

COMMISSION ON AGING  
AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL  
3500 Coffee Road, Suite 19, Modesto, CA 95355  
**MINUTES – June 10, 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:** Hannah Brady presented an overview of the services provided by the Stanislaus Advocacy Network.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for April 08, 2024, were approved with the correction to the presenters name from Heather Santon to Heather Santos. Moved to approve by John Dinan, seconded by Sebastian Jones. 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 there may be more vacancies after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - C. Advocacy/Legislative: Committee Chair John Dinan reported the Advocacy/Legislative Committee met today. Mr. Dinan shared that at May COA Executive Board meeting the subject of senior housing was discussed. Advocacy Committee Chair Dinan expressed his frustration with the lack of progress made despite numerous meetings and presentations. Mr. Dinan shared some information shared at the California Budget and Policy Report on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, such as racial disparities in housing, high housing costs, and the fact that nearly forty percent of unhoused Californians were over the age of 50.
  - D. Public Relations: Committee Chair Lupe Aguilera was not in attendance at this meeting.
- 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 extended an invitation to commissioners to participate in site monitoring. Ms. Profeta shared the state level proposed cut to county meal programs funded through the Modernization of Older Californians Act (MOCA) will decrease the number of seniors served in Stanislaus County.
  - Tiffany Fanfa, Planner, Aging and Veterans Services: Ms. Fanfa reported Area Plan was submitted to CDA before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Older American Act Program monitoring will begin in September/October so Tiffany will be calling on the Technical Committee and other COA

## COMMISSION ON AGING

June 10, 2024, Minutes

volunteers to assist and would be a great opportunity to learn about the Area Plan Title programs.

Claudia Gomez, Executive Assistant: Ms. Gomez had nothing to report.

### **VIII. COA Activity Reports**

District 1 – Susan Hall, John Dinan: Ms. Hall reported the end of senior breakfasts in Oakdale. Ms. Hall shared information about the upcoming Senior Information Day and iPad class information. Mr. Dinan reported that in May he attended the Memorial Day ceremony in Riverbank and performed with the Silver Strummers at the Astoria Senior Living Facility in Oakdale.

District 2 – Lupe Aguilera, Vacant: Ms. Aguilera was not in attendance at this meeting.

District 3 – Nirmal Basi, Richard Navarro: Mr. Basi shared an unpleasant experience with the Department of Motor Vehicles when trying to renew his driver's license. 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 activities this month include helping with the speakers bureau Senior Ball activities, and attending the Hispanic Leadership event. 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 was not in attendance at this meeting.

#### **Members at Large:**

Joyce Gandelman: Ms. Gandelman shared that a bill she had originally written in 2008 pertaining to the presence of an ombudsman while signing a power of attorney was updated and submitted by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Miss Gandelman reminded the Commission to submit any ideas for legislation requests now, because of the amount of work required.

Rachell LeViege: Ms. LeViege had nothing to report.

Hayley Vieyra: Ms. Vieyra reported she continues to advocate for the older adult and those with disabilities in her current role with Stanislaus County. Ms. Vieyra working on two SSI and one Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) cases and two referrals for guardianship.

Dianna Olsen: Ms. Olsen had nothing to report.

Teresa Jenna: Ms. Jenna reported she is currently caregiving for her mom and her aunt.

Jeri Johnson: Ms. Johnson reported she will man the table on Senior Information day in Oakdale from 9-1pm and continues to help with preparations for the upcoming Senior Ball.

# COMMISSION ON AGING

June 10, 2024, Minutes

Marye Martinez: Ms. Martinez reported she was worked on activities for the Senior Ball and continues to be active with her church.

Sebastian Jones: Mr. Jones reported he attended the event at Graceda Park to celebrate Juneteenth.

Ben Reuben: Mr. Reuben was not in attendance at this meeting.

## **IX. Old Business:**

- A. The Senior Ball update was given by Shannon Parker. Ms. Parker went over the list of commissioners who signed up to help at the Senior Ball.

## **X. New Business:**

- A. President Martha Martin reminded commissioner and attendees that there is no meeting in July. Commissioners will be invited to attend a luncheon on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- B. A request to have commissioners attend the Local Aging and Disability Action Plan and Focus Group to help come up with goals for the local community aging population. An invitation will be emailed out to the commissioners.

## **XI. Other Local Agency Reports:**

Senior Law Project: Ms. Hannah Brady had nothing to report.

MOVE: Anthony Hill reported upcoming infrastructure plans for transportation within Stanislaus County.

Healthy Aging Association: Ms. Olsen reported all accessories needed for support through the Dignity At Home program should be requested by 6/30/24.

Catholic Charities: Rosanna Velasquez reported they need two homemakers for their program. Julie Jean shared that June 15<sup>th</sup> Catholic Charities will hold an event for World Elder Abuse Awareness.

Modesto Senior Center: Shannon Parker distributed the newsletter for the Modesto Senior Center.

## **XII. Elected Officials:**

Supervisor Buck Condit: Jazmine Velazquez, Field Representative for Supervisor Buck Condit, shared four baskets were donated for the Senior Ball.

Kelly Covello- CEO Representative: Ms. Covello had nothing to report.

## COMMISSION ON AGING

June 10, 2024, Minutes

Abby Pendleton, for Assemblyman Juan Alanis: Ms. Pendleton gave an overview of Assembly Bill 2564 .

Narinder Bahia, for Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil: Ms. Bahia was not in attendance at this meeting.

Gavin Cline, for Assemblyman Duarte: Mr. Cline shared two bills the supported by Mr. Duarte relating to Veterans.

**XIII. Next Meeting: August 12, 2024, at 1:30 pm**

**XIV. Adjournment:** By President Martha Martin at 3:06 p.m.

*Minutes: Claudia Gomez, [gomezcl@stancounty.com](mailto:gomezcl@stancounty.com)*