MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2019

Attendance

Members Present:  Muriel Moore, Michelle Nevins, Leslie Brewer, Jim Williams, William Reed, Jackie Smith, Robin Jordan, Gloria Plasencia, Kristina Blocker, Jamee Horning, Eldon Luce, and Bobbi Knapp

Members Absent:  Russell Loop, Suzanne Jones, Jonn Melrose, Ben Eagleton, and Joseph Rodrigues

Public:  Maggie Borowiak, Claire Buckley, Teresa Ogden, David Woods Bartley

County Staff:  Colby Hytoff, Kristina Meadows

Call to Order:  Horning called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Public Introductions:  Introductions were made.

Commissioner Absences:  Luce moved to excuse Russell Loop, Suzanne Jones, Jonn Melrose, Ben Eagleton, and Joseph Rodrigues. Reed seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. There were no unexcused absences.

Approve 4/16/19 Meeting Minutes:
- A motion was made by Reed, and seconded by Luce, to approve the amended April 16, 2019 minutes which will correct the spelling of Moore’s first name. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Executive Committee Report:
- Horning reminded the Commission that the OAAC goes “dark” and a meeting is not held each year during either the month of June or July. Horning stated the topic of which month to go “dark” was open for discussion; however, Meadows reminded
Horning that the meeting schedule had been previously made with June as the “dark” month and as a result no meeting location had been secured. Brewer stated that she recalled a vote last year making June the “dark” month. Luce, on behalf of the Executive Committee, recommended that June be the “dark” month as no meeting location had been secured. After discussion by the Commission, a motion was made by Luce that the OAAC would not meet in June and reconvene in July. Nevins seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- Horning stated that Moore and Plasencia are up for reappointment. A motion was made by Brewer, and seconded by Williams, to approve the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that both Moore and Plasencia be re-appointed to the Commission. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- Horning announced that Smith and Jordan were recently appointed by the Board of Supervisor to the Commission, and welcomed them both to the OAAC.
- Hytoff offered a status report of the Home Safe Grant. Placer County Adult Protective Services (APS) was awarded $500,000 grant from the State Department of Social Services to pilot a 3-year program called Home Safe. This program has been designed to provide APS clients (victims) of abuse short term housing stability and prevent homelessness. The funding is very flexible can be used to pay overdue rents, deposits, cleaning for hoarding situations, utilities, etc.; anything that will assist a senior or disabled adult stay in their home. Placer County has partnered, and is currently working on MOUs, with various community partners such as Legal Services, Seniors First, PIRS, and many others. Additionally, the County is part of the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierra Continuum of Care. Home Safe program is set to begin late June. State required milestones will be completed by the end of May. Hytoff was asked if funding was fluid to assist seniors financially with minor home repairs. Hytoff stated that the program is designed for short-term assistance and is available for housing stabilization and must be connected to an APS report. Repairs may be made in instances of self-neglect (remodeling a shower, etc.), if it will keep the senior or disable adult in their home.

Public Comment: Teresa Ogden of MSSP stated that her organization would like to partner with Placer County and the Home Safe program.

County Report: None.

Presentation: Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Hytoff introduced David Woods Bartley whom Hytoff recently heard speak at the Placer Consortium on Homeless regarding his journey from mental “hellness” to
mental “wellness”. May is mental health awareness month, and with the growing concern for older adult suicide, Hytoff thought that Bartley’s story would be valuable to the OAAC membership.

- Currently, Bartley is a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the International Association for Youth Mental Health, the National Storytelling Network’s Healing Story Alliance, and Active Minds.
- Bartley’s goal for each speech is the same: to shed light on the issue of mental illness, teach people how to leverage curiosity to overcome our fears, and use connection to create hope.

- **Bartley** shared his journey to overcome his four-decade long struggle with mental illness. He stressed the importance of creating connections with others to create hope and mental wellness.

**Staff Report:**  Colby Hytoff

- Placer County Older Adult Program statistics - **Hytoff** provided the following statistics from some programs within Placer County Older Adult Services:
  - Adult Protect Services (APS) – In March 2019, there were 204 new APS referrals, of which 174 became APS cases. There were 176 reports of abuse by others and 48 reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).
  - Abuse by others – 4 reports of abandonment, 1 report of abduction, 75 reports of financial abuse, 14 reports of isolation, 27 reports of neglect, 25 reports of physical abuse, 27 reports of psychological abuse, 3 reports of sexual abuse.
  - Abuse by self – all 48 reports were physical self-neglect.
  - Senior Peer Counseling – 14 clients screened for services in March 2019 and 10 were connected to counselors. There were 4 outreach letters sent to potential clients, and 13.5 counselors who had 227.75 volunteer hours.
  - In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In March 2019, IHSS had 3,413 IHSS recipients and 3,355 providers. There were 126 new applications, 61 new approved cases and 61 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 1,041 recipients with 684 registry providers, including 7 registry matches and 118 provider referral lists sent to recipients.

**Chair Report:**  Jamee Horning

- **Horning** asked the Commission if they would like to have either the August or September meeting in Tahoe. A ballot was passed around for membership to state their preference.
- **Horning** announced that the AAA4 Ad-Hoc Area Plan Committee Workgroup’s primary focus will be on developing an Information Project with the objective of getting
information out to the senior population of Placer County, as well as the public, on services that are available. Horning indicated that the ADRC may have some additional funding that could be contributed to the project.

**AAA4 Reports: Borowiak**

- **Borowiak** stated that in addition to providing support for their funded partners, AAA4 also supports programs that enhance the services of older adults. Borowiak mentioned that the AAA4 encourages the formation of local Ad-Hoc Area Plan Committees. These county formed workgroups allow each individual county to focus on their specific needs.
- AAA4 Governing Board meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2019. Borowiak indicated that the Governing Board will determine how to distribute the additional funds that need to be reallocated within Placer County.
- AAA4 will be assisting with the second wave of CalFresh applications beginning in August.

**Senior Legislation Report: Smith**

- **Smith** provided handouts on legislation supported by CARA: AB 36, AB1434, AB1481, SB329, SB338, and SB512.
- **Smith** also mentioned AB 477 Emergency Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations.

**Senior Housing Report: Brewer**

- Affordable housing project located in Roseville at Washington and Main is having their ground-breaking ceremony today at 3:00 p.m. The project will contain 59 units. 10 units have been set aside for low-income mental health clients and 10 units for Veterans. Project is set to be completed by summer of 2020.

**Announcements:** The following member announcements were offered:

- **Horning** reminded the group of the upcoming Placer Protect Fair on June 4, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Maidu Senior Center in Roseville.
- **Nevins** mentioned a couple of upcoming events: Finding Hope, Humor and Heart in Caregiving on May 29, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the North Ridge County Club in Fair Oaks and DelOro Caregiver Resource Center annual cook-off and fundraiser on June 19, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Divine Savior Catholic Church in Orangevale. A flyer for both events will be distributed electronically to the Commission.
Brewer stated that PIRS will be having their annual fundraising dinner auction on June 8, 2019. A flyer was passed out and will also be distributed electronically to the Commission.

Hyttoff will be presenting at the Board of Supervisor meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 with the District Attorney to raise awareness regarding abuse of older adult and persons with disabilities and to discuss the Placer Protect event happening in June in honor Elder Abuse awareness month.

Horning asked the membership to state the agencies, organizations, and other activities they are involved in, specifically those that support Older Adult services in Placer County:

- **Luce**: ADRC, PIRS, Seniors First, OAAC Executive Committee, OAAC Ad-Hoc Committee, and OAAC
- **Jordan**: ADRC and OAAC
- **Moore**: CSEA, CARA, and OAAC
- **Brewer**: Homeless Resource Council and OAAC
- **Smith**: Senior Summit Series, CARA, Sunburst Project, Placer County Democratic Party, and OAAC
- **Reed**: IHSS Advisory Committee, CARA, Sacramento Labor Council, Newborns in Need, OAAC Executive Committee, OAAC Ad-Hoc Committee, and OAAC
- **Knapp**: ADRC, Roseville Senior Commission, Aging Resource Exchange Sacramento, Roseville Pilot Neighborhood Elder Awareness Initiative, OAAC Ad-Hoc Committee, and OAAC
- **Williams**: Placer Protect and OAAC
- **Plasencia**: California Senior Legislature, HICAP, AAA4, CARA, American Legion Auxiliary, and OAAC
- **Nevins**: Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center, Faculty at CSU, Sacramento, Gerontology Department, Association of California Caregiver Resource Center, ADRC, Public Policy Committee and Program Education Committee with Alzheimer's Assoc. of Northern California, Northern Nevada, OAAC Executive Committee, OAAC Ad-Hoc Committee, and OAAC

**Future Agenda Suggestions**: Luce had mentioned that he had met a survivor of the Paradise Fire who, as a result of her ordeal, has become passionate about sharing her story with others. Luce suggested that she speak with the group. Horning added that combining her speech with a presentation from first responders would be beneficial to the Commission. Horning also announced that presentation scheduled for the July 16, 2019 meeting will be given by Placer Protect.
Adjourn Meeting: Action: A motion was made by Luce and seconded by Williams to adjourn the May 21, 2019 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Next Meeting

Date: July 16, 2019
Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Location: Animal Shelter
          Ambassador Room
          11232 B Avenue
          Auburn, CA