

**PLACER COUNTY
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021

Attendance

Members Present: Murial Moore, Michelle Nevins, Russell Loop, Jim Williams, Claire Buckley, Ben Eagleton, Bobbi Knapp, Kristina Blocker, Clayton Wyatt, Eldon Luce, and Gloria Plasencia

Members Absent: Stephanie Vierstra, Jackie Smith, Leslie Brewer, and William N. Reed

Public: Karen Flanagan, Marcia Hansen, and Brett Shady

County Staff: Colby Hytoff and Nicole Allen

Call to Order: **Nevins** called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm. Introductions were made and a quorum was established.

Commissioner Absences: **Loop** moved to excuse **Viersra, Smith, Brewer, and Reeds'** absence; **Eagleton** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Approve 02/16/21 Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by **Williams**, and seconded by **Buckley**, to approve the March 16, 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 16 and over. For more information, please go to <https://www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus>.
- **Hytoff** verified the promotion of Raul Martinez has accepted a position as HHS Assistant Director to our Director, Dr. Rob Oldham.
- **Luce** reported on the results of the ADRC Survey. The survey was to see what the opinions our community partners and organization have on the ADRC. It was a very

positive response about the ADRC. There was several the organization that took part in the survey that had further interests in signing official MOUs.

- **Vierstra** was going to report on Seniors First pairing with Placer Food Bank but was not in attendance, rolled to next meeting
- **Membership Review**
 - **Luce** moved to reappointment **Brewer** to seat #5; **Loop** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**
 - **Luce** moved to appoint **Flanagan** to seat #4; **Williams** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Public Comment: None currently.

County Report: Holmes

- Was not in attendance, rolled to next meeting.

Presentation: Shady

- **Shady** reported on 211 Connecting Points: Rent Help Placer County. This is a County Program and not the State Program. Rent Help Placer County will provide financial assistance to low-income renters to pay past/current rent and utility payments (this does not cover mortgage payments). The key points to the Rent Help Placer Program are:
 - Only eligible renters can apply
 - Covers up to 100% of unpaid rent or utilities
 - Eligible households must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Placer County
 - Must show COVID-19 related financial hardship and risk of eviction
 - Priority funding given to eligible Households with 50% AMI OR have been unemployed for 90 consecutive days with 80% AMI
 - Applications open until April 30, 2021
 - Renter initiates application process through RentHelpPlacer.com (or 211 Placer)

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 February 2021, there were 238 new APS referrals, of which 186 became APS cases. There were 115 reports of abuse by others and reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).

- Abuse by others – 4 report of abandonment, 2 report of abduction, 46 reports of financial abuse, 2 reports of isolation, 29 reports of neglect, 14 reports of physical abuse, 18 reports of psychological abuse, 0 reports of sexual abuse.
- Abuse by self – all 80 reports were physical self-neglect.
- Senior Peer Counseling – In February 2021, there were 5 clients screened for services and 2 was connected to counselors. There were 9 counselors who had 120.0 volunteer hours.
- In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In February 2021, IHSS had 3,919 IHSS recipients and 3,805 providers. There were 116 new applications, 53 new approved cases and 40 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 1,458 recipients with 853 registry providers, including 23 registry matches and 91 provider referral lists sent to recipients.

AAA4 Reports: Wyatt

- **Wyatt** reported that they are almost done with the RFP Process. He also reported that “Dine at Home Program” will be ending this month. They are in the process of transition the most at risk clients to “Meals on Wheels” and other solutions.
 - **Luce** asked **Wyatt** to verify if there was a date when the proposers will be notified of the results of the grant process.
 - **Wyatt** verified that they will be review by the Governing Board by mid-May.

Older Adult Legislation: Smith

- **Smith** was not in attendance and she sent her report directly to the Committee members.

Older Adult Housing Report: Eagleton

- **Eagleton** spoke on to an article that was written and posted to the CANHR (California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform) about an Assembly bill the was tabled recently. The heart of the article is about oversight for skilled nursing facilities. Currently there is a rather large issue concerning the licensing of skilled nursing facilities. Many facilities are being managed by management companies and they are not required to be licensed. There is an application process for the management companies to be review. The most resent challenge to require a license for the management companies was not successful. There is a new Assembly Bill that is related to the Nursing Home issues.
 - **Moore** remarked that in the report **Smith** had provided, it talked about the new Assembly Bill as well.

- **Luce** spoke to the fact that this is an ongoing issue that several Committee Members have brought up in the past. He spoke to the fact that these facilities (licensed or not) have a habit of selling if they are facing any trouble. Then the facilities often reopen under a different name with never addressing conditions or issues.

Older Adult Cultural Competency Report: Buckley

- **Buckley** reported that she is continuing to work with the Cultural Brokers in our community and state to reduce disparities in our Services/Health Service for many underserved groups. As part of the Master Plan on Aging, they are trying to focus on inclusion and equitable services to the Older Adult Communities.
 - **Luce** thanked Buckley for her service and the information she brings to this meeting.

Member Report: The following member report was offered.

- **Buckley** reported that she attends the Board of Supervisors Meetings, local LGBT Meetings, and the “Campaign for Community Wellness” (this is our Mental Health Services Act Community Participation Process). She actively promotes services and training around Older Adults issues. She attends MHSOAC (Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission) training programs on disparities in aging and disabled communities. This also includes CIBHS (California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions), which tries to understand the issues around older adults and how to deliver better services. She volunteers with “The Homebound Senior Delivery Program” to promote food delivery systems for Older Adults and she also provides transportation to doctor’s appointments. She takes part on the Area 4 Advisory Committee, Diversity Committee, Area Planning Committee, Commission for Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board for Placer, the Alcohol and other Drug Committee, Adult Services Committee, Placer’s Cultural Linguistics Competency Committee, the statewide Cultural Linguistics Competency Committee, Placer People of Faith, Home Share American River, and Placer ADRC. She feels that the main issues for Placer County are transportation, housing insecurities and food insecurities. Isolation is an issue our seniors are facing in Placer County due to our large rural areas.
- **Reed** was not in attendance and he sent in his report. He stated that meetings and committees he is involved in are the IHSS Advisory Meeting, ADRC, FREED Board Meeting, SCDD Advisory Committee (State Council on Developmental Disabilities), CICA, California Alliance for Retired Americans, UDW Council of Senior with Disabilities. He states that some of the unmet needs for older adults is finding providers for work for difficult clients, social isolation during COVID, finding legal

help, and help navigating problems with benefits (SS, SSI, etc.). The highlight during fiscal year 2019-2020 was food and PPE (personal protective equipment) distribution to seniors. Highlighting the need for additional funding and volunteers to help seniors in these difficult times. In one week, we gave out one supplies to over 500 families. This enabled then to us use the funds for food to go to other needs such as rent and medical services.

Member Announcements:

- **Luce** suggested that we review our Master Plan on Aging in comparison to the States Master Plan on Aging. **Luce** asked **Hytoff** to verify where we are and how they match up?
 - **Hytoff** verified that the State Plan is very broad and dynamic. As it is evolving, it appears that it is going to leave it up to the Counties to choose what they would like to focus on. As it has been stated many time, the issues in Placer County are transportation, housing insecurities, food insecurities and senior homelessness.
 - **Luce** suggested that the OAAC Executive Committee could review and create a subcommittee.
 - **Buckley** agreed that a review of the Master Plan on Aging was a good idea.
- **Buckley** asked if anyone had access to the point in time count for homelessness in Placer County that was completed this year.
 - **Hytoff** verified he would investigate getting the report for her.

Adjourn Meeting: A motion was made by **Loop** to adjourn the April 20, 2021 meeting and **Buckley** seconded the motion. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.**

Next Meeting

Date: May 18, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting: Via Zoom