

**PLACER COUNTY  
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
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**MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 2020**

**Attendance**

**Members Present:** Murial Moore, Michelle Nevins, Russell Loop, Leslie Brewer, Jim Williams, William Reed, Claire Buckley, Jackie Smith, Ben Eagleton, Robin Jordan, Stephanie Vierstra, Eldon Luce, Bobbi Knapp, Joseph Rodrigues, Jim Holmes, and Linda Berry.

**Members Absent:** Suzanne Jones, Gloria Plasencia, and Kristina Blocker

**Public:** Rebecca Chenoweth, Susan Pruess, Todd Alleckson, Diane Adams, Claudia Stone, Steven Henrikson, Marty Giffin, Leza Coleman, Isabella Gaultier, and Andy Hayes

**County Staff:** Colby Hytoff, Kristina Meadows, and Dan Apgar

**Call to Order:** Nevins called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

**Public Introductions:** Introductions were made.

**Commissioner Absences:** Brewer moved to excuse Jones, Plasencia, and Blocker. Eagleton seconded the motion. **All were in favor. The motion carried.**

**Approve 11/19/19 Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made by Reed, and seconded by Williams, to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes. **Smith abstained. The motion carried.**

**Executive Committee Report:**

- Nevins stated that Knapp is up for reappointment. A motion was made by Eagleton, and seconded by Buckley, to approve the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that Knapp be re-appointed to the Commission. **All were in favor. The motion carried.**
- Nevins indicated that Rebecca Chenoweth is interested in becoming a member of the OAAC and that the Executive Committee has interviewed Ms. Chenoweth and would

like to request that the membership vote to approve the recommendation of Ms. Chenoweth's membership application to the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by **Loop**, and seconded by **Smith** to approve the recommendation of Ms. Chenoweth to the Board of Supervisors. **All were in favor. The motion carried.**

- **Luce** informed the Commission that Karla Gustafson will submit her application to replace Jamee Horning's vacant seat on the AAA4 Governing Board
- **Hytoff** shared the Placer County LAFC request for applications for an Alternative Public Member.
- **Nevins** stated that the OAAC has gone "dark" during one of the summer months in the past several years and opened the floor for discussion on whether or not the Commission would like to go "dark" in August. A motion was made by **Luce**, and seconded by **Loop**, that the OAAC go "dark" in August and not meet. **All were in favor. The motion carried.**

#### **Public Comment:**

- Several representative of the Senior Garden made comments regarding the potential impact the removal of the UC Davis Master Garden may have on the future of the Senior Garden that shares the same land:
  - **Adams** asked for assistance with keeping the Senior Garden open once UC Davis has moved their master garden that is contained within the same area of the Senior Garden. Adams is concerned that the Senior Garden will close as a result of the move.
  - **Stone** stated that the original Senior Garden was moved when Home Depot was built. Stone indicated that the gardeners have spent many years cultivating and improving the soil at their current location. Stone stated that the garden has really become a beautiful spot and she encouraged people to visit. Stone expressed that the change in the garden management really means a lot to many Seniors.
  - **Holmes** indicated that the garden issue has been brought to his attention by County staff.
  - **Alleckson** indicated that in December the gardeners were told that they would be given a contact person to reach out to with questions; this did not happen. Alleckson stated that in December the water was shut off and they received a letter regarding that indicated that a meeting would be held in February to address the future of the garden. Alleckson expressed that the garden is not only about growing vegetables, but about growing a community.
  - **Pruess** indicated that more interaction between the Agriculture department and the gardeners may assist in keeping the garden going. Pruess also expressed that the gardeners appreciate the opportunity to utilize the garden. **Holmes** suggested that the gardeners have a point of contact to represent all voices of the gardeners.

- **Henrikson** indicated that the garden provides a positive effective on mental outlook of Seniors and connection to community.
- **Gaultier** of the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet spoke about a grant that the Food Closet recently received that will allow them to serve homebound seniors 65 years and older. Seniors who are interested in participating should contact the Food Closet at 530-885-1921 to register and determine if they meet the income and other requirements to participate. Gaultier indicated that participants will receive 3 days' worth of meals per eligible household members. Meals will be available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and will be custom tailored to meet senior nutrition needs.
- **Griffin** stated that he represents Uniper Care an organization that offers an interactive solution to Senior isolation and loneliness. Griffin mentioned Uniper has been scheduled to present their product to the Commission at the upcoming March 17, 2020 meeting.
- **Coleman** Executive Director of the California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association (CLTCOA) announced that Placer County has a new Program Coordinator, Sergio Landeros. Coleman stated that the Governor has added funding to the program which will allow more staff members to be added and expand ombudsman services. Coleman shared that the Assembly Consultant for Aging and Long-Term Care Committee is seeking letter of intents for 1-time budget requests of \$1,000,000 or more for programs that support older adults. Deadline for letters is Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Letters can be sent to the attention of Liz Fuller at [elizabeth.fuller@asm.ca.gov](mailto:elizabeth.fuller@asm.ca.gov). Or contact the Assembly Committee staff at 916-319-3990 for more information. Coleman offered to do a presentation to the Commission to provide more information on the long-term Ombudsman program.

### **County Report:**

- **211** program application was submitted to the California Public Utility Commission on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Approval is anticipated in March. In the meantime, staff is working with contract facility to ensure that program is in place and ready to go when final approval has been received.
- **Accessory and Junior Assessor Dwelling Unit** resolution was adopted by the BOS updating the fee schedule. Units that are less than 750 square feet have had impact fees reduced. Impact fees are used for services such as: traffic congestion, parks and recreation, fire department, Highway 65, and some city specific fees.
- **Sustainability Plan** in an effort to become in compliance with AB32. Holmes is researching options to improve efficiencies in public transportation. He stated that he is looking at what other surrounding communities are doing to improve public transportation.

**Presentation: Placer County's Full Service Partnership (FSP)**

- **Dan Apgar** of Placer County's Health and Human Services, Adult System of Care spoke on the Placer County Full Service Partnership program. Apgar stated:
  - Full Service Partnership consists of 3 teams, Homeless, Co-occurring, and Turning Point Center, who serve those who have the most acute mental illness and life impairments as a result of their mental illness.
  - FSP works to reduce frequency of incarcerations, prevent evictions, homelessness, reduce ER and hospital visits.
  - Referrals for FSP services can come via self-referral, friends or loved ones, members of other community agencies, or via direct community outreach.
  - Homeless Resource Center Hotline (1-833-375-2327) is a great place to begin when trying to assist someone with getting connected to services.

**Staff Report: Colby Hytoff**

- Placer County Older Adult Program Statistics - **Hytoff** provided the following Placer County Older Adult Services program statistics:
  - Adult Protect Services (APS) – In November 2019, there were 188 new APS referrals, of which 156 became APS cases. There were 158 reports of abuse by others and 57 reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).
  - Abuse by others – 2 reports of abandonment, 1 reports of abduction, 66 reports of financial abuse, 6 reports of isolation, 25 reports of neglect, 19 reports of physical abuse, 32 reports of psychological abuse, 5 reports of sexual abuse.
  - Abuse by self – all 57 reports were physical self-neglect.
  - Senior Peer Counseling – 2 clients screened for services in October 2019 and 1 were connected to counselors. There were 13 outreach letters sent to potential clients, and 12 counselors who had 155 volunteer hours.
  - In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In November 2019, IHSS had 3,640 IHSS recipients and 3,474 providers. There were 91 new applications, 68 new approved cases and 79 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 1,183 recipients with 793 registry providers, including 36 registry matches and 120 provider referral lists sent to recipients.
- **Hytoff** informed the Commission of a new online portal that is in development to allow APS mandated reporters to utilize when making an APS report. State law requires that mandated reporters make a report via a phone call and then submit a written report within 72 hours. The State has indicated that an online report can take the place of the currently required process.
- **Hytoff** stated that the Placer Protect, APS, and local law enforcement agencies have worked together to form a collaborative called the Hazard Review Team. The Hazard Review Team will review high risk situation to determine if cases should be entered

into the local law enforcements computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system. Hazard alert is link to the residence address and alerts law enforcement that there is an at risk senior and to contact Adult intake services for more details. Once APS has been contacted by local law enforcement, they will be given the specific details of the APS case.

#### **Chair Report: Michelle Nevins**

- **Nevins** announced that a Town Hall Meeting, in conjunction with AAA4, will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Maidu Community Center, Meeting Room 2. A Shared Housing Advocate as well as a representative of Senior411.org will be in attendance. RSVPs should be directed to Senior's First.
- **Nevins** shared that a new electronic version of the OAAC Member Handbook has been created and will be distributed to the Commission members.
- **Nevins** stated that the Executive Committee would like to request that Members begin reporting out on their other Older Adult activities and/or organizations that they are involved in throughout Placer County. Nevins reminded the Commission that in the past the Executive Committee had asked Members to complete and submit a form with this information. Unfortunately, this did not work very well. As such, the Executive Committee decided that two Members per meeting will present a brief 3 minutes or less report to the Commission; sharing of this information is pertinent to OAAC's five-year plan. Nevins indicated that members will be asked to report out in the order of their seat number and that she and Moore will be first. The member report will occur at the end of the meeting, prior to the member announcements.

#### **AAA4 Reports: Berry**

- **Berry** indicated that AAA4 has added new Ombudsman and Cal Fresh staff members. Cal Fresh staff members will assist people in submitting their Cal Fresh applications or provide a warm handoff to County office(s) as needed.
- **Berry** also indicated that they have increased their focus on senior housing issues. They have been working with local counties, cities and various community leaders to identify people with housing insecurity and provide necessary support to stabilize these individuals.

#### **Senior Legislation Report: Smith**

- **Smith** shared CARA 2020 Legislation Priorities, Recommendations for the Master Plan for Aging, and Schools and Communities First ballot initiative.
- **Smith** announced the upcoming "Are You Prepared" event on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rocklin Community Center, Springview Hall.

**Senior Housing Report: Brewer**

- **Brewer** announced that she is stepping down from her role as a Senior Housing Advocate.
- Future senior housing reports will be offered by members in an open forum setting.

**Member Report:** The following member reports were offered:

- **Moore** indicated that in addition to serving on the OAC Commission, she is a member of CARA.
- **Nevins** shared an overview of the activities that she is involved in, and highlighted that she:
  - Attended the Aging & Disability Conferences that were held on July 31<sup>st</sup> in Nevada County and October 30<sup>th</sup> in Sutter County.
  - Attended the California's Master Plan for Aging, Understanding Voter's Views and Policy Implications, SCAN Foundation on 8/1/19.
  - Met with Anson Houghton of AAA4 regarding the Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Member Announcements:** The following member announcements were offered:

- **Buckley** reminded the Commission that she also serves on the Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board. Buckley indicated that she has been working with the Mental Health Services Act Steering committee to address the under-representation of various populations in mental health services. Buckley stated that these underserved populations include: Transition Age Youth (TAY), Latinos, Older Adults, LGBTQ, and Native Americans. Buckley indicated that a new 3-year RFP for fiscal years 2020 through 2023 is due out by Friday for Mental Health Services in Placer County. Buckley is hopeful that the new RFP will provide new opportunities for Older Adult mental health services in Placer County. Buckley reminded the Commission that the highest rate of suicide across the Country is in males age 60 years and older.
- **Rodriguez** announced that Anne Hildago is the new president of Auburn Senior Center Board.
- **Eagleton** indicated that the Pro Bono Estate Planning event in December was a success. Plans to host the event again and will share details when they become available.

**Future Agenda Suggestions:** None

**Adjourn Meeting:** A motion was made by **Luce** to adjourn the January 21, 2020 meeting. **The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.**

**Next Meeting**

**Date:** February 18, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

**Location:** Granite Bay Library, Community Room

**Address:** 6475 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay, CA