

**PLACER COUNTY
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION
11232 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 886-3683**

MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2023

Attendance

Members Present: Karen Flanagan, Russell Loop, William Reed, Claire Buckley, Eldon Luce, Michelle Nevins, Peter Rogosin, Ben Eagleton, Cindy White, Cheryll Moore, Lorin Meeks-Harris, Hermy Almonte and Murial Moore.

Members Absent: Stephanie Vierstra, Kristina Blocker, and Jim Holmes

Public: Marcia Hansen, Rebecca Hensley, Michele Irwin, and Lindsey Arfsten

County Staff: Colby Hytoff, Terry Whiteside, Collen Cuffe, 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 **Stephanie Vierstra**' absence; **Loop** seconded the motion; **The motion carried.**

Approve 03/21/23 Meeting Minutes:

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

Executive Committee Report:

- **Loop** reported that Rebecca Hensley has provided a resume and completed the application to be appointed the representative for AAA4.
 - A motion was made by **Luce**, and seconded by **Nevins**, to approve Rebecca Hensley to representative for AAA4; **the motion carried.**
- **Loop** reported on the Annual Report Update. The Executive Committee has been working on the report. They are finishing up editing and will present to the Commission in May. The Executive Committee will present the report to the Board of Supervisors in June.

- **Hytoff** reported on the communication with the Board of Supervisors Update. There are two ways to contact them. The first way is for the commission to vote to authorize the Chair to appear on their behalf and present the recommendation during the comments section at the Board of Supervisors meeting. The second way is to write a letter to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, which is Jim Holmes.
- **Flanagan** reported on Sharps Program Update. She has had a meeting with the Battalion Chief with CalFire, and he is on board to help move this forward. We need the support of the Board of Supervisors and the commission discussed making a motion to ask for the support.
 - A motion was made by **Luce**, and seconded by **Reed**, to ask for the support from the Board of Supervisors for the Sharps Program; **the motion carried**.
- **Luce** reported on May Older American's Month Proclamation. We reviewed the proclamation.
 - A motion was made by **Buckley**, and seconded by **Reed**, to send the proclamation to the Board of Supervisors for approval; **the motion carried**.
- **Hytoff** reported on AB 817. This would allow the committee/commission to have a teleconference meeting. Bill only applies to non-decision-making bodies, such as the OAAC. Meetings could be held remotely, like meetings held during COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Hytoff** reported on the Placer PROTECT North Lake Tahoe Senior Resource Fair, May 25th. We reviewed the flyer. PEERs, Del Oro, and IHSS staff will attend the fair and can give out our brochure and application. Commission member agreed to bring item to the next meeting for a raffle basket for the fair.

Public Comment:

- **Arfsten** asked why we do the Proclamation? **Hytoff** verified that the Proclamation is a way for seniors to get recognition and support from the Board of Supervisors.
- **Hansen** had a question on rent control for seniors and information on organizations that will support seniors. **Eagleton** stated that his report will go over later in the meeting and gave a brief overview.
- **Meeks-Harris** stated that she has helped several people enroll in the ATT program in Placer and Sacramento County. She feels that Placer did such a good job in our roll out of the program, that it has made other counties pick up the pace in their roll outs.

County Report: Holmes

- **Holmes** was not in attendance.

Presentation: Cuffe

- **Hyttoff** interduce **Cuffe** and the program. **Cuffe** presented on the Medi-Cal Update. The changes to Medi-Cal are due to CalAIM. This was to standardize Medi-Cal across the state. The transitions were instated on 01/01/2024. Most issues came with long term care facilities. There is an exception to retain a doctor for a year or longer if applicable. Healthcare Options handles the exceptions and applies. You can contact Healthcare Options at 1-800-430-4263, Monday-Friday.
 - **Rogosin** recommended obtaining a representative of PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) to present at future meeting. Of interest would be how to start a local program and ways that a PACE program can help Placer County seniors with skilled nursing needs.

Staff Report: Hyttoff

- The report was not available, and he will present the report at the next meeting.

AAA4 Reports: Hensley

- **Hensley** reported that the two main items they are working on are the ATT Program and looking for new member for their advisory committee. If you would like to become a member, **Hensley** can send you the application.

Older Adult Legislation: Flanagan

- **Flanagan** reported on AB 133, SB 647, and SB 245. We review the legislation on Medi-Cal eligibility and CalFresh allotments.

Older Adult Housing Report: Eagleton

- **Eagleton** reported on current issues around rent control. The resources he mentioned are:
 - **Housing Choice Voucher Program** – This federal government funded program offers rental subsidies and housing to low and very low-income households throughout Placer County. This program is usually in high demand and has a waiting list. The housing authority that offers this will put into place criteria that determine how much a family can pay towards their monthly rent. Dial (530) 889-7971 for information.
 - **The Salvation Army** - Has two main branches in Placer County California. The addresses and phone numbers are 286 Sutter Street, Auburn, California 95603, phone (530) 889-3990 as well as 102 Lincoln Way, Roseville, California 95678, (916) 784-3133 or (916) 784-3382. They administer a wide range of social services and low-income programs and can refer individuals to government resources such as homeless prevention programs. The Salvation Army can also provide emergency rental/housing assistance to low-income families, lodging, shelter, and other forms of help.

- **The Salt Mine** – Has limited funding but may be able to offer emergency rental/housing assistance to low-income families, seniors, and the disabled in the community. In some cases, the charity will offer a tenant a no-interest loan for paying their back rent. Call (916) 645-3778. The address is G Street, Lincoln, California 95648.
- **St. Vincent de Paul** – A group of local churches and charities operate in Placer County. Together they can provide emergency rental assistance, security deposits, and low-income housing to individuals and families living in Placer County. Dial (916) 781-3303. The address is 503 Giuseppe Court, Suite 8, Roseville, CA 95678.
- **Roseville Housing Assistance** – Offers a few rental programs, and other housing solutions. The services are noted below. Call (916) 774-5270
 - **Section 8 Rental Assistance Program** – They also offer this federal government funded resource. It will in effect pay approximately 70% of rental costs for low-income families and clients of the program. Services offered also include Homeless Prevention for homeless families actively participating in the Home Start Program (transitional housing). Yet another solution is the Family Self Sufficiency Program which provides financial and rental assistance to households who are working to become free of any type of public assistance or government aid, and this includes a five-year contract.
 - **City’s Housing Rehabilitation Program** - Low-income homeowners can take out a loan or grant for up to \$40,000. The money is used to make health and safety repairs to their home or housing unit.
 - **First Time Buyer Down Payment Assistance Program** – Tries to encourage home ownership for low income as well as first time buyers, renters, displaced homemakers, and single parents. Provides information on and access to low interest mortgages as well as loans, counseling sessions, and other aid.
- **Placer County Housing Authority** – Government approved/certified non-profit agency. HUD section 8 assistance vouchers and rental subsidies may be offered along with public housing. Call them for eviction prevention services as well. They can refer clients to government grants, such as ESG, and may have money for paying rent through such programs as homeless prevention and rapid rehousing. The address is 11552 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603, phone # (530) 889-7676.
- **County of Placer Department of Health and Human Services** – The primary government agency for a host of social services in the community. Low-income housing, electric bill help, food, money to pay rent and prevent evictions, and

much more. 11519 B Avenue, Auburn, California, 956032-2602, phone number 530-886-1870.

- **What Would Jesus Do?** - Is the name of the organization, and it is a Mobile Facility. Call (916) 786-9953 for hours or location. It focuses on working poor families in Roseville California, and the non-profit provides homeless services, shelter, housing, rent help, and other services and resources.
- **Project GO, Inc.** - They operate low-cost apartments, offer energy conservation services, and can direct tenants to rent or energy bill help. The housing authority address is 801 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA 95678. Phone: (916) 782-3443.
- **VOA of Placer County** - They help veterans, military members (and their families) as well as the homeless. Rent and security deposit help as part of homeless prevention, homeless shelters, job programs, grants, and case management all address housing needs. The phone number is (916) 661-5149.
- **Catholic Charities and Placer County** churches offer support. Whether it is referrals to low-income housing for migrant workers or immigrants, or funds to pay back rent or storage costs (or even energy bills), housing assistance is offered. There is also furniture, volunteers, and other rental assistance and financial aid.
- **Charitable and government funded programs** may be able to offer short term rent help. A referral service can be reached at (916) 498-1000. Everyone, from senior citizens to the low income or disabled in Placer County, can call for information on resources for paying utility or rental deposits, LIHEAP, access to shelter, or other housing costs.
- **Northern California Legal Aid** - Call (916) 551-2102. Receive free advice on housing issues. Learn about tenant rights, where to turn to for eviction help, and free legal support.
- **Sierra Foothills Aids Foundation** provides support to families living with AIDs or HIV. There is case management, financial aid for back rent, low-income housing, and referrals. The Auburn based agency can be reached at (530) 889-2437.

Older Adult Cultural Competency Report: Buckley

- **Buckley** has nothing to report at this time.

Member Report:

- **Reed** reported that he is the Treasurer for the Domestic Works which protects IHSS Workers. We currently do not have enough IHSS Providers for the number of recipients. He is also a Member of IHSS Advisory Board and CARA. He feels that not enough people are prepared in advance for their retirement and CARA assist with this. He feels the unmet needs in Placer county are Housing, IHSS Providers,

and overall senior needs. His highlight of the year has been the return to in-person events and the progress Placer County has made

- **Buckley** reviewed her report that she had submitted. Her highlight of the year has been many new behavioral health support services (crisis services, substance use services, housing services, technology services, food services (AIFC)).

Member Announcements:

- **Nevins** announced that May 4th is the “Day of Giving” and to support your local nonprofits.
- **Reed** announced that May 10th is Protected Improvement Plan meeting for Medicare and Medicaid at the Maidu Center and handed out flyers.
- **Allen** received notice from **Blocker** of her emergency absences and **Allen** asked for a vote to excuse her.
 - A motion was made by **Luce** to excuse **Kristina Blocker**’ absence; **Flanagan** seconded the motion; **The motion carried.**

Presentation: Goldfarb

- **Flanagan** interduce **Goldfarb** and the program. **Goldfarb** presented on the Paws-to-Share Program. This is a for profit animal service. They will provide services to private clients to court/hospital services. We meet Stanley, one of their service dogs.

Adjourn Meeting:

- A motion was made by **Flanagan** to adjourn the April 18th meeting and **Luce** seconded the motion. **The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.**

Next Meeting

Date: May 16, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

In-Person Meeting: Auburn Animal Shelter, 11232 B Ave, Auburn, CA 95603