

**PLACER COUNTY  
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

March 21, 2023

**Attendance**

**Members Present:** Karen Flanagan, Russell Loop, William Reed, Claire Buckley, Eldon Luce, Michelle Nevins, Peter Rogosin, Cindy White, and Stephanie Vierstra

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Moore, Kristina Blocker, Ben Eagleton, Murial Moore, Clayton Wyatt, Jim Williams, and Jim Holmes

**Public:** Marcia Hansen, Rebecca Hensley, Lindsey Arfsten, and Hermy Almonte

**County Staff:** Colby Hytoff and Nicole Allen

**Call to Order:** Loop called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

**Commissioner Absences:**

- A motion was made by **Luce** to excuse **Cheryl Moore', Kristina Blocker', Ben Eagleton', Jim Williams', and Murial Moore'** absence; **Reed** seconded the motion; **The motion carried.**

**Approve 02/21/23 Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made by **Buckley**, and seconded by **Flanagan**, to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes as corrected; **the motion carried.**

**Executive Committee Report:**

- **Loop** reported that Hermy Almonte has attended two meetings, provided a resume, and completed the application. He does meet the requirements and has had an interview with the Executive Committee.
  - A motion was made by **Luce**, and seconded by **Buckley**, to approve Hermy Almonte to the OAAC, Seat #12; **the motion carried.**
- **Luce** reported on AAA4 Advisory Council voted for Karen Flanagan.
  - A motion was made by **Buckley**, and seconded by **Reed**, to approve Karen Flanagan to the AAA4 Advisory Council; **the motion carried.**

- **Hytoff** reported on how to notify the Board of Supervisors on Issues and concerns. Hytoff will be contacting the Boards liaison to get a better understanding on the process. When he receives more information, he will report back to the Commission.
- **Flanagan** reported on Sharps Program Update. The program has been running in South Placer. We are still trying to get the Board to help with receiving funds. This item links back to notifying the Board. This will be added to the annual report to the Board. We will need to set up action plan once we get the funds. **Nevins** and **Vierstra** volunteered to help with grants. **Flanagan** will write up a History of Action to submit to **Holmes** and the Commission.
- **Allen** reported on the Membership Report. She introduced our prospective members and gave an update on the membership.

#### **Public Comment:**

- **Hansen** stated that the roll out for the new Medi-Cal plan has been very difficult to navigate. She asked that there be more information to during this process. There was a suggestion for an HHS Medi-Cal Rep give a presentation.
- **Almonte** stated that he is excited to hear about the Sharp Program and offered to help with the program.

#### **County Report: Holmes**

**Holmes** was not in attendance but provided a report. **Hytoff** gave the report. “The new Mobil Temporary Shelter at the Placer County Government Center has been open for guests since mid-February and it has been exceeding our expectations. The shelter has 50 tents available and as of yesterday there were 47 campers housed there. All these campers came from the unauthorized camp across the way. As you can see from the photos (printouts were provided) the difference between the chaotic and trash strewn camp and the Mobil Temporary Shelter is remarkable. Each of the tents have withstood the recent series of winter storms and are weatherproof. The tents are placed on 10 by 10-foot foundations and tethered to treated wood frames. Each of the campers are allowed only two totes to store their belongings and one pet. They are supplied with a cot and an appropriate winter sleeping bag. No smoking or alcohol is allowed on the site. There are also mobile showers that are opened two days a week and men’s and women’s restrooms that are locked at night. Porta Potties are available anytime as well. The location is adjacent to a building that provides services from Health and Human Services, Probation, and camp monitors. It also serves as a warming and cooling center during extreme heat and cold spells. The site has been visited by the entire Roseville City Council and members of the Auburn City Council and is hopefully a template for other municipalities to follow. The Board of Supervisors is looking forward to seeing a successful outcome for our unhoused population to take advantage of county services to better their living situations.

Earlier this year the Board of Supervisors received a presentation from the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet about the services that they provide including home delivery to Loomis, Foresthill, Lake of the Pines, Colfax and beyond. Please contact the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet at (530) 885-1921 for more information.

In the next several weeks the Board of Supervisors will hear a presentation from Lindsay Arfsten, the Executive Director of the Auburn Senior Center. My wife and I recently toured it, and I am looking forward to learning more about their programs.”

### **Presentation: S. Wyatt**

- **Hytoff** interduce **S. Wyatt** and the program. **S. Wyatt** presented on Access To Technology Program Update. This program is to eliminate the digital divide and isolation with seniors. This program runs as a 3-leg process: internet access, having a device, and the knowledge in how to use the devices. The types of devices that may be provided based on individual needs, include an iPad with a keyboard, Chromebook, or ElliQ. Devices will come with assistance with setup, trouble shooting, and trainings.

### **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 2023, there were 243 new APS referrals, of which 212 became APS cases. There were 370 reports of abuse by others and reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).
  - Abuse by others – 5 reports of abandonment, 3 report of abduction, 220 reports of financial abuse, 1 hording, 12 reports of isolation, 44 reports of neglect, 28 reports of physical abuse, 54 reports of psychological abuse, 3 reports of sexual abuse. Abuse by self – 174 reports were self-neglect. There were 102 of physical care, 42 of residence, 21 of financial, and 9 hoarding.
  - Senior Peer Counseling – In January 2023, there were 10 clients screened for services and 7 was connected to counselors. There were 6 counselors who had 76.7 volunteer hours.
  - In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In January 2023, IHSS had 4,312 IHSS recipients and 4,171 providers. There were 141 new applications, 60 new approved cases and 35 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 1,844 recipients with 962 registry providers, 6 orientations, including 16 registry matches and 93 provider referral lists sent to recipients.
  - **Luce** questioned if the changes to Medi-Cal will decrease the number of IHSS recipients. **Hytoff** stated that the Medical program is expanding and may increase in the number of recipients.
  - **Nevins** questioned how the Career Pathways program has been running? **Hytoff** stated that it has been a success. Current classes are full, and they are looking to add more.

### **AAA4 Reports: Hensley**

- **Hensley** reported that the agency is in its 50<sup>th</sup> year and are planning some celebrations in September. Their SS Team is at the end of their RFP cycle, and they will be reporting on that soon.

**Older Adult Legislation: Flanagan**

- **Flanagan** reported on the States Master Plan on Aging. They have 5 goals and 97 initiatives. They have a community board for all information on the initiatives.

**Older Adult Housing Report: Eagleton**

- **Eagleton** was not in attendance.

**Older Adult Cultural Competency Report: Buckley**

- **Buckley** reported on PEARLS webinar. This is a program out of Washington University. The Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) educates older adults about what depression is (and is not) and helps them develop the skills they need for self-sufficiency and more active lives. The program takes place in six to eight sessions over the course of four to five months in an older adult's home or a community-based setting that is more accessible and comfortable for older adults who do not see other mental health programs as a good fit for them. PEARLS also allows for coordination with their current health care providers where appropriate.

**Member Report:**

- **C. Moore** was not in attendance but has provided her report.
- **William** was not in attendance.

**Member Announcements:**

- None at this time.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

- A motion was made by **Flanagan** to adjourn the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and **Reed** seconded the motion. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 pm.**

**Next Meeting**

**Date:** April 18, 2023

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

**In-Person Meeting:** Granite Bay Library, 6475 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay, CA 95746