

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging
Advisory Council Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting and in Person

March 16, 2023
Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:

Roger Rasche, Kelli Davis, Heidi Dougherty, Inyo County Supervisor Trina Orrill, Patti Hamic-Christensen, and Sandra Lund

Other Attendees:

Marilyn Mann, Melissa Best-Baker, Anna Scott, Morningstar Willis-Wagoner, Paulette Erwin, Kathy Peterson, Kayla Closson, Krista Cooper, Darcia Blackdeer-Lent, Lyndsey Garrett, Skippy Sumner, Jenette Serpa (ASL for Skippy), Melissa Witting, (private citizen) Sandra Sallans and Roy Carlson

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order as of 10:01 a.m.

2. Introductions of Advisory Council Members and Staff

Everyone announced their name and their role. Quorum was established with all but Heidi Dougherty present. Heidi Dougherty joining meeting at 10:08 a.m.

3. Supervisor Orrill made motion with second by Kelli Davis to allow for video teleconferencing due to the current state of emergency, allowing Ms. Ward to participate virtually to ensure a quorum.

4. Public Comment

Chairperson Kelli Davis invited Public Comment.

Private Citizen, Sandra Sallans, brought up for discussion meal delivery and transportation for seniors in Inyo County. Advisory council instructed Ms. Sallans to follow-up with Morningstar Willis-Wagoner.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chairperson Roger Rasche invited nominations for Chair. Motion to nominate Kelli Davis as Chair was made by Inyo County Supervisor Trina Orrill and seconded by Roger Rasche – the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Roger Rasche, Kelli Davis, Trina Orrill, Sandra Lund, and Patti Hamic-Christensen

Nays: None

Absent: Heidi Dougherty

Chairperson Roger Rasche invited nominations for Vice Chair. Motion to nominate Sandy Lund as Vice Chair by Patti Hamic-Christensen and seconded by Heidi Dougherty– the motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Roger Rasche, Kelli Davis, Trina Orrill, Sandra Lund, Heidi Dougherty, and Patti Hamic-Christensen

Nays: None

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6. Approval of minutes from October 7, 2022 meeting

Chairperson Kelli Davis asked for approval of the minutes for October 7, 2022. There were no comments or corrections discussed among attendees. Motion to approve minutes by Heidi Dougherty and seconded by Sandra Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Staff Reports

a. Marilyn Mann: ESAAA Administrative Staffing Report

Marilyn Mann provided an update on the Advisory Council vacancies (3) currently recruiting for in Inyo and Mono County.

b. Morningstar Willis-Wagoner: ESAAA Services Report for PSA 16 for FY 2021-2022 and mid-year for FY 2022-2023

Morningstar Willis-Wagoner provided an update on the continued increase in the number of congregate and delivered meals provided in both Inyo County and Mono County.

c. Paulette Erwin: Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report

Paulette Erwin reported on her work for Elder Abuse Awareness for the month of June. Sharing the placemat she designed & will be distributing to the Senior Centers and local Business's.

d. Mono County Updates

Krista Cooper gave brief update regarding Mono County Road closures and the in-home delivery of meals to seniors in the tri-valley area, because of the recent storms. Kathy Peterson gave an update on the program they're implementing to help create connection among older adults and people with disabilities with loved ones. They are excited about this program and hope to share what they learn from this program at a future ESAAA meeting.

Comments: There were some clarifying questions that were answered regarding training, subscriptions, and internet coverage. No other comments were made.

8. Public Hearing on the Annual Update of the Area Plan for PSA 16

(Public Hearing Opened at 10:48 am)
Time

- a. Marilyn Mann provided the annual summary of the Area Plan Update. Stating that one of the items identified as a barrier for many eligible residents in both Inyo and Mono Counties is able to access medical and specialty medical and other critical social service resources.
- b. We as an agency are recommending maintaining the minimum percentages. This is more specific to the supportive service funding, which is called IIIB. They've historically been:

50% Access: Transportation/Assisted Transportation
5% In-Home Services
10% Legal assistance

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The dollar amount for both Inyo and Mono counties has historically been about \$100,000 for supportive services. Over the last three years with the influx of funding coming in to support a wider range of support to our residents, teasing out what funding is going to be continuing beyond the pandemic has been a little challenging.

- c. Paulette Erwin discussed the Ombudsman Long-Term Care. She explained how the data is collected is entered causing the baseline resolution on page 19, to look like the resolution percentage is low and the investment hasn't been as affective as it really is. When it should show how effective the Ombudsman is in resolving a complaint. She also shared a new interactive training that's been developed for the LTC facilities & Senior Centers.

Comments: One Council member indicated an interest in bringing the interactive training to Mono County. No other comments were made.

(Public Hearing Closed at 11:02 am)
Time

9. Advisory Council Support to Recommend to the Governing Board Approval of the Area Plan Update - ACTION

Kelli asked for a motion to approve the Area Plan Update to the Governing Board. Motion to approve was made by Roger Rasche and seconded by Patti Hamic-Christensen – the motion carried as follows:
Ayes: Roger Rasche, Kelli Davis, Trina Orrill, Sandra Lund, Heidi Dougherty, and Patti Hamic-Christensen
Nays: None

10. Budget Display for One Time Only Allocation Distribution Recommendation – ACTION

Melissa Best-Baker discussed annual one-time only monies and confirmed that there hasn't been any change and directed everyone to the last two pages of the packet. She went on to state that PSA 16 received \$19,364 in OTO monies.

Comments: There were some clarifying questions that were answered.

Kelli called for the vote for the one time only allocation distribution recommendation. Motion by Roger Rasche and seconded by Heidi Dougherty – the motion carried as follows:
Ayes: Roger Rasche, Kelli Davis, Trina Orrill, Sandra Lund, Heidi Dougherty, and Patti Hamic-Christensen
Nays: None

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11. Advisory Council Member Reports

Advisory Council member reports were opened. Roger Rasche thanked Kelli Davis for accepting the new Chair position and thanked the rest of the council for their time and support. Marilyn and Kelli both expressed their appreciation of Roger and time he spent as Chairperson for the council.

Marilyn mentioned the vacancies on the Advisory Council & requested that we talk to anyone in either Inyo or Mono County who might be interested in becoming a council member.

12. Propose/Discuss Meeting Dates and Locations for ESAAA Advisory Council Meetings:

May 3rd, 2023 at 10:00 AM.
In-Person at Bishop HHS COB Building,
Zoom via Mammoth,
Zoom via Walker Senior Center,
Possibly Zoom via Lone Pine