

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

Bishop Care Center, 151 Pioneer Lane, Bishop
Mono County Conference Room, 74 N. School St., Bridgeport

April 3, 2013

Minutes

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

Attendees at Bishop meeting site: *Jean Turner, Gina Ellis, Marilyn Mann, Craig Clayton, Katie Hawkins, Jeff Griffiths, Denelle Carrington, Keri Oney*

Attendees at Bridgeport meeting site: *Megan Foster, Kathy Peterson*

1. Call to Order of the Advisory Council

Chairperson Jim Copeland called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Public Comment

Jean Turner thanked Craig Clayton and Katie Hawkins from the Bishop Care Center for the use of their facility for today's meeting. She explained that this was the first Public Hearing that had been held at Long-Term Care (LTC) facility, and that she was hopeful that future hearings would be held at LTC's as well.

3. Approval of minutes from January 2013 meeting

Motion Roger Rasche, seconded by Saul Sanabria to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Introduction of new Ombudsman Program Coordinator, Staff and Volunteers – Marilyn Mann

Marilyn Mann introduced herself as the interim Ombudsman Coordinator, noting that she had recently received her certification from the State. She introduced Keri Oney as a new staff member of the Ombudsman program who is going through the training process to become the Ombudsman Program Coordinator. She went on to say that Paulette Erwin had been a volunteer for the program, who had continued with the program since it moved to Inyo County. Jean Turner acknowledged and thanked Kathryn Williams for her decades of service in the Ombudsman Advocacy Program. The program transition officially took place on April 1, 2013. Jean gave a brief history of the Ombudsman program. She reported that although the physical address of the program would now be at the County office located at 163 May Street, the phone number would remain the same: (760) 872-4128. Keri distributed a flyer used to recruit volunteers. Jean asked that if anyone had ideas on how to recruit volunteers to please let her or her staff know.

Marilyn Mann distributed the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging (ESAAA) Program Services Report of Inyo and Mono Counties for FY 12/13, July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. She went over the contents of the report. She explained that Benton was included in the Walker meal count, since that is where the meals come from and are delivered by a staff person to the residents in Benton, which is why it does not appear as a service area on the report.

Jean distributed a letter from the California Department of Aging (CDA) dated March 27, 2013, regarding the Single Audit Reporting Package 2010-11, PSA 16. She thanked Fiscal Director, Denelle Carrington, for her work on the review, and for her extensive work on the program funding.

5. PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed Area Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Chairman Copeland opened the Public Hearing at 10:58 a.m.

Jean Turner reported on the Area Plan Update (APU). She stated that the APU only included the sections that had been changed from the original Area Plan. The APU is due to CDA May 1st. She hopes to take the plan to the Governing Board on April 16th.

Revisions and/or corrections to the plan included: Marilyn Mann explained that in Section 9, 1.9 had been deleted because it was a duplicate of number 1.1 and 1.10 had been renumbered. She added that PEARLS should actually be Healthy Ideas.

Jean noted that the outreach to the Hispanic population would be worked on.

Senior Legal Services – Jean informed the group that there was no longer a provider for Senior Legal Services, and that the minimum funding percentages may need to be revisited at today's meeting. She noted that her office been in contact with California Indian Legal Services (CILS), who may be interested in reassuming the contract. Christie Martindale asked if it would be a conflict of interest for her to participate around activities where CILS was concerned because CILS is the legal provider for Toiyabe Indian Health Project where she is employed. She agreed to recuse herself from the vote. The possibility of a shared legal services provider position with Child Support was discussed. Jean responded by saying that at this time, things were up in the air, and that actions may have to be taken on dual tracks until a solution can be found to secure another legal service provider. There was discussion about how the Needs Assessment and Utilization Trends were used to determine the existing minimum percentages of - 50% Access (bus passes and assisted transportation), 5% In-Home, and 10% Legal Assistance, and if that number should be revisited.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 11:47 a.m.

6. Recommendation to Governing Board for Approval of Area Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2013-14, with any modifications from Public Hearing input – ACTION NEEDED

Motion Roger Rasche, seconded by Matt Kingsley to recommend the approval of the Area Plan Update to the Governing Board, and to leave the funding split percentages as is for the Title IIIB funds. Motion carried 7-YES, 0-NO, and 1-Absention by Christie Martindale.

7. Verify next meeting date of Wednesday, July 10, 2013 and location

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the ESAAA Advisory Council would be held in Mammoth Lakes, California on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The location would be determined at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.