



**PLACER COUNTY
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION**
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MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2014

Attendance

Members Present: Al Gonzalez, Suzanne Jones, David Wiltsee, William Reed, Antoinette Fabela, Sue Dings, Candace Roeder, Eldon Luce, Nancy Vasquez, and Cheryl Trenwith

Members Absent: Dr. Irwin Herman, Gloria Plasencia, Ignacio Cespedes, Karla Gustafson, Alicia Murray, and Margaret Riley

Guests: Joe Rodriguez, Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman; Susan Billings, Ombudsman Services of Northern CA; Cheryl Simcox, Program Manager, Ombudsman Services of Northern CA; Paula Johnston and Philip Jacques, Auburn Community TV; Robert Mehler; and Tammy Howard

County Staff: Leah Rosasco, aide to Supervisor Holmes and Pauline Moreno, Public Authority Secretary

Call to Order: Luce called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.

Member Introductions: The roll was taken, a quorum was established, and introductions were made.

Approve 04-15-14 Meeting Minutes: This item carried over to the June meeting.

Member Announcements: The following member announcements were offered.

- Luce: The Board of Supervisors passed a Proclamation declaring May as Older Americans Month.
- Luce added Item 6B to the agenda: Presentation: Auburn Community TV – Al Gonzalez.
- Fabela: Attended the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency's meeting to submit a proposal to add the Auburn Food Closet's new location as part of a bus route. The clientele numbers are down at the food closet due to its somewhat remote location. The nearest bus stop is one mile away.

Public Comment: No public comment was offered.

Presentation: Long-term care Ombudsman Program - Joe Rodriguez

- Mission Statement: As mandated by the Older Americans Act, the mission of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is to seek resolution of problems and advocate for the rights of residents of long-term care facilities with the goal of enhancing the quality of life and of care of residents.
- Provided an overview of the history of how the LTC Ombudsman Program was created and developed as well as the criteria for volunteering to be an Ombudsman. Volunteers must understand the laws, rules, regulations, etc. that surround the role of the program. A primary role of the volunteer is to monitor facilities for compliance with applicable laws.
- Currently tracking 31 legislative bills related to LTC facilities.
- There are 35 local Ombudsman offices in California.
- Crisis line = 800-231-4024; to report issues of abuse, neglect, etc.
- Provided an overview of the County Ombudsman services: 174 facilities with some 3,000 residents.
- Each facility must post the name, address, and phone number of the Ombudsman responsible for that facility.
- Fiscal year 2013 saw 39,000 complaints.
- Majority of complains around resident's treatment by staff.
- Ombudsman staff able to serve in 25 different languages.
- Responsibilities:
 - Prevention: Monitor and initiate changes in laws, regulations, and policies.
 - Resolve problems at the lowest level possible.
 - Intervention: Be assessable; ID, investigate, and resolve issues.
 - Seek legal and other remedies to protect residents.
 - Being a Mandated Reporter of abuse.
 - ID, investigate and resolve complaints.
 - Ensure regular Ombudsman presence at LTC facilities.
 - Address patterns of problematic facility practices.
 - Maximize community awareness and involvement.
 - Influence public policy.
 - Closely monitor and research legislation being proposed.
 - Ensure effective program administration.
 - Protecting and assisting residents.
 - Promoting quality LTC: Visit facilities, conduct trainings, consultations, assist with information, assist with surveys.

Presentation: Auburn Community TV – Al Gonzalez, Paula Johnston, Philip Jacques

- Provided an overview and the benefits of Auburn Community TV.
- ACTV20.org is the website (a schedule is provided there).

This topic will be discussed further at the June meeting.

Discussion: Annual Report - Eldon Luce

Luce briefly discussed the report, received additional input and information; and committed to having the report ready for final approval at the June meeting.

Report A4AA: Vasquez provided the following report on A4AA funding decisions for Placer County:

- Funding will start on July 1st 2014 for:
 - Kinship Care, 55+, caring for adult children.
 - Transportation funds split between Tahoe Transportation District and Seniors First, \$25,000.
 - Caregiver Respite Care and Caregiver Support Care - both categories awarded to Del Oro Care and Resource Center.
 - Personal Care - Rescare Home Care (Arizona based).

Report - Senior Legislation: No report available.

Report – Placer County Report: Rosasco gave the following report:

- There are now free community libraries (in some neighborhoods) in large bird-house-like boxes that contain books for residents to borrow. For more information: littlefreelibrary.org.
- Rosasco attended the board meeting at the Senior Center where the relocation issue was discussed with Placer County Facility Services. It was suggested that a multi-purpose Senior/Community Center be considered. This concept warrants further discussion; however cannot be accomplished currently considering the need and the existing time-line for relocation.

Report – A4AA Advisory Council Update: No report available.

Report – Housing Committee Update: David Wiltsee reported:

- The Housing Committee is in need of more members.
 - Fabela offered to help with research tasks or work to be done; she just cannot make the meetings due to another commitment.
 - Jones volunteered to join the committee.
- On the committee's review of legislation; and that
- The committee is looking at new senior housing concepts.

New Business: it was suggested that a petition should be considered to increase care givers wage.

Agenda Items for June Meeting: No items suggested.

Future Agenda Items: Standing reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM

Next Meeting

Date:	June 17, 2014
Time:	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Location:	Loomis Library Jessie Helms Room 6050 Library Drive Loomis, CA