

**PLACER COUNTY
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2023

Attendance

Members Present: Karen Flanagan, Russell Loop, William Reed, Claire Buckley, Michelle Nevins, Cindy White, Cheryl Moore, Lorin Meeks-Harris, Hermy Almonte, Stephanie Vierstra, Rebecca Hensley, Peter Rogosin, and Murial Moore.

Members Absent: Kristina Blocker, Eldon Luce, Ben Eagleton, and Jim Holmes

Public: Marcia Hansen, Carolyn Washington, and Lindsey Arfsten

County Staff: Colby Hytoff, and Nicole Allen

Call to Order: Loop called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

Commissioner Absences:

- A motion was made by **Flanagan** to excuse **Kristina Blocker” Eldon Luce”**, and **Ben Eagleton”** absence; **Buckley** seconded the motion; **The motion carried.**

Approve 04/18/23 Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by **Reed**, and seconded by **Flanagan**, to approve the April 18, 2023 meeting minutes as corrected; **the motion carried.**

Executive Committee Report:

- **Loop** reported that **Lorin Meeks-Harris** has provided a resume and completed the application to be appointed the representative for the OAAC.
 - A motion was made by **C. Moore**, and seconded by **Flanagan**, to approve **Lorin Meeks-Harris** to representative seat #12; **the motion carried.**

- **Loop** reported that **Lindsey Arfsten** has provided a resume and completed the application to be appointed the representative for the OAAC.
 - A motion was made by **C. Moore**, and seconded by **Flanagan**, to approve **Lindsey Arfsten** to representative seat #6; **the motion carried**.
- **Loop** presented the Annual Report. This is the final copy and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in June. **Buckley** asked to have "Placer People of Faith Together" added to the list of organizations.
 - A motion was made by **Flanagan**, and seconded by **M. Moore**, to approve the Annual Report with the addition; **the motion carried**.
- **Loop** reminded the Commission that they will be voting on new Executive Committee members in June. The officer positions are Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, and Executive Secretary. If you are interested in running for a position, please inform the Nominating Committee. The chair will be **M. Moore**. The other Committee members are **Flanagan** and **C. Moore**.

Public Comment:

- None at this time.

County Report: Holmes

- **Holmes** was not in attendance. **Hyttoff** presented on his behalf. First, the Governor's May revised budget came out on the 12th. This budget update summarizes what we know so far about the proposals and issues of interest in the health and human services area where there are changes proposed in the May Revision . CWDA will continue with updates as they learn more details and as budget actions are taken in the Legislature. Read more at <https://www.cwda.org/state-budget-priorities> . Second, the Board of Supervisors approved \$31 million in funding for more broadband services in rural areas. There will be 7 broadband projects that will be funded and will services 17,847 more households in Sheridan, Newcastle, Loomis, South Auburn, North Auburn, Meadow Vista, and Folsom Lake Estates in Granite Bay.
 - **Hansen** questioned that the ATT Program did not come with internet access? **Hyttoff** verified that the program was only going to last through December and thus it could not provide internet access. Individual were directed to the Affordably Connectivity Program with the State, they offer low-cost internet though different providers.

Presentation: Washington

- **Washington** presented on HICAP. HICAP (the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) provides free and objective information and counseling

about Medicare. Volunteer counselors can help you understand your specific rights and health care options. HICAP also offers free educational presentations to groups of Medicare beneficiaries, their families and/or providers on a variety of Medicare and other health insurance related topics. **C. Moore** spoke about her experience with the intense trainings for the IHCAP volunteers. For more information, <https://cahealthadvocates.org/hicap/> or call 1-800-434-0222.

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 March 2023, there were 312 new APS referrals, of which 237 became APS cases. There were 413 reports of abuse by others and reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).
 - Abuse by others – 6 reports of abandonment, 1 report of abduction, 225 reports of financial abuse, 1 hoarding, 29 reports of isolation, 38 reports of neglect, 35 reports of physical abuse, 74 reports of psychological abuse, 4 reports of sexual abuse. Abuse by self – 233 reports were self-neglect. There were 138 of physical care, 56 of residence, 28 of financial, and 11 hoarding.
 - Senior Peer Counseling – In March 2023, there were 15 clients screened for services and 2 were connected to counselors. There were 6 counselors who had 104.08 volunteer hours.
 - In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In March 2023, IHSS had 4,369 IHSS recipients and 4,231 providers. There were 161 new applications, 60 new approved cases and 50 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 1,883 recipients with 969 registry providers, 5 orientations, including 18 registry matches and 117 provider referral lists sent to recipients.

AAA4 Reports: Hensley

- **Hensley** reported that they just finished a C4A Conference. California Association of Area Agencies on Aging is a nonprofit organization representing California's 33 area agencies on aging and is the leading voice on aging issues in California. C4A works closely with the Administration on Aging, the California Department of Aging, Department of Social Services, Department of Rehabilitation as well as key provider associations. C4A and its members provide programs that enable older Californians to live independently for as long as possible.

Older Adult Legislation: Flanagan

- **Flanagan** reported that June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Every

year an estimated 5 million, or 1 in 10 older Americans experience elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation. **Flanagan** encouraged the member to check on seniors in their community, learn about the different kinds of abuse, and the signs of abuse. She also reported on AB – 821, this requires Law Enforcement Officers to take additional dementia training on top of their standard 6-month training.

Older Adult Housing Report: Eagleton

- **Eagleton** was not in attendance.

Older Adult Cultural Competency Report: Buckley

- **Buckley** reported on PEARL Program. They currently have webinars on Cultural Competency and Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion around older adults. The statewide Cultural Competency Committee has not had a meeting this year.

Member Report:

- **Rogosin** was not in attendance.
- **Eagleton** was not in attendance.

Member Announcements:

- **M. Moore** asked if the Commission had a budget that would allow for the purchase of water for the meetings. **Reed** did verify that we do not have a budget for the purchase, but he can bring some water to the next meeting.
- **Almonte** was asked to take part in the “Homelessness Panel Discussion” on May 24, 2023 from 9:00-10:30am. He will report back to the Commission.
- **C. Moore** provided list of items for the Orientation Manual and asked to have Executive Committee provide feedback.

Adjourn Meeting:

- A motion was made by **Flanagan** to adjourn the May 16th meeting and **Reed** seconded the motion. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.**

Next Meeting

Date: June 20, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

In-Person Meeting: Granite Bay Library, 6475 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay, CA 9574