribyl, Nina Rhodes & Don Fox
 - c. **BOS Representative** – Rosemarie Smallcombe
 - d. **Guests** – N/A
 - e. **Absent:** Lindsay Burtle - Excused
- 2. Public Comments:**
 - a. Lindsay will be resigning due to personal commitments.
 - b. Don: Kristin Millhoff with Area 12 is retiring. The commission may send a recognition of her service.
- 3. Approval of April 23, 2025 Minutes:**
 - a. By unanimous vote, the committee approved the motion of Linda with a second by Nina, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2025.

4. Updates Regarding SB 1249:

- a. Rosemarie: Mariposa County is working on a system of care model. Further discussed whether Mariposa will continue as a member of the A12AA/JPA. Britany Sturm with HHSA, the department and county are still weighing the benefits of programmatic and fiscal aspects and will need to determine which option will be most beneficial for the county before a final decision can be made. Discussed legislature amendments and how funding is utilized. Nina mentioned funding that was provided during COVID that is no longer being offered. Lydia asked about the bill's deadline to respond of September 30th, 2026. Rosemarie mentioned that there was a rule recently established stating that counties with a population of less than 100,000 would not qualify to become their own entity, it was decided that exceptions can be made for smaller counties that can prove it to be beneficial.
- b. The overall bill is focused on the current environment as opposed to the environment existing when the bill was originally written. Regarding counties becoming their own entity the bill has additional requirements, Rosemarie will send info to Jason who will disburse.

5. Rosemarie:

- a. Linda asked about the federal budget and how it will affect our county. Cuts will be specifically in Public Health programs. Presentation coming soon with further information.

6. Senior Center Program Manager Report: Lydia Arre

- a. The weekly meal delivery started in North County; residents are served one hot meal and two frozen meals to take home.
- b. Senior Health fair went well, over 130 seniors served.
- c. Volunteer recruitment at courthouse on Saturday 7/19, invited by the American Association of University Women to do recruitment presentations.
- d. Farmers Market vouchers: 4 currently remaining, 71 have been given out, 25 more coming soon. Vouchers are issued via a reusable debit card, if one does not use all the money it stays on the card. Funding comes from USDA to A12AA who then distributes to the county. Program requirements are low income and 60 years of age and over. Can be used across CA.
- e. Senior Yoga classes have been taken over by Parks and Rec on Thursday mornings, hosted at senior center. Silver sneakers continue twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays.

7. Adult & Aging Deputy Director Report: N/A

8. Commissioners' Reports:

- a. D1: Candy; No report.
- b. D2: Lindsay resigning. Nina and her spouse submitted a grant for a community garden in Coulterville.
- c. D3: N/A; need representation

- d. D4: Linda: No report.
 - e. D5: N/A; need representation
 - f. At-Large: Don and Nina; Nina mentioned discontent among seniors regarding frozen senior meals being served in Coulterville. A meeting with staff and community members was recently held. Another meeting has been scheduled. Nina and Jeff Dilback will attend. The county will continue to explore options.
- 9. Old Business:** Jason distributed the Notice of Ethics Training Requirement for COA members every 2 years. Members are to complete and submit certificates to Jason.
- 10. Adjournment:** 10:57.
- 11. Next Scheduled Meeting:** October 22, 2025. Don asked about holding meetings at the senior center, Jason will work on it.