

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

Mammoth Lakes BOS Conference Room
452 Old Mammoth Rd, 3rd Floor, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

August 28, 2019

Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:

Roger Rasche, Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh, Kelli Davis, Rachel Lober, and Sandra Lund.

Other Attendees:

Marilyn Mann, Keri Oney, Melissa Best-Baker, Rhiannon Baker, and Kathy Peterson.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order at 10:38am.

2. Introduction of Advisory Council members and staff

Each individual announced their name and their role. Quorum was established.

3. Public Comment

Chairperson Roger Rasche invited Public Comment. No comment was given.

4. Approval of minutes from April 4, 2019- ACTION

Chairperson Roger Rasche asked for approval of the minutes from April 2019. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kelli Davis and seconded by Sandra Lund. Roger Rasche – YES; Rachel Lober – YES; Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh – YES; Absent members – Phyllis Mikalowsky, Georgette Noble, JoAnn Poncho.

5. Staff Reports

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

Keri Oney began her update with an inquiry as to whether or not the graph break downs from the previous meeting were helpful. County Supervisor Dan Totheroh responded that they were helpful. Keri stated that the next time she provides the data it will be for a full year time period.

Keri explained the data submission process and transition to new data management system. One problem is that Inyo County's IC Gold data isn't submitted to the state so we are working with Inyo County Information Services to pull and sort out only the necessary data. Reconciled numbers on FY 18/19 should be available at the next meeting

From FY 17/18 to FY 18/19 there was an increase of 2,600 congregate meals, 9,000 home delivered meals, and 47 seniors receiving services. Those numbers are for the entire PSA 16 and not broken up per site. The next step is to have those numbers verified and reconciled. Sandra Lund asked if seniors receiving services are assessed. Marilyn Mann responded that they receive an initial assessment prior to receiving services and then again every quarter. Keri Oney stated that numbers are continuing to rise

with the exception of Assisted Transports to medical appointments which are down almost 100 trips. This decrease is due primarily to staff shortages and with new staff coming in, hopefully those numbers will increase. One way bus passes have increased by 2,300 passes. Respite care is up in Inyo County and Keri is working with Patricia Espinoza in Mono County to identify respite eligible individuals. Sandra Lund commented that the Friendship Center in Bishop is underutilized and is for anyone with memory issues. Marilyn Mann clarified that respite care is for a caregiver, including those caring for an individual of any age who has Alzheimer's.

Keri provided the following updates on behalf of Paulette Erwin:

- The ESAAA program was able to hire a part time staff due partially to Paulette's advocacy for additional funding. Inyo and Mono counties were initially left out of the state's calculation but Paulette was able to press the state and our funding increased from \$30,000 per year to \$100,000 per year. The new staff member works part time on Senior Center activities and part time on Ombudsman activities.
- Paulette was voted on as a California Council on Aging (CalCOA) board member to represent rural counties.
- June was Elder Abuse Awareness Month with Board of Supervisor's proclamations being read in both Inyo and Mono counties. The Ombudsman also hosted two health and resource fairs in June with approximately 80-100 people in attendance in Bishop and slightly less but still a good turnout in Lone Pine.
- California is rolling out a new Ombudsman database where all data will be entered. Staff plan to attend training on the new system.
- October is Residents Rights Month and Paulette plans to host trainings at 3 long term care facilities throughout the month.
- Paulette has also taken over the role of Volunteer Coordinator in Inyo County. There will be a volunteer appreciation event in October.
Kelli Davis asked how many volunteers are in Inyo County. Keri responded that there are approximately 50 program specific volunteers.
- Independence had to change the location of their congregate lunch which has been met with resistance. ESAAA will be performing outreach to seniors located in Independence.

B. Marilyn Mann: Area Plan Update

At the April 4, 2019 your council approved submission of the Area Plan Update to CDA. We had minimal corrections that needed to be made after review by the state and we received a formal letter from CDA accepting our plan.

The CDA has a new digital newsletter that is very high tech; Rhiannon will forward the link to your email addresses. The CDA has new leadership who seems to be making positive changes.

C. Marilyn Mann: Area Plan 2020-2024 planning

We are in the final year of our 4 year Area Plan and about to enter into the planning phase for the next 4 year plan. Marilyn handed out the needs assessment questionnaire from 2015 and asked the council if there was anything that they wanted added before its distribution in October/ November to please submit their changes by the end of September. The goal is to have anyone 60 years + and caregivers complete the assessment. We plan to create a digital version of the questionnaire so that it can be linked to websites and filled out online as well as coordinate with Mono County partners for hard copy distribution. Kelli Davis suggested that we also distribute them in doctor offices.

D. Melissa Best-Baker: 2019-2020 Budget Allocation Approval – ACTION

Funds are allocated in the spring but they are not the final numbers for FY 19/20; as one time funds are often designated during the first or second quarter of the FY. There is a decrease in 3B Transportation funds, an increase in Ombudsman Funds, a decrease in Congregate funds and an increase in Home Delivered Meal funds for FY 19/20. The budget is built on these baseline numbers. A new budget will be built following the money allocation.

Chairperson Roger Rasche called for motion to recommend approval to the governing board. Motion to recommend approval was made by Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh and seconded by Kelli Davis. Roger Rasche – YES; Rachel Lober – YES; Sandra Lund – YES; Absent members – Phyllis Mikalowsky, Georgette Noble, JoAnn Poncho.

6. Suggested 2019 Meeting Dates and Locations for ESAAA Advisory Council

The suggested meeting date of Wednesday, October 9, 2019- Mammoth Lakes was agreed upon.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Roger Rasche adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.