

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

Inyo County Health & Human Services
920 N. Main Street
Bishop, CA

January 29, 2014

Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present: Roger Rasche, Rachel Lober, Saul Sanabria, Phyllis Mikalowsky, Mary Jefferson, Matt Kingsley

Other Attendees: Jean Turner, Gina Ellis, Marilyn Mann, Denelle Carrington, Keri Oney, Beverly Terry, Alica Smalley, Harriett Davis, Bill Lutze, Debra Hildago, Marge Erbeck, Kathy Peterson, Megan Foster

1. Call to Order of the Advisory Council

Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

3. Approval of minutes from October 30, 2013 meeting

A motion was made by Phyllis Mikalowsky, and seconded by Rachel Lober to approve the minutes of October 30, 2013. There was no objection to the motion; motion carried.

4. Program Report: Marilyn Mann

Services in Inyo & Mono

Marilyn Mann, ESAAA Program Director distributed the ESAAA Program Services Report for Inyo and Mono Counties for the period of July 1, 2013 through December 30, 2013.

5. Planning for future funding reductions; looking at options –

Jean Turner led a discussion on the possibility of future funding reductions and the need to plan ahead. She provided a handout titled *Allocation Differences from 07/08 to 13/14 for the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging*, and discussed the data and provided the history of the funding issues. She spoke about the service redesign groups that had recently been developed and the brainstorming that the groups had been charged with. She added that although the senior program had been discussed, it only one of many ideas that were being proposed, and it was far from a decision, since this was a very early exploratory phase. The group began a brainstorming session and made the following suggestions:

Possible Ideas to Explore

1. Private non-profits/Methodist Church
2. Communicate to seniors – meal costs and feedback loop to seniors
3. Assess needs of home-delivered recipients thru Social Services funded Social Worker (try to reduce stacks of frozen meals in freezer)
4. Increase congregate usage – buddy system
5. Blend Lone Pine Site Manager with Social Services funded Supervisor
6. Vendorize locally thru various vendors

7. Outside vendor
8. Reduce # of delivery days, alternating
9. Increase revenue
10. Jail – consolidate kitchens deliver hot meals from Indy to Lone Pine
11. Hospitals
12. Keep things are they are

Jean provided three (3) additional handouts titled, 1) *Meal Breakdown Analysis*; 2) *ESAAA Unduplicated Count FY 2012-2013 – Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals*; 3) *ESAAA-IC-GOLD Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals, Unduplicated Count of Individuals Participating in Meals Program, 2012-2013* and reviewed and discussed the data on each of the documents. A comment was made that there could not be enough lobbying for senior programs. Jean Turner mentioned that if anyone was interested in sitting on the Senior Legislature, she could get them the information. Sheriff Bill Lutze spoke about the ability the jail has to provide meals with their current structure. He handed out a sample menu and invited the group to sample a meal and take a tour of the facility.

6. Advisory Council Membership Vacancies

Jean Turner spoke about the series of recent resignations from Advisory Council members noting that Saul Sanabria, Jim Copeland, Selma Calnan and Christie Martindale had resigned. She spoke about the recruiting efforts that would be made to fill the four (4) vacant positions. She added that while several of the required categories were filled with the existing members, efforts would be made to fill the other mandated categories including a Health Care Provider and Minority. The group agreed that it would be great to have a member Mono County. Kathy Peterson said that she would talk with the Mono County Board of Supervisors and do some outreach in an effort to recruit members from Mono County.

7. 2014 meeting dates and locations

The proposed meeting calendar for 2014 was presented as follows:

- March 19, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. (tentatively at Sterling Heights)
- July 16, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. in Mammoth
- October 29, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. in Lone Pine

With additional meetings to be scheduled as needed.

It was noted that due to scheduling difficulties, the March 19th meeting would not be held at Sterling Heights, but attempts would be made to hold it at another Long-Term Care facility.

8. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.