

**PLACER COUNTY
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021

Attendance

Members Present: Murial Moore, Michelle Nevins, Leslie Brewer, Russell Loop, Jim Williams, William Reed, Claire Buckley, Ben Eagleton, Jackie Smith, Bobbi Knapp, Jim Holme, Kristina Blocker, Clayton Wyatt, and Stephanie Vierstra.

Members Absent: Gloria Plasencia and Eldon Luce.

Public: Karen Flanagan

County Staff: Colby Hytoff and Nicole Allen.

Call to Order: **Nevins** called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

Commissioner Absences: **Reed** moved to excuse **Luce**' absence; **Brewer** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Approve 02/16/21 Meeting Minutes:

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

Executive Committee Report:

- **Hytoff** provided the Commission with an update regarding COVID-19. State expended the vaccine groups to included people with preconditions. For more information, please go to <https://www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus>. State announced on 02/15/2021, that Anthem Blue Cross will be the third-party administrator for vaccine appointments. There will be a new system called "My Turn" to enroll for appointments to get the vaccines. You will be able to call or go online to make the appointment. More info to come.
- **Luce** is absent and the "New ADRC Database Navigator" will be rolled to the next meeting.

- **Luce** is absent and the “Results of the ADRC Survey” will be rolled to the next meeting.
- **Vierstra** announced that Seniors First is pairing with Placer Food Bank to help provide additional food to home bound seniors that food insecure. The team up started this month and has already provided 860lb of food like fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, cheese, and chicken.
- **Wyatt** reported that the AAA4 had a short meeting a few weeks ago. They are curtly working on the database and no updates on Shared Housing as of now.

Public Comment: None currently.

County Report: Holmes

- **Holmes** brought to attention that Placer was awarded \$11.8 for housing reimbursement. Placer Housing Authority will receive \$6.7 million and the Roseville Housing Authority will receive \$5.1 million. The program was established to provide funds from March 2020 to March 2022. Citizens can call 211 and be connected to the right agency for their location. With the new \$1.9 trillion stimulus package, Placer should receive \$77 million, in two payments, directly to the County. There will be a workshop on how to direct the funding. We are still dealing with an opioid addiction epidemic in Placer County and a portion of the stimulus maybe diverted to this epidemic. The County budget is currently in line with projections and is only a little under. Currently there are still other CARES Act funds available to help support the budget.
 - **Moore** inquired if the housing information can be found on the County webpage. **Holmes** stated the information on the housing reimbursement can be found on the Placer County webpage.
 - **Brewer** inquired as to when the homeless will be removed from the DeWitt campus. **Holmes** stated that they are setting up a strategy with multiple programs and departments in the County, as to how and when these actions are going to take place.
 - **Moore** inquired if “Raising Placer” is still in action to address the opioid addiction. **Holmes** stated that they are and has address addiction in our school and community.

Presentation: Buckley

- **Buckley** gave a presentation on “Introduction to Aging In the LGBTQ Community”.
The Cornerstones of Successful Aging
 - Economic Security
 - Social Connections

- Health and Well-being

The Key Challenges for LGBT Older Adults

- A Lifetime of Discrimination and Lack of Legal and Social Recognition
- A Reliance on Chosen Family
- A Lack of Competent Inclusive Healthcare

Other highlighted topics were:

- Same Sex Marriage Benefits
 - LGBT Caregivers
 - Challenges Posed by Chosen Family
 - Isolation
 - Diminished Social Support
 - Healthcare for Veterans
 - LGBT Abuse in Nursing Homes
 - Know YOUR Rights as a Nursing Home Resident
 - California Fair Housing Laws
 - Housing Discrimination and Continuing Abuse
 - LGBTQ Seniors Need a Housing Strategy of Their Own
 - Barriers to Services
 - Tips for Working with LGBT Elders
- **Moore** spoke to the info about veterans in the presented and recommended a film call “Breaking the Silence” created by LGBT veterans.
 - **Smith** spoke to fact that as a LGBT community member that there is a big concern towards Nursing Homes and the fear of abuse. It was suggested that a course of action would be to try to get LGBT rights and equal marriage rights added to the state constitution.
 - **Blocker** stated the in her experience in creating “Care Plans”, she has come across both positive and negative facilities for the LGBT community. **Blocker** is willing to provide a list of positive facilities for distribution to the LGBT community.

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 January 2021, there were 198 new APS referrals, of which 151 became APS cases. There were 147 reports of abuse by others and reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).

- Abuse by others – 2 report of abandonment, 60 reports of financial abuse, 7 reports of isolation, 20 reports of neglect, 25 reports of physical abuse, 30 reports of psychological abuse, 3 reports of sexual abuse.
- Abuse by self – all 61 reports were physical self-neglect.
- Senior Peer Counseling – In January 2021, there were 4 clients screened for services and 3 was connected to counselors. There were 9 counselors who had 52.0 volunteer hours.
- In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In January 2021, IHSS had 3,904 IHSS recipients and 3,795 providers. There were 112 new applications, 64 new approved cases and 35 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 1,440 recipients with 852 registry providers, including 13 registry matches and 92 provider referral lists sent to recipients.
- **Buckley** inquired if there was an opportunity to provide some training on the LGBTQ community with the Senior Peer Counselors? **Hytoff** stated that he will speak to his contact at “Beautiful Minds” to see what can be coordinated.

AAA4 Reports: Wyatt

- **Wyatt** verified that they have hired New ADRC Database Navigator. They will act as an entry point for the ADRC and the roll is expected to evolve over time. The applications for the RFP are due tomorrow and there could be some new organizations apply. All their funded partners are currently under their evaluation one for the fiscal year. In Sacramento, their “Dine at Home” program was extended through April. The “Agency on Aging” is now holding virtual workshops. There are free trainings with “GetSetUp” if you enter the code “area4-ca”. They are giving away Google Nests and if you are interested please contact Brittany Lathrop at 916-710-8380.

Older Adult Legislation: Smith

- **Smith** spoke on the 2021 Legislation Bills related to the Master Plan on Aging. The bill AB458, the California Affordable Importation Act, this bill will create a state running program to import approved pharmaceuticals to increase safe affordable medications. There are also bills on strengthening laws on elder abuse, dementia friendly workplace, and long-term care. She shared a flyer on “American Rescue Plan: What Advocates Older Adults Need to Know”. She also shares that SB447, Delay Till They Die, would change the victim suffering damages. California is one of 5 states that allows a victims suffering damages to die with the victim.

Older Adult Housing Report: Eagleton

- **Eagleton** spoke on rental relief and eviction protection programs. With Senate Bill 91 gives protection of eviction. You will need eviction protection; you will complete and sign the declaration that there is a hardship due to COVID. You will need to provide the landlord a copy via a trackable means like email. A good practices would be to provide it to the landlord every month. You will need to pay 25% of the apartment arrearages every month from September 2020 to June 2021. This will prevent evictions for nonpayment of rent. There are funds available for rental relief for both the tenant and the landlord. You can visit housing.ca.gov for information and applications for both tenants and the landlords. The funds are available for rental arrearages that can cover the 25% rent payments. Perspective rental payments and other assistant for expenses relate to housing encored directly or indirectly due to COVID. Funds are limited and applications are first come first served. Edibility information can also be found online as well.

Older Adult Cultural Competency Report: Buckley

- **Buckley** announced that she was elected to the Statewide Cultural Linguistics Competency Council. They had a meeting last week. She will continue to participate with Placer County Cultural Linguistics Competency.

Member Report: The following member report was offered.

- **Brewer** stated that she is active with Placer County 211 Steering Committee, PERS (a core part of the ADRC and sits on all 8 committees), and the Health Brains Initiative to create a new webpage. She stated that the unmet needs of older adults she has seen is affordable housing, transportation options, affordable healthcare, and a senior center in Auburn. A highlight was that Seniors First was approach to help arrange appointments for the vaccine. This year she has worked with Lyft to get rides for people to get their vaccines.
- **Williams** stated that he is active with the ADRC, Area 4 Advisory Committee and a verity neighborhood projects.

Member Announcements:

- **Eagleton** reported on a lawsuit that was filed in Kern County by the Attorney General against Brookdale Assistant Living for urgently discharging residents.
- **Brewer** announced that anyone knows of a senior that is having trouble navigating or making an appointment.
- **Smith** questioned if the Board of Supervisor received information about our meetings. **Hytoff** stated that **Holmes** is appointed by the Board of Supervisor and is responsible

to reported back to the Board. Once a year, we put forward our items for the legislative agenda for the County to take on legislatively.

Adjourn Meeting: A motion was made by **Moore** to adjourn the March 16, 2021 meeting and **Brewer** seconded the motion. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.**

Next Meeting

Date: April 20, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting: Via Zoom