

COMMISSION ON AGING
AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL
3500 Coffee Road, Suite 19, Modesto, CA 95355
MINUTES – May 13, 2024 – *In-Person Meeting*

- I. President Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and performed roll call.
- II. **Presentation:** Heather Santon and Liliana Altamirano from the Disability Resources Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL) presented an overview of the core services provided by their agency for those with disabilities and their families.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for April 08, 2024, were approved. Moved to approve by John Dinan, seconded by Jeri Johnson. Motion carried.
- IV. **Consent Item**-None.
- V. **Public Comment**-None.
- VI. **Advisory Committee Reports:**
 - A. Technical/Area Plan Committee: No report.
 - B. Membership/Bylaws: Committee Chair Jeri Johnson – Ms. Johnson announced there are currently two At Large vacancies and one vacancy in District 2. Ms. Johnson informed the commission the revised Bylaws are currently with County Counsel for review before they are sent for approval by the Board of Supervisors.
 - C. Advocacy/Legislative: Committee Chair John Dinan reported the Advocacy/Legislative Committee will meet next month on June 10th.
 - D. Public Relations: Committee Chair Lupe Aguilera reminded the commission about the awards ceremony on May 21, 2024, at 6:30 pm for the Outstanding Senior Awards at the Board of Supervisors Chambers.
- VII. **Area Agency on Aging Report:**

Margie Palomino, Aging & Veterans Director: Ms. Palomino was not in attendance at this meeting.

Maria Profeta, Senior Meals/HICAP: Ms. Profeta shared the Senior Meals Program continues to provide services to home bound seniors. Ms. Profeta shared they continue to work on the shelf stable boxes.

Tiffany Fanfa, Planner, Aging and Veterans Services: Ms. Fanfa was not in attendance at this meeting.

Claudia Gomez, Executive Assistant: Ms. Gomez had nothing to report.
- VIII. **COA Activity Reports**

District 1 – Susan Hall, John Dinan: Ms. Hall had nothing to report. Mr. Dinan reported he

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attended the State of the County presentation by the Board of Supervisors Chair Many Grewal.

District 2 – Lupe Aguilera, Vacant: Ms. Aguilera reported the Hot Dogs and Hot Rods event will be held on June 14th in Turlock and shared the breakfast with generational funds in Oakdale was well attended.

District 3 – Nirmal Basi, Richard Navarro: Mr. Basi had no report. Mr. Navarro had no report.

District 4 – Martha Martin, Billie Taylor: Ms. Martin – Ms. Martin reported she attended a BOS meeting with Commissioner Basi and spoke regarding issues with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ms. Martin attended the Age with Movement event at La Loma Park and the City of Modesto Council Meeting and received a proclamation from the city. Ms. Taylor was not in attendance at this meeting.

District 5 – Roselee Hurst, Ken Hanigan: Mr. Hanigan was not in attendance at this meeting. Ms. Hurst informed the commission mostly seniors have been attending the Grief Support Group she started at church. Ms. Hurst also updated the commission on the status of a community member she is supporting post hip surgery.

Members at Large:

Joyce Gandelman: Ms. Gandelman reported she attended the C4A Conference and Technical Advisory Committee presentation. Ms. Gandelman reminded the commission to submit any legislative proposals before June 1st.

Rachell LeViege: Ms. LeViege had nothing to report.

Hayley Vieyra: Ms. Vieyra was not in attendance at this meeting.

Dianna Olsen: Ms. Olsen had nothing to report.

Teresa Jenna: Ms. Jenna had nothing to report.

Jeri Johnson: Ms. Johnson reported she attended the Spring Tea Luncheon and presentation made by Senior Law Project Director, Hannah Brady.

Marye Martinez: Ms. Martinez had nothing to report.

Sebastian Jones: Mr. Jones reported he attended the State of the County presentation by the Board of Supervisors Chair Many Grewal and was disappointed delayed patient care was not addressed.

Ben Reuben: Mr. Reuben had nothing to report.

IX. Old Business:

- A. The Senior Ball update was given by Lupe Aguilera. Ms. Aguilera reminded commission members that opportunity baskets are still needed. Ms. Aguilera stated

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there is still volunteer opportunities for cleanup and setup of the Senior Ball. Ms. Aguilera announced tickets will be available for \$30 at this office and the Modesto Senior Center. Commissioners are encouraged to try and sell tickets in their community. Ms. Aguilera mentioned there will be a few tickets available for those seniors who cannot afford to attend the Senior Ball.

B. The Sunshine Club Coordinator for the commission has not been established. Sunshine Club has been created to ensure a card is sent to members of the commission to acknowledge special events in their life or to offer support.

X. New Business:

A. President Martha Martin addressed commissioners who are At Large with a term ending on June 30th and who wish to continue on the commission and to contact Claudia Gomez to address their wish to remain or not renew their term on the COA.

XI. Other Local Agency Reports:

Senior Law Project: Ms. Hannah Brady shared she will be doing a presentation on elder abuse, along with other agencies, at UCSF on June 18.

MOVE: Anthony Hill had nothing to report.

Healthy Aging Association: Ms. Olsen the Age with Movement event on May 3rd was a success and well attended.

Catholic Charities: This agency was not represented at this meeting.

Modesto Senior Center: Shannon Parker was not in attendance at this meeting.

XII. Elected Officials:

Supervisor Buck Condit: Jazmine Velazquez, Field Representative for Supervisor Buck Condit, had nothing to report.

Kelly Covello- CEO Representative: Ms. Covello shared she would provide a link for commissioners to view the agenda item concerning upcoming changes to local clinics.

Abby Pendleton, for Assemblyman Juan Alanis: Ms. Pendleton reported Assembly Bill 1813 (AB 1813) is currently in the community development committee and will provide updates regarding the progress of this bill as she gets them.

Narinder Bahia, for Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil: Ms. Bahia reported there will be a business community event regarding Housing and Insurance on May 17 at 3pm.

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XIII. Next Meeting: June 10, 2024, at 1:30 pm

XIV. Adjournment: By President Martha Martin at 3:00 p.m.

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