

Tuolumne County Committee on Aging

Minutes of Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, 1:30 pm

Meeting held at the Tuolumne County Senior Center

1. Call to Order / Introductions

A. Establishment of Quorum

- i. Quorum established – 9 members present
- ii. COA Chairman Ryan Campbell, Melody Brotby, , Kristi Conforti, Catherine Driver, John Featherstone, Tim Gillespie, Cathie Peacock, Nancy Reggio, Jackie Sample
- iii. Meeting called to order at 1:45 pm

B. Introductions

- i. Committee members gave introductions

2. Public Comments:

A. None.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- A. COA Member Cathie Peacock motioned to approve the minutes from the November 13th meeting. Second from COA Member John Featherstone.

4. Chairman's Report:

- A. COA Chairman Ryan Campbell described a survey about transportation needs and walkability in the Soulsbyville area. The data could be used to apply for grants to build additional sidewalks.

B. The BOS continues to look into issues related to Short Term Rentals (STR).

- i. Tuolumne County housing demographics as they relate to STRs and how they affect overall housing availability.
- ii. Data collection from residents about housing concerns as they relate to STRs and housing availability.
- iii. Discussion ensued from the committee. Who owns all these homes used for STRs? Are they paying TOT? How do STRs affect neighborhoods?

5. Treasurer's Report:

- A. The current COA balance is \$9,738.18
- 6. CAO Staff Report:
 - A. CAO staff initiated a discussion about the potential removal of COA member Paula Burklin for unexcused absences from COA meetings. COA member Cathie Peacock expressed concern and requested to be given an opportunity to reach out to Paula to see if she were still interested in continuing to serve on the committee. The committee expressed agreement with this recommendation.
 - B. The committee discussed the addition of Ronda Mohr from Sonora Senior Providers to join the COA. Ronda was advised of the application process.
- 7. Presentation by Area 12 Agency on Aging (Doreen Schmidt)
 - A. Doreen Schmidt presented the findings from the Area 12 Community Needs Assessment Survey. The presentation covered a wide array of topics such as:
 - i. Areas of service, ages of those served, and service partners
 - ii. Executive summary of the largest needs of the aging population
 - iii. Data sources
 - iv. Respondent demographics
 - v. Economic considerations and concerns from older adults
 - vi. Health issues and concerns
 - vii. Services utilized by seniors
 - viii. Quality and availability of caregiving/caregivers
 - B. Discussion ensued at several points in the presentation.
- 8. Reports from workgroups
 - A. Health:
 - i. None
 - B. Assistance Programs
 - i. COA member Cathie Peacock reported attending several local meetings to gather information about local assistance programs.
 - ii. Discussion ensued about options to produce a one-sheet source to distribute to seniors to help inform them of what local resources are available.
 - C. Technology

- i. None

D. Event Planning

- i. Several discussions ensued focused on:
 - 1. Health Fair
 - 2. Volunteer Fair
 - 3. Centenarian Event

E. COA Operations / Communication

- i. The committee discussed the production of information packets/brochures to provide information about the COA.

9. Additional Comments/Questions

- A. Presentations are arranged for April and May COA meetings.
- B. There was discussion for a potential presentation on mental health services for seniors (focused on program summaries, but not administration or funding) sometime between April and June.

10. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm