

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

Bishop Senior Center
682 Spruce Street
Bishop, CA

January 28, 2015

Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present: *Roger Rasche, Rachel Lober, Harriet Davis, Geni Sliger, Jeff Hunter, Phyllis Mikalowsky*

Other Attendees: *Jean Turner, Gina Ellis, Kathy Peterson, Melissa Best-Baker, Jeffrey Mikalowsky, Richard Cervantes, CL Buck Grace*

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no one wishing to make a Public Comment.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Jean Turner welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

4. Distribution of Advisory Council Membership Roster and Terms

An updated roster of the Memberships was included as part of the meeting packet.

5. Approval of minutes from October 29, 2014 meeting

Motion Harriett Davis, seconded by Phyllis Mikalowsky to approve the minutes from October 29, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. County of Mono – Contract Amendment #4; Change in Allocation & Invoicing

Melissa Best-Baker, Senior Management Analyst gave a brief report on Contract Amendment #4 with the County of Mono. She reported that the amendment was a result of additional funding from the State Department which increased the total contract amount. She added that another change to the agreement was a result of an audit finding from CDA that would require Mono County to move to monthly invoices for their funds. Motion Harriett Davis, seconded by Phyllis Mikalowsky to recommend approval of the amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. County of Mono – Contract Amendment #5; Registered Dietician Services

Jean Turner spoke about Contract Amendment #5 with the County of Mono. She explained that the State requires the program to have a Registered Dietician (RD) for menu preparation and oversight of nutritional guidelines. She gave a brief history of

Mono County's RD Services, stating that they had been purchasing services from Inyo, but that their Auditor asked them to change how that was being handled, so this amendment would build RD services into the existing agreement. Motion Jeff Hunter, seconded by Geni Sliger to recommend approval of the amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Administrative and Program Update: Jean Turner

A. State Ombudsman Monitoring Visit – November 3-5, 2014

Jean Turner reported on the State Ombudsman Monitoring Visit conducted in November. She said that Keri Oney is the local Ombudsman who acts as an advocate for patients, investigates concerns and oversees family councils in the local Long-Term Care Facilities. She said that she has had very positive feedback, and that the facilities and families really like Keri. She said the State had given her a verbal report that they were thrilled with Keri and that she was a very good fit for the program, and that she would share the report once it was received.

B. Changes in Inyo's service delivery

Jean reported that she had been giving updates to the Board of Supervisors on participation. There was discussion about the data in the Program Services Report. She asked that people keep her informed of what they are seeing with the change in service delivery, but that initial reports were that overall it was going pretty well so far.

C. Preparing for 2014-2015 Area Plan Update

Jean stated that the Area Plan Update was generally due May 1st, but that she hadn't received any information yet. She said that she will bring information to the April meeting. She welcomed ideas from the group.

9. Brief Presentation from Richard Cervantes, our Representative to the CA Senior Legislature

Chairperson Rasche introduced California Senior Legislature Representative, Richard Cervantes. Mr. Cervantes gave the history of the Senior Legislature. He said that Inyo has an opening for an Assembly Member. He introduced Buck Grace as his assistant and said Mr. Grace had accompanied him to Sacramento. Mr. Cervantes said he had been elected to the Health Committee. He spoke about the procedure used to pass new legislation, and reported on several of the bills that had been proposed and lobbied during his visit to Sacramento. Jean Turner thanked both gentlemen for their service to the seniors in Inyo and Mono counties. The group gave a round of applause, and offered thanks as well. Rachel Lober thanked them for what she called the clearest presentation she had ever received on the subject. Kathy Peterson asked if the gentlemen would be willing to make a presentation to Mono County Board of Supervisors, and they exchanged contact information. Mr. Cervantes said if anyone could come forward with a piece of legislature, he would be happy to take it forward.

10. Discussion and Possible Action – A Spring Election for the 2nd ESAAA representative to the CA Senior Legislature

Jean said there was a second representative position and that she would bring it back to the April meeting if the group would like. There was discussion on outreach for the position, and the possibility of finding a representative from Mono County.

11. 2015 meeting dates and locations

The next meeting date was discussed and Jean explained the April meeting should be held at a Long-Term Care Facility because of the Area Plan update.

- April 15, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. at a Long-Term Care Facility in Bishop
- July 15, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. in Mammoth
- October 28, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. in Mammoth

12. Meeting Adjourned

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.