

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

February 4, 2022
Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:

Sandra Lund, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Roger Rasche, Heidi Dougherty, Kelli Davis, Teresa McFarland (present after item No. 4).

Other Attendees:

Marilyn Mann, Keri Oney, Melissa Best-Baker, Mono Supervisor John Peters, Leslie Gaunt, Jean Bigham, Morningstar Willis-Wagoner, Sonja Velarde, Mono County Supervisor Rhonda Duggan, and Michelle Raust

1. Call to Order

ESAAA Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order as of 1:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment

Ms. Mann apologized for the confusion around the change in meeting. Mr. Rasche acknowledged the loss of Lee Keller, a Lone Pine resident, and Linda Arcularius. Mr. Peters reported that with Kathy Peterson, the Mono County Director of Social Services; Cathy Senderling with California Welfare Directors Association; and Tom Joseph with Paragon Government Relations they are drafting a policy resolution for National association of counties to solidify funding for social service funding for disaster services.

2. Approval of minutes from October 27, 2021 meeting

Chairperson will: 1) request a motion and a second; 2) ask for discussion; 3) call for the vote.

Motion made by Heidi Dougherty and seconded by Patti Hamic-Christensen

Ayes: Heidi Daugherty, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Kelli Davis, Roger Rasche, Rachel Lober

Nays: None

Absent: Sandra Lund, Dan Totheroh, Teresa McFarland and JoAnn Poncho

3. American Rescue Plan Allocation

Ms. Best-Baker reviewed the Allocation received and the percentage share between Inyo and Mono Counties. Ms. Mann provided overview of how the priorities and percentages are determined. Sandra Lund joined during the discussion. Discussion included issues related to changing needs and types of supportive services such as mental health services. Caregiver support is an area that is being assessed for additional needs based upon recent caregiver feedback. Ms. Lund was having technology issues and dropped off prior to the vote on the item.

Motion made by Patti Hamic-Christensen and seconded by Kelli Davis

Ayes: Heidi Daugherty, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Kelli Davis, Roger Rasche, Rachel Lober

Nays: None

Absent: Sandra Lund, Dan Totheroh, Teresa McFarland and JoAnn Poncho

4. Staff Reports

Keri Oney provided an ESAAA Services Report for PSA 16 with data for the quarter of FY 21-22 and the data for the second quarter is being reconciled. Ms. Oney and Ms. Raust provided an overview of county-specific programming. Ms. Oney also provided an update on LTC Ombudsman services. She shared the success of the lifelike robotic pets that have been deployed at both long-term care facilities. Ms. Lund was able to rejoin the meeting during this discussion. Ms. Oney reported having received N95 masks and other related items from the Office of Emergency Services that will be distributed throughout both counties. Ms. Raust and Ms. Hamic-Christensen provided an update on the tri-county area where they have hired a new staff person to serve that area. Ms. Mann provided an overview of the area plan updating process and projected a likelihood of recommending continuation of current funding distribution across the service area. Reported that Ms. Willis-Wagoner will be providing more administrative support to ESAAA.

5. Meeting Adjourned by Mr. Rasche