

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

Lone Pine Senior Center – Statham Hall
138 N. Jackson Street
Lone Pine, CA

October 30, 2013

Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present: *Jim Copeland, Roger Rasche, Rachel Lober, Saul Sanabria, Phyllis Mikalowsky, Mary Jefferson*

Other Attendees: *Jean Turner, Gina Ellis, Marilyn Mann, Denelle Carrington, Keri Oney, Kathy Peterson, Megan Foster*

1. Call to Order of the Advisory Council

Chairperson Jim Copeland called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Public Comment

Roger Rasche stated that Foothill had changed hands, and that his rent would be increasing by 7%. He asked if there was rent control in the County. Jean Tuner suggested talking to Public Works. Marilyn Mann suggested talking to the Senior Legal Program.

3. Approval of minutes from July 10, 2013 meeting

A correction was requested in section 5. Administrative Report: where it reads 3 month and 6 month budgets, the 6 months should be 9 months. Also, in section 5. the wrong form of citing had been used in the second paragraph. Motion Roger Rasche, seconded by Saul Sanabria to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting with the noted corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Program Report: Marilyn Mann

Services in Inyo & Mono

Marilyn Mann, ESAAA Program Director distributed and went over the data in the Program Services Report for Inyo and Mono Counties which included fiscal year 2012-2013 and July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013. She highlighted that the Ombudsman program had been brought in-house during fiscal year 2012-2013, which created a shift in the data. She added that there been some difficulty with reporting, but that it was accurate within a unit or two. She said that Darwin, Keeler and Olancho-Cartago were included in the Lone Pine data, and that Benton was included in Walker, and that she would add that information to future reports. She reported that Mono County would soon be purchasing meals from the Bishop Senior Center for the communities on the Hwy 6 corridor. The meals will include 3 hot meals and 2 frozen meals each week. Kathy Peterson passed along thanks from Mono County Supervisor Fred Stump for making this happen. Marilyn spoke about the level of service Keri Oney has been providing as the Ombudsman coordinator, noting that the LTC sites know her well.

5. Administrative/Fiscal Report: Jean Turner, Denelle Carrington, Marilyn Mann

Report on CDA Monitoring Visit

Jean Turner spoke about the recent monitoring visit by the California Department of Aging (CDA). She said the last time they had visited was in 2008, at which time they had 89 findings. She said following this visit, she had received a half page report with 15 findings. She said all in all, it was a very positive visit.

Spanish Language Public Service Announcements

There was discussion on outreach to the Spanish speaking community. Information was exchanged on contact people for each of the senior sites so that information could be publicized to invite the Spanish speaking community to congregate meal sites. The group reviewed the proposed language that was included in the meeting packet. Saul Sanabria said he would be happy to work on translating the Public Service Announcement's into Spanish.

6. Let's get prepared! Planning now for potential funding reductions next year.

Jean Turner spoke about the potential for funding reductions and the unknowns. She said that she and her staff had worked up several scenarios, none of which were good. She said that she had been meeting with Site Coordinators and Cooks about some of the fiscal concerns, and that the Cooks had been discussing ways to save money. Jean asked the Advisory Council members for direction. There was discussion about what some of the other senior programs are doing and cost saving ideas: Some are serving frozen meals such as Healthy Choice and supplementing with milk. The food has to meet daily nutritional values; There was discussion about staffing and volunteers and some of the issues that come with volunteers; It was asked if there are any community based organizations that could take the program on; Waiting lists, which it was said most sites in the State are using, were proposed; Reducing the number of hot delivered meals; searching for grants; have a church take on one day per week. Jean asked the group to be thinking and to bring back ideas and options to the next meeting to be considered.

7. Advisory Council Memberships: Terms expiring December 2013 & Current Vacancies

Jean said that Christie Martindale had left Toiyabe and now worked at the County Auditor's office, and that Selma Calnan had moved to Montana, so both of their Advisory Council membership seats were open. She said that her office would open a recruitment with the Board Clerk to fill the vacant positions and the others positions that would be expiring at the end of 2013.

8. Proposed 2014 meeting dates and locations

The 2014 meeting dates and locations were reviewed, and set as follows:

- January 22, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. in Bishop
- March 26, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. at a Long-Term Care Facility in Bishop
- July 16, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. in Mammoth
- October 29, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. in Lone Pine

9. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.