

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

Mono County Board of Supervisors Conference Room
452 Old Mammoth Rd. 3rd Floor
Mammoth Lakes, CA

July 16, 2014

Minutes

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

Other Attendees: Jean Turner, Gina Ellis, Marilyn Mann, Denelle Carrington, Keri Oney, Krista Cooper, Kathy Peterson, Tim Fesko, Fred Stump, Melissa Best-Baker, Megan Foster

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

No one wished to speak during the public comment period.

3. Approval of minutes from April 2, 2014, May 21, 2014 and June 12, 2014 meetings

Motion Phyllis Mikalowsky, seconded by Harriet Davis to approve the minutes from April 2, 2014, May 21, 2014 and June 12, 2014 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Election of Officers

From the ESAAA Advisory Council By-laws

Matt Kingsley nominated Roger Rasche for Chairperson, Phyllis Mikalowsky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Phyllis Mikalowsky nominated Harriett Davis for Vice-Chairperson, Roger Rasche seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Program Services Report: Marilyn Mann

Marilyn Mann distributed the ESAAA Program Services Report for Inyo and Mono Counties for the period of July 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. She reviewed the report, noting that the dates on page 1 were incorrect, and should read July 1, 2013 rather than October 1, 2013. She said that staff were still inputting data for 2014, so the year end data would be included in the report for the next meeting.

Jean Turner gave a contractor update for Legal Services, saying that she had recently received a termination letter from California Indian Legal Services (CILS). CILS had stated that they were not going to be able to continue to provide the services required for the low dollar amount that they received for their services. They are struggling to provide the level of one-on-one service required in the contract. She went on to say that she was in the process of renegotiating with CILS, and upon further conversations,

they felt they could continue to be our legal service provider, but at a different level. She said that she would bring their proposal for the types of services they could offer for the amount of money available to the next meeting for the Council's review.

6. Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Denelle Carrington distributed the Area Plan Budget Summary – Budgeted Costs for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. She spoke about the budget, saying that it was \$30,000 more than last year, and that it had been rumored that there may also be some additional funding in the future for special nutrition.

Jean Turner spoke about blending Supervisor positions in Bishop and Lone Pine, and the funding cuts. She also spoke about the Advisory Council meetings that had addressed Inyo specific program cutbacks. She explained that the ideas that had been chosen were to charge for one day at congregate meals, and to reduce home delivery to one day. She said that she and her staff were looking at ways to augment services with other programs, including Healthy Ideas. She was hoping to set the fees with the Board of Supervisors in August. Jean thanked the Advisory Council for their hard work and participation through this difficult process. She added that there is a commitment to monitor our clients. It was asked how the HWY 6 meal delivery would be impacted from this change. The response was that the Bishop kitchen will still prepare meals on a daily basis, and that as long as the Mono County staff continues to pick up the meals for delivery, there shouldn't be any changes. The estimated implementation date is October 1, 2014.

Mono County Supervisor, Fred Stump, thanked Denelle Carrington for all her efforts. Jean Turner added that staff are exploring options with consolidating food orders. She concluded the discussion by saying that new ideas will continue to be looked at.

7. Next Meeting: October 29, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – Bishop (location to be determined)

8. Meeting Adjourned

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.