

# Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z (Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers)  
Minaret Shopping Center, Second Floor  
Mammoth Lakes, CA

**October 10, 2018**

## **Minutes**

### Advisory Council Members Present:

*Roger Rasche, Rachel Lober, Phyllis Mikalowsky, Georgette Noble, Karen Hoodman, Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh, Kelli Huntsinger,*

### Other Attendees:

*Marilyn Mann, Meaghan McCamman, Keri Oney Paulette Erwin, Kathy Peterson, Mono County Supervisor Fred Stump, Alyson Beaumont, Mono County Supervisor John Peters.*

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#### **1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

#### **2. Introduction of Advisory Council members and staff**

Each individual announced their name and their role. Newly appointed Advisory Council Members Kelli Huntsinger and Georgette Noble provided a detailed introduction. Quorum was established.

#### **3. Public Comment**

-Chairperson Roger Rasche invited Public Comment. Mr. Rasche provided information about an open house event taking place on Saturday, October 13 from 9am-2pm at Southern Inyo Hospital. Marilyn Mann confirmed that Keri Oney, Meaghan McCamman and Rebecca Houle would be representing Inyo County Health and Human Services at this event.

#### **4. Approval of minutes from April 2018- ACTION**

Roger Rasche asked for approval of the minutes from April 2018. There were no comments or corrections discussed among attendees. Roger Rasche then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh and seconded by Georgette Noble. Rachel Lober – YES; Roger Rasche – YES; Dan Totheroh – YES; Georgette Noble – YES; Kelli Huntsinger – YES; Karen Hoodman- YES; Absent members – Phyllis Mikalowsky- (absent at time of vote), Harriet Davis-Stines.

#### **5. Staff Reports**

##### **A. Keri Oney: Program Report for PSA 16 (Inyo and Mono Counties)**

Keri Oney provided a verbal report of the information detailed on the ESAAA Services Report for July 1, 2017- March 31, 2018. Ms. Oney confirmed that she would have the certified closeout numbers form the year from the state database. Kathy Peterson inquired about obtaining data specific to Benton and the

Tri-Valley area. Ms. Oney confirmed that she was checking with the Inyo County I.S. Department to pull the Benton and Tri-Valley Data from the database. Supervisor Dan Totheroh inquired about the trends and asked if we can compile the data with last years to compare. Ms. Mann confirmed that this process was already maintained for the area planning process and wouldn't be a problem to pull together for the purpose of review by the council. Keri Oney confirmed that she would set up a process for pulling the data and compile for comparative purposes.

Ms. Oney also provided a report on the first official round of the WISE program classes starting today in Lone Pine. WISE stands for Wellness Initiative Senior Education and aims to educate older adults on healthy living choices. Ms. Oney confirmed that both herself and Ms. Mann were planning to rotate quarterly between Walker, Lone Pine, Bishop and Tecopa to provide this training to all seniors in the surrounding areas. Phyllis Mikalowsky entered towards the end of Ms. Oney's verbal report.

After Ms. Oney, Paulette Erwin noted that she had just returned from the Long Term Care Ombudsman fall conference. Ms. Erwin shared that October is resident's rights month and Southern Inyo would be hosting a "Day in the Life of a Senior" training for employees to participate in and get a feel for what it is like to be a resident in the facility. Ms. Erwin also shared that she is having a lot of success with instituting the family council meetings at both the Bishop Care Center and Sterling Heights. She noted they have provided many positive experiences, helped identify common goals and increase and improve services as a whole.

#### **B. Marilyn Mann: 2018-2019 Budget Allocation Approval- ACTION**

Marilyn Mann provided this report in Melissa Best-Baker's absence. Ms. Mann noted that there was a slight increase in funds to all streams received from CDA this year. A detailed conversation ensued about ensuring that both Inyo and Mono Counties continue to work together to ensure we are best meeting the needs of seniors in both communities and allocating funds accordingly. Mono County Supervisor John Peters inquired about how the percentages for budget splits were established and Ms. Mann confirmed that these were these original percentages agreed upon in the 4-year plan. Georgette Noble asked if it would be possible to get a comparative analysis of the budget splits from past years to compare with these current numbers. Ms. Mann confirmed that this is something she would need to ask the Senior Management Analyst, Melissa Best-Baker, to bring to the group at a later date; as she is the one who prepares these reports. At this time, Chairperson Roger Rasche asked for a motion to approve the current budget allocation for 2018-2019. Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh made a motion to approve and was seconded by Phyllis Mikalowsky. Rachel Lober – YES; Roger Rasche – YES; Dan Totheroh – YES; Georgette Noble – YES; Kelli Huntsinger – YES; Karen Hoodman- YES; Phyllis Mikalowsky- YES Absent members: Harriet Davis-Stines.

#### **C. Marilyn Mann: Senior Legislator Update**

Marilyn Mann confirmed that the term for the last Senior Legislator expired and was not filled for 2018 due to lack of interest from the community after running an advertisement. Ms. Mann confirmed that the Health and Human Services office is working with the CSL (California Senior Legislature) and Inyo County Board of Supervisors to obtain requirements and hold an election for 2019. Mono County Supervisor John Peters confirmed that he believed there were resources within CSAC that could offer

support on this. Meaghan McCamman also confirmed that she would be interested in providing support to the Senior Legislator in their role when the time arises.

**6. Suggested 2018 Meeting Dates and Locations for ESAAA Advisory Council**

The suggested meeting dates Wednesday, January 23, 2019- Bishop; Wednesday, April 24, 2019- Bishop, Wednesday, June 26, 2019- Mammoth Lakes, Wednesday, October 23, 2019- Mammoth Lakes were agreed upon. Mono County Supervisor Fred Stump noted that it would be helpful to provide teleconference from Walker for future meetings, so that interested parties could attend via Zoom. Marilyn Mann confirmed teleconference would be set up for these meetings.

**7. Meeting Adjourned**

Roger Rasche adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.