MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2019

Attendance

Members Present: Murial Moore, Michelle Nevins, Russell Loop, Suzanne Jones, Leslie Brewer, William Reed, Jackie Smith, Ben Eagleton, Robin Jordan, Gloria Plasencia, Kristina Blocker, Jamee Horning, Eldon Luce, Jim Holmes, and Linda Berry

Members Absent: Jim Williams, Bobbi Knapp and Joseph Rodrigues

Public: Sharon Pendleton and Marcia Hansen

County Staff: Colby Hytoff, Kristina Meadows

Call to Order: Horning called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

Public Introductions: Introductions were made.

Commissioner Absences: Brewer moved to excuse Jim Williams, Bobbi Knapp and Joseph Rodrigues. Loop seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. There were no unexcused absences.

Approve 7/16/19 Meeting Minutes:
- A motion was made by Luce, and seconded by Reed, to approve the July 17, 2019 minutes. Jones and Blocker abstained. The motion carried.

Executive Committee Report:
- Hytoff shared that once a year the County puts forward a legislative platform to the Board of Supervisors. Hytoff stated that the Commission has the opportunity to participate in the development of the 2019 Placer County Legislative Platform, specifically regarding Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities. Members reviewed
the following section regarding Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities from the 2018 Placer County Legislative Platform:

a. Support legislation that would establish a comprehensive and coordinated system and provide options for long term care activities that will secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment, remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence, provide a continuum of care for vulnerable seniors, and provides a comprehensive response to elder abuse/neglect and exploitation.

b. Support legislation that would provide adequate funding such as state-only funded programs, programs authorized under the Older Americans Act, a return to full funding for Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs and increases to the SSBG allocation to keep up with inflation and population growth.

c. In Home Supportive Services (IHSS): Support legislation that would transfer full financial responsibility for the County’s share of IHSS to the State and improve the quality of services received by IHSS recipients. Oppose legislation that would increase County workload or increase costs to the County for the IHSS program.
   - Hytoff opened the floor for input.
   - Commission members stated that bullet point a. and b. are relevant and should carry over to the 2019 Legislative Platform.
   - Reed suggested striking the statement, “or increase costs to the County for the IHSS program” from bullet point c.
   - Commission members agreed with striking this statement.
   - Brewer suggested adding an affordable and obtainable housing element for older adults and persons with disabilities in the 2019 Platform.
   - Hytoff stated that he would draft and distribute a 2019 Legislative Platform for approval during the September 17th Commission meeting.

- Horning presented the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval. The Commission offered positive comments; no suggestions for changes or corrections was offered. A motion was made by Brewer to approve the Annual Report and seconded by Reed. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- Horning stated that nominations for Executive Committee Officers are needed for the 2019 – 2021 term. Brewer inquired if all of the current Executive Committee Officers were willing and able to serve; it was determined that all current Officers are willing and able to serve. Horning asked if there was any other nominations, none were given. A motion was made by Brewer to keep the Executive Committee Officers and positions held as is. Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- Hytoff offered a status report of the Home Safe Grant. Placer County Adult Protective Services (APS) was awarded approximately $500,000 in grant funding 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. Hytoff reported that the program launched on July 1st, and has:

- Assisted 9 clients, spending approximately $10,000 in program funds.
- Hosted the first Home Safe Meet and Greet with County partners on August 19th.
  - Meet and Greets will continue to be held monthly.

**Public Comment:**

- **Hansen** asked if there was any assistance that could be provided to seniors whose Medi-Cal share of costs went up due to their increase in Social Security income.
- **Brewer** suggested Hansen contact PIRS; PIRS offers programs that may be able to assist these seniors.
- **Hytoff** suggested contacting Placer County Human Services as they oversee the Medi-Cal program and would be able to address specific questions and offer suggestions.

**County Report:** Holmes provided updates on the following:

- **Fire Insurance:** California Insurance Commissioner, Ricardo Lara, will be at a Town Hall meeting on August 28th to address the Fire Insurance issues affecting Placer County residents. Town Hall meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Gold Country Fairgrounds in the Placer Hall.
- **211 Referral Service:** Referral service has been approved and services will be contracted with Nevada Sierra Connecting Point. Formal contract will be in place shortly.
- **Housing for Healthy California Grant:** BOS recently authorized the Placer County Health and Human Services Director to apply for $3,500,000 grant. Grant can be used in $10,000 increments to assist individuals with costs associated with housing.
- **Affordable Housing:** Holmes indicated that affordable housing and the in-lieu fees has been an on-going issue that needs to be addressed. Holmes indicated that the Community Development Resource Agency (CDRA) will be at the next BOS meeting scheduled for August 27th. Holmes stated that the formation of an Affordable Housing Authority comprised of community partners, such as Northern California Legal Services, North State Building Industry Association, local real estate and lending professionals, affordable housing advocates and members of the OAAC may be the solution to addressing the affordable housing needs of Placer County residents. Holmes encouraged the Commission members to attend the meeting and be part of the discussion.
- **Criminal Justice Grant:** Holmes shared that the County was awarded a $30,000,000 Criminal Justice Grant that required a $3,000,000 match from County funds. The grant was awarded to build housing for the mentally ill and keep them out of jail. Housing project will be located near the South Placer Justice Center. Holmes stated that he will be meeting with the Jail Commander to discuss the enormous operational costs associated with the project once it is built.

**Presentation:** None

**Staff Report:** Colby Hytoff
- Placer County Older Adult Program Statistics - **Hytoff** provided the following Placer County Older Adult Services program statistics:
  - Adult Protect Services (APS) – In June 2019, there were 232 new APS referrals, of which 174 became APS cases. There were 209 reports of abuse by others and 81 reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).
  - Abuse by others – 2 reports of abandonment, 0 report of abduction, 78 reports of financial abuse, 16 reports of isolation, 37 reports of neglect, 23 reports of physical abuse, 49 reports of psychological abuse, 4 reports of sexual abuse.
  - Abuse by self – all 81 reports were physical self-neglect.
  - Senior Peer Counseling – 18 clients screened for services in June 2019 and 8 were connected to counselors. There were 5 outreach letters sent to potential clients, and 13 counselors who had 203.25 volunteer hours.
  - In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In June 2019, IHSS had 3,498 IHSS recipients and 3,407 providers. There were 111 new applications, 74 new approved cases and 41 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 1,098 recipients with 719 registry providers, including 38 registry matches and 115 provider referral lists sent to recipients.

**Chair Report:** Jamee Horning
- **Horning** shared a powerpoint of the Senior411.org project and provided an overview of the project to date. **Horning** asked the Commission to visit the website, [www.senior411.org](http://www.senior411.org), and offer suggestions for content improvement and/or edits.
- **Horning** announced that Suicide Prevention Week is September 8 – 14th, and Suicide Prevention day is September 10th.

**AAA4 Reports:** Berry
- **Berry** reminded they Commission that AAA4 goes through four-year cycles. Part of this year’s cycle included a needs assessment survey for older adults.
Berry indicated that Placer County’s workgroup, which developed the Senior411.org project, had one of the most completed project of all of the counties that they serve.

Berry mentioned that almost all of the town hall meetings have been scheduled throughout the counties that they serve. Dates will be posted on their website and Placer County’s town hall meetings will also be posted on Senior411.org.

- Town hall meetings will highlight each county’s workgroup’s focus.
- Results of the age friendly survey will be reviewed, including how funds will be distributed within that county.

Berry stated that funded partner contracts are almost completed. First round of evaluations will begin toward the end of the first quarter.

Senior Legislation Report: Smith

- Smith provided handouts on legislation supported by CARA: AB36, AB1434, AB1481, AB 1482, SB329, SB338, and SB512.
- Smith emphasized bills SB 338 and AB 1434.
- Smith also stated that Prop 13 petition signatures will be needed again in October; original petition was not filed due to a missed deadline.

Senior Housing Report: Brewer

- Brewer encouraged the Commission members to attend the August 27th BOS meeting as advocates for affordable housing.

Announcements: The following member announcements were offered:

- Loop shared the 5 best places to live in California, among those mentioned was Rocklin.

Future Agenda Suggestions:

- Reed suggested having a developer as a guest speaker (presenter) to provide another perspective on the challenges of the affordable housing crisis.

Adjourn Meeting: Action: A motion was made by Luce and seconded by Jones to adjourn the August 20, 2019 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Next Meeting
Date: September 17, 2019
Time: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Location: Auburn Animal Shelter, Ambassador Room
Address: 11232 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603