

COMMISSION ON AGING
AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL
3500 Coffee Road, Suite 19, Modesto, CA 95355
MINUTES – August 12, 2024 – *In-Person Meeting*

- I. President Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and performed roll call.
- II. **Presentation:** Jimena Jimenez presented an overview of the various classes provided by the Healthy Aging Association.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for June 10, 2024, were approved. 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 2,3, and 4. Ms. Johnson informed the commission Marsha Bianca was interviewed by the Membership Committee and has accepted to fill one of the At Large vacancies.
 - C. Advocacy/Legislative: Committee Chair John Dinan reported the Advocacy/Legislative Committee met today. Mr. Dinan shared that on June 26th, he and a few others attended the Aging and Disability Action Plan Seminar. Mr Dinan reported they had a good discussion on ideal housing in 5 years and how to get there. Advocacy Committee Chair Dinan attended a Ceres Town Hall meeting hosted by Assemblyman Juan Alanis. Hannah Brady was also in attendance and gave a forceful statement on the need for affordable senior housing. Mr. Dinan shared he attended the Riverbank Planning Commission Meeting and with Housing Element Meetings coming up it is an ideal time to advocate for low-cost senior housing.
 - D. Public Relations: Committee Chair Lupe Aguilera had no report.
- VII. **Area Agency on Aging Report:**
 - Margie Palomino, Aging & Veterans Director: Ms. Palomino had no report.
 - 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 will not be cutting funding for county meal programs funded through the Modernization of Older Californians Act (MOCA) for seniors in Stanislaus County.
 - Tiffany Fanfa, Planner, Aging and Veterans Services: Ms. Fanfa reported she has not heard back on Area Plan program monitoring. Older American Act Program monitoring will begin in September/October so Tiffany will be calling on the Technical Committee and other COA volunteers to assist and would be a great opportunity to learn about the Area

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Plan Title programs. Ms. Fanfa reported commissioners are invited participate in a site visit to the Senior Law Project in September and Homemaker Program in November. Ms. Fanfa passed around sign-up sheets for commissioners to take part in the events.

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

VIII. COA Activity Reports

District 1 – Susan Hall, John Dinan: Ms. Hall reported the iPad class at the Oakdale Senior Center is now 12 weeks and it comes with one year of free Wi-fi. Ms. Hall shared Oakdale will be accepting donations for the Oakdale clothes closet starting on 8/17/24 from M-Th 5-7pm at the Bianci Center. Mr. Dinan reported attending and assisting at the Senior Ball. Mr Dinan performed with the Silver Strummers at the Astoria Senior Living Facility, Ripon Senior Center and Belmare.

District 2 – Lupe Aguilera, Vacant: Ms. Aguilera reported she visited the Turlock Senior Center and MOVE to refill their pinks. Ms. Aguilera emailed participants of the Turlock Senior Center for possible candidates of the D2 vacancy on the COA.

District 3 – Nirmal Basi, Vacant: Mr. Basi shared he attended the Senior Ball.

District 4 – Martha Martin, Vacant: Ms. Martin – Ms. Martin reported she attended the Senior Ball. Ms. Martin activities this month include helping with the speaker's bureau, McHenry Mansion, and the help line at the Ag Center, and going to hospice at Casa de Modesto to visit friends.

District 5 – Roselee Hurst, Ken Hanigan: Mr. Hanigan was not in attendance at this meeting. Ms. Hurst reported she attended a focus group and shared activities participated in by the Cooties. Ms. Hurst explained the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States is a non-profit Veterans Service Organization.

Members at Large:

Joyce Gandelman: Ms. Gandelman shared she attended the Legal Aging Disability Training for the Master Plan and a legal aid training in San Francisco. Miss Gandelman reported she met with Julie Jean regarding SEAPA.

Rachell LeViege: Ms. LeViege reported she attended the orientation for California Senior Legislature.

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 is working on two SSI referrals and the case with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) has been approved and has a new SSI dispute for a client.

Dianna Olsen: Ms. Olsen had nothing to report.

Teresa Jenna: Ms. Jenna reported was not in attendance at this meeting.

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Jeri Johnson: Ms. Johnson reported she continues to participate in church activities and all COA committees and scheduled meetings.

Marye Martinez: Ms. Martinez reported she has been driving people to appointments and is helping with preparations for a funeral service on Saturday.

Sebastian Jones: Mr. Jones had nothing to report.

Ben Reuben: Mr. Reuben reported helping at the ticket table at the Senior Ball.

IX. Old Business:

A. The Senior Ball wrap up was given by Shannon Parker. A You Tube video of snippets from the Senior Ball were shared with the commission.

X. New Business:

A. Marye Martinez was chosen as chair of the nomination committee to replace the second Vice Chair for COA. Ballots were passed around to all present commission members and tallied. Lupe Aguilera was nominated and was selected as second Vice Chair (13-Y, 1-Abstain).

XI. Other Local Agency Reports:

Senior Law Project: Ms. Hannah Brady reported case statistics and a decrease in consumer debts with their clients. Ms. Brady reported she attended and presented an Elder Abuse event in San Francisco. Ms. Brady's presentation was on older adult housing instability.

MOVE: Anthony Hill reported upcoming infrastructure plans for transportation within Stanislaus County which will allow replacing older vehicles and are in the process of drafting an agreement to have new vehicles by February 2025.

Healthy Aging Association: Ms. Olsen reported flu shot vaccines will be offered on September 24th from 9-1pm at the Veterans Center.

Catholic Charities: Rosanna Velasquez reported they filled two homemaker positions for their program. Julie Jean from SEAPA shared the program will hold it's first quarterly meeting and will discuss romance scams.

Modesto Senior Center: Shannon Parker shared upcoming events for the Modesto Senior Center.

XII. Elected Officials:

Supervisor Buck Condit: Jazmine Velazquez, Field Representative for Supervisor Buck Condit, was not available to report.

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Kelly Covello- CEO Representative: Ms. Covello was not in attendance at this meeting.

Abby Pendleton, for Assemblyman Juan Alanis: Ms. Pendleton gave an overview of current bills supported by Assemblyman Alanis.

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

Gavin Cline, for Assemblyman Duarte: Mr. Cline was not in attendance at this meeting.

XIII. Next Meeting: September 9, 2024, at 1:30 pm

XIV. Adjournment: By President Martha Martin at 2:55 p.m.

Minutes: Claudia Gomez, gomezcl@stancounty.com