

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

Lone Pine Senior Center - Statham Hall
138 N. Jackson Street
Lone Pine, CA 93545

May 21, 2014

Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present: *Roger Rasche, Rachel Lober, Phyllis Mikalowsky, Mary Jefferson, Matt Kingsley, Margaret Erbeck, Harriet Davis, Geni Sliger*

Other Attendees: *Jean Turner, Gina Ellis, Marilyn Mann, Denelle Carrington, Keri Oney, Krista Cooper*

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

Chairperson Rasche commented that the Advisory Council was here to represent the seniors and the not the Board of Supervisors.

3. Discussion and recommendations to our Inyo County Board of Supervisors on our local IC-GOLD (Inyo County-Growing Older Living with Dignity) budget that augments the ESAAA services in Inyo County.

This discussion follows the May 20 workshop before the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, and provides the Advisory Council an opportunity to provide a collective recommendation to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors regarding the IC-GOLD budget.

There was extensive discussion and several ideas were proposed and comments made. The following is a summary of the discussion:

Concerning In-Home Care the following ideas were proposed:

- No change
- Cap at current level and create a waiting list for anything over current funding level.
- Have all clients apply for Medi-Cal to determine eligibility for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS).
- Eliminate all in-home services. Build "Bridge to IHSS" for 30-45 days.
- Charge clients sliding fee for services.

Concerning Home-Delivered and Congregate Meals the following ideas were proposed:

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

- No change
- Cap at current level with the funding from the State, and supplement with an Inyo County program, where another set of rules can be applied. Create a waiting list.

- Deliver more frozen meals. May require people to have more freezer space, or a microwave.
- Have service organizations deliver meals; Police Department, Fire Department, Rotary Clubs.
- Create a "Friends Of" group for fundraisers
- Change the rules so that volunteers can drive County vehicles or get mileage reimbursement.

CONGREGATE MEALS

- No change
- Live within the limits of the ESAAA funds only, and create waiting lists.
- One day per week could be an IC-GOLD program, and could be charged on a sliding scale.
- Reduce the number of congregate meals at the sites by one day.

It was discussed that these recommendations could be offered as pilots and have staff and participants report back for course correction if needed. Staff will put together a summary of the concepts and will present to the Advisory Council before going back before the Board of Supervisors for a workshop on June 17, 2014.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Center in Lone Pine.