Tuolumne County Committee on Aging

Minutes of Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, 1:30 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Introductions:
    A. Quorum established – 12 members present
2. Public Comments:
    A. COA member Kristi Conforti asked whether committee members could ask questions during public comment. She was informed that committee members could ask questions or make additional comments at the end of the meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes:
    A. There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.
    B. There was discussion around which set of minutes should be included for approval since several meetings were missed in 2023.
    C. COA member Britne Gose stated that she would send the most recent unapproved minutes to the CAO to be approved in addition to the minutes from the May meeting.
4. Chairman's report:
    A. COA Chairman David Goldemberg addressed the desire to bring in additional members to the COA. COA member Cathie Peacock expressed concerns about the establishment of a true roster count. CAO Staff support explained that since the BOS member acting as the chair of the committee counts toward the quorum, the actual count of seats on the committee is 21.
    B. Chairman Goldemberg stated that BOS Supervisor Ryan Campbell had asked someone from his district to apply to join the COA. Chairman Goldemberg exchanged some messages with this person, but had not heard back by the time of the May 8th meeting. Discussion ensued further regarding COA collaboration to contact this person and bring them into the committee.
    C. COA member Ted Michaud asked a question about the procedures for Board appointed COA members. Discussion ensued.

D. COA member Cathie Peacock inquired about a resolution proclaiming May as "California Older Adults Month."

5. Treasurer's Report:
   A. The current balance of the COA treasury is $9,602.48. Discussion ensued on whether this was the correct amount.
   B. Chairman Goldemberg asked where the COA funds are held. The Tuolumne County Auditor-Controller's Office keeps track of the COA funding.
   C. Discussion ensued on the use of public funds that were acquired as donations to the COA.
6. Corresponding Secretary's Report:
   A. CAO Staff read aloud from Attachment A – Overview of Changes Made to Policy Advisory Committees
   B. Chairman Goldemberg spoke about the intent of the BOS in making the changes to the operations of committees. The intent of the Board was to streamline operations for all committees so they have consistently applied rules and guidelines. Chairman Goldemberg stressed the importance of the continued work of the COA as they provide valuable insight to the Board on issues relating to seniors.
   C. COA member Cathie Peacock voiced concerns about the delays in getting the COA up and moving after the changes to the guidelines. Discussion ensued.
7. BOS Report/Updates:
   A. During the BOS report, Chairman Goldemberg discussed the Board's progress addressing homelessness. He further discussed COA member Cathie Peacock's previous surveys of elderly homeless in the community. He also expanded on NIMBY attitudes toward the homeless and the upcoming BOS vote to purchase the property at 20420 Rafferty Ct (Formerly Oak Terrace Memory Care). He also emphasized the challenges faced by the county staff working on homeless services projects. Discussion ensued.
8. Guest Speaker:
   A. None
9. Work Groups Liaison:

A. COA member Cathie Peacock led a discussion regarding the COA workgroups (The workgroups and their proposed activities were outlined in Attachment B – Suggested Work Groups Activities).
B. Chairman Goldemberg asked a series of questions regarding the development of brochures. Discussion ensued.
C. Discussion ensued regarding engagement in legislation.
D. Discussion ensued regarding transporation issues for the local elderly population.
E. COA member Cathie Peacock mentioned low-income housing for seniors. Discussion ensued.
F. Discussion ensued regarding a training program for those turning 65 to help them with the challenges that come with reaching that age.

10. Unfinished business:
    A. No comments
11. New Business:
    A. A short discussion ensued regarding recruiting that echoed statements made during the Chairman's report.
    B. Discussion ensued regarding the COA roster. A question was asked whether a verbal resignation from former COA member Carlton Penwell should be accepted.
    C. CAO Staff stated that they would be following up with COA members to further build out information for the roster.
    D. No discussion was had regarding current senior issues. That work would be covered in the workgroups
    E. Discussion ensued regarding the Centenarion Honors Event. Chairman Goldemberg spoke about the challenges of arranging the attendance and transportation for the guests of the Centenarion event. Discussion ensued.
    F. COA member Kristi Conforti left the meeting at 3:02 pm.
    G. No discussion was had regarding the community senior survey.
12. Comments:

A. COA member Britne Gose asked if the CAO staff would need the binders with applications and documents from former COA member Malcolm Carden. She said she would bring the binders to the CAO.

B. COA member Catherine Driver asked about the COA having a table at the Safe Living and Elder Empowerment Symposium.

C. COA member Tim Gillespie asked the group to continue reminding people that the Tuolumne County Transit is still operating for free. He further explained that on Saturday, May 13^{th}, the transit busses would be in continuous operation acting as shuttles between The Junction shopping center and downtown Sonora. Follow up questions were asked. Discussion ensued.

13. Adjournment:

A. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm