

COMMISSION ON AGING
AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL
3500 Coffee Road, Suite 19, Modesto, CA 95355
MINUTES – September 9, 2024 – In-Person Meeting

- I. President Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and performed roll call.
- II. **Presentation:** Trevin Barber gave a presentation of Modesto’s Economic Climate for Seniors as the Economic Development Manager for the City of Modesto.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for August 12, 2024, were approved. Moved to approve by John Dinan, seconded by Marye Martinez. Motion carried.
- IV. **Consent Item**-None.
- V. **Public Comment**-Kendra Venzke shared with the commission that she recently started a non-emergency medical transportation company in the area by the name of Freedom of Mobility.
- 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 vacancies in Districts 2, 4 and 5. Ms. Johnson informed the commission District 3 is on the Board of Supervisors agenda to have Maggie Mejia appointed as Commissioner for District 3. Ms. Johnson updated the commission on the recent interview by the Membership Committee of Tony Lopez for one of the At-Large vacancies. Mr. Lopez has accepted to fill the At Large vacancy for Veteran Advocate. Present commissioners were asked to vote to accept the committee recommendation for Mr. Lopez to fill the At-Large position with all in favor. (12-Y/0-N)
 - C. Advocacy/Legislative: Committee Chair John Dinan reported the Advocacy/Legislative Committee will meet next month. Mr. Dinan shared that on September 6th he received and reviewed information from Maria Profeta regarding SB37, which is legislation involving rental assistance for seniors, and is currently on the governor’s desk. Mr. Dinan will provide more details regarding this bill as they become available.
 - 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 was unable to attend the meeting but sent information with Executive Assistant, Claudia Gomez to share with the commission. The following was shared on Ms. Profeta’s behalf: Senior Meals intergenerational grant was renewed with Patterson, Oakdale, West Modesto Collaborative, and we partnered with Ceres Community Center to offer events for older adults and younger individuals. We are working on adding an additional day to our Senior Meals in Turlock hopefully for an October start date. Senior Farmers Market coupons first distribution went great. Our next

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distribution is set for Saturday September 14th in Turlock, and the last Modesto one will be part of the new pilot program. Those will be debit cards and we are hoping for September 23rd, but we are still working out the logistics. We are wrapping up our infrastructure funds and have updated most of our Senior Congregate sites with new equipment and upgrades.

Tiffany Fanfa, Planner, Aging and Veterans Services: Ms. Fanfa was unable to attend the meeting but wanted the commission to be reminded that the Older American Act Program monitoring will be on September 24 and 26 (both at 3pm) for the site visit to the Senior Law Project and Homemaker Program. Those who have signed up will be contacted by Tiffany. If anyone else is interested in participating in the site visits, please contact her no later than September 20th.

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

VIII. COA Activity Reports

District 1 – Susan Hall, John Dinan: Ms. Hall had no report. Mr. Dinan reported attending and assisting at the Senior Ball. Mr. Dinan performed with the Silver Strummers at the Belmare Senior Living Community.

District 2 – Lupe Aguilera, Vacant: Ms. Aguilera reported she visited Mickey Peabody, who is doing very well.

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

District 4 – Martha Martin, Vacant: Ms. Martin – Ms. Martin reported her activities this month included helping with the speaker's bureau, McHenry Mansion, and the help line at the Ag Center, and going to hospice at Casa de Modesto, and taking a friend to radiation treatment. Ms. Martin shared she will host a meet and greet for a few new commission members on September 17th in her home.

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 reported she was part of the team for the Master Plan for Stanislaus County. Ms. Gandelman shared she attended the TACC general meeting on August 22nd and will send PowerPoint presentations shared at this meeting via the commission's secretary.

Rachell LeViege: Ms. LeViege was not in attendance at this meeting.

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

Dianna Olsen: Ms. Olsen reported there will be a vaccination clinic on 9/24/24 in the ballroom of 3500 Coffee Rd, Suite 15, from 9-1pm. Ms. Olsen shared the Healthy Aging

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and Fall Prevention Summit will be held on October 11th at the Modesto Centre Plaza from 8-1pm.

Teresa Jenna: Ms. Jenna reported was not in attendance at this meeting and has tendered her resignation.

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 continues visiting friends in hospice care.

Sebastian Jones: Mr. Jones had nothing to report.

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

Marsha Bionta: Ms. Bionta reported she attended the Taste of Patterson event and had lunch at the Hammond Senior Center in Patterson.

IX. Old Business:

A. None.

X. New Business:

- A. President Martin announced the Commission on Aging Orientation/Retreat for all commissioners will be held on October 17th in room 112 from 8-12:30pm.
- B. President Martin reminded the Executive Board members that there would be no meeting in October.
- C. President Martin announced there would be no Commission on Aging meeting in November because the meeting date falls on Veterans Day. Ms. Martin announced the next CoA meeting will be held on December 9th.

XI. Other Local Agency Reports:

Senior Law Project: Ms. Jaime Gaipa reported for Hannah Brady at this meeting. Ms. Gaipa reported they have opened 117 new cases and closed 82 cases and provided a breakdown of the type of cases. Ms. Gaipa shared a few success stories of cases she has been working on with the commission.

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.

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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.

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: October 14, 2024, at 1:30 pm

XIV. Adjournment: By President Martha Martin at 3:02 p.m.

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