

**PLACER COUNTY
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION
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**MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2021**

Attendance

Members Present: Murial Moore, Michelle Nevins, Leslie Brewer, Russell Loop, Jim Williams, William Reed, Claire Buckley, Ben Eagleton, Jackie Smith, Eldon Luce, and Bobbi Knapp.

Members Absent: Jim Holme, Gloria Plasencia, Kristina Blocker, Clayton Wyatt and Stephanie Vierstra.

Public: Stacy Luce, Venessa Goodmen, Gary Flanagan and Karen Flanagan

County Staff: Colby Hytoff and Nicole Allen.

Call to Order: **Nevins** called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

Commissioner Absences: **Luce** moved to excuse **Blocker, Wyatt, and Vierstras'** absence; **Loop** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Approve 01/19/21 Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by **Buckley**, and seconded by **Luce**, to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes; **the motion carried.**

Executive Committee Report:

- **Hytoff** provided the Commission with an update regarding COVID-19. Placer has:
 - 19,175 confirmed cases
 - 223 deaths – 0 for ages 0-17; 3 for ages 18-49; 19 for ages 50-64; 201 for ages 65 years and older. Among those deaths, there was 199 had pre-existing medical condition and 24 are pending.
 - 58 cases in hospital, 52 confirmed COVID cases, 28 are Placer County residents
 - 17 confirmed COVID cases in the ICU, 6 are Placer residents, the COVID positive admission in the last 24 hours (this is dating back to Friday) is 4.

- 78 available Adult Medical/Surgical Beds in Placer Hospitals, 13 Adult ICU Beds in Placer Hospitals.
- The 7-day testing positivity rate is 5.6%, the present of increase case reporting in the last 7 days is 1.5%, and the present of increase case reporting in last 14 days is 3.8%, The 7-day case rate per 100,000 people is 13.4%.
- **Hytoff** highlighted the vaccination flyer that accompanied today's agenda. The flyer came from Mike Romero with Public Health and is designed for community-based organizations. As a reminder there is a shortage vaccination. We are including individuals 65 and over currently. You can call 211 if you are a senior without access to the internet and they will assist you with making an appointment. There maybe a long hold time, but you can give a number for a call back.
- **Nevins** reported that the Executive Committee wanted to inform everyone that there are 5 vacancies on the Commission. If you know of anyone that is interested in taking part, please have them complete the application process. Applicants will have to attend two meetings before their application is reviewed by the Executive Committee.
- **Luce** reported on behalf of **Vierstra** on the ADRC Database. One requirement for the Aging and Disability Recourse Connection is to have a user-friendly database of all the recourse in Placer County for older adults and disable individuals. Seniors First's new website has recently gone live. This was funded by Agency on Aging Area 4 for our ADRC.
- **Hytoff** provided the Commission with an update on Senior Peer Counseling with Beautiful Minds. This program has been with the county for many years. The new Wellness Center will open it up to this month. This will be inclusive whole person care. February will be a soft launch and firm launch in March with no disruption in services.

Public Comment: None currently.

County Report: Holmes

- **This will be rolled to the next meeting.**

Presentation:

"Still Kicking – Confronting Ageism and Ableism in the Pandemic Wake", Justice in Ageing video from Area 4 was presented. If you would like to watch this video, you can go to, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwO2rFbsmDE&feature=youtube>.

Staff Report: Hytoff

- Placer County Older Adult Program Statistics - **Hytoff** provided the following Placer County Older Adult Services program statistics:

- Adult Protect Services (APS) – In December 2020, there were 240 new APS referrals, of which 193 became APS cases. There were 167 reports of abuse by others and reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).
- Abuse by others – 2 report of abandonment, 69 reports of financial abuse, 9 reports of isolation, 28 reports of neglect, 19 reports of physical abuse, 38 reports of psychological abuse, 2 reports of sexual abuse.
- Abuse by self – all 81 reports were physical self-neglect.
- Senior Peer Counseling – In December 2020, there were 3 clients screened for services and 2 was connected to counselors. There were 10 counselors who had 75.75 volunteer hours.
- In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In December 2020, IHSS had 3,881 IHSS recipients and 3,784 providers. There were 108 new applications, 57 new approved cases and 37 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 1,400 recipients with 852 registry providers, including 18 registry matches and 74 provider referral lists sent to recipients.

AAA4 Reports: Wyatt

- **Luce** reported on behave of **Wyatt**. Spoke on the request for proposals from providers for all services provided. That they are continuing to work from home. They are currently working on the next year's budget. Digital divide is still proving to be a major concern during the pandemic.

Older Adult Legislation: Smith

- **Smith** shared that she is with CARA Legislation, a nonpartisan group that represents over million Californians. February 23, 2021 is the deadline to submit bills to legislator. They are avocation to raise the COLA for SSI/SSP and CalFresh. The is a plan for a virtual lobby day on May 19, 2021. Also working on a Medi-Cal signal payer being resubmitting to state. There was a big forum coming up on Friday at noon for climate change called Global Warming for Seniors. Assemblyman Rob Bonta and others will attend this meeting.

Older Adult Housing Report: Eagleton

- **Eagleton** shared about home modifications to live in your home longer. He provided flyers from National Council on Aging and AARP. There is information on quick low cost or no cost fixes. If there needs to be a more in-depth work that could potentially require a permit or a contractor, there is information on that process as well.

Things to keep in mind:

- Do not hire an unlicensed contractor. They are unbonded and it is illegal to into a contract to preform service valued greater than \$500.

- It is illegal for any contractor to take a large down payment. The down payment cannot exceed 10% of the value of the work done or \$1,000.00.
- Beware oral contracts. These do not have attorney fee provision.
- The contractor can use scare tactics, will go door to door to solicit the home repairs, and use high pressure sells tactics

Take all these things into consideration before moving forward.

- **Buckley** asked about the process if an older adult wanted updates, but they are renters. **Brewer** stated that PIRS has the same funds as Seniors First and they will go into rental to maker updates, only if they have permission from the landlord. The main concern is what program the funds are coming from. **Eagleton** did mention to be careful with this as you will still be liable for any updates.
- **Luce** asked if Placer has started to talk about shared housing? **Hytoff** verified at we have started to talk to Will Tiff with AAA4 about it and opening it up to an RFP. **Buckley** had an update on this. **Buckley** has been able to connect Will and Linda to PPOFT. PPOFT is looking at getting involved with shared housing. PPOFT has working on an online matching system that was used in their work in Sacramento.

Older Adult Cultural Competency Report: Buckley

- **Buckley** shared that the video shared today did cover some the Cultural Competency issues. Cultural Competency can cover many things: Ageism, Ableism, marginalized community members, ethnicity, race, or accessibilities.
 - **Luce** stated that the Placer's ADRC are going to review non and under severed populations in our county. Going to focus on who, how many and how can we reach them. As we move forward more information will be brought forward. **Buckley** offered to help with that as this it is part of the Placer READI Program to reach out to the non and under severed populations in our county.
 - **Nevins** reminded that there are two Implicit Bias trainings coming up.
 - **Buckley** reminded that there is a Couturial Brokerage series coming up and it is open to the public.

Member Report: The following member report was offered.

Loop reported that due to the restrictions with COVID, it has been difficult to be involved in programs. He does run a senior group, the try to collect information on what is needed in our county like housing and the health. He feels that a large issues is the dissemination on information and health safety education with the current pandemic.

Member Announcements:

- **Luce** stated we need to look at the States Master Plan on Aging compared to Placer County's Plan on Aging, as it does have a couturial component.

Adjourn Meeting: A motion was made by **Reed** to adjourn the February 16, 2021 meeting and **Williams** seconded the motion. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.**

Next Meeting

Date: March 16, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting: Via Zoom