

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, 1:30 pm
**** Meeting held via Zoom ****

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Chair Rex Whisnand.
2. **Introductions: Commissioners Present:** Rex Whisnand, Malcolm Carden, Serenity McQuirter, Carleton Penwell, Ted Michaud, Jim Grinnell, Laurie Sylwester, Kristi Conforti, Cathie Peacock, Syd Robenseifner, Jackie Sample, Catherine Driver, Melody Brotby. **Absent:** John Featherstone, Tim Gillespie, Tyler Summersett, Matthew Rose, Zandra Bietz.
BOS/County Staff Representatives: David Goldemberg, District 1 Supervisor.
Guest: Kristin Milhoff, Area 12.
3. **Public Comments:** Non-Commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (2 minutes maximum per speaker) – no discussion, please. None.
4. **Minutes:** Minutes of the November 8, 2021 COA meeting were approved as submitted.
5. **Chair's Report:** Rex welcomed everyone. This is his last meeting as Chair, and he said this has been a good year, all things considered.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Cathie Peacock – no change from the previous month. Malcolm mentioned that he had received his check and that it had been deposited.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Kristi mentioned that she had sent a card on behalf of the COA to Don Frazier. Charlotte's funeral will be on December 18.
8. **BOS Report:** Supervisor Goldemberg said that he had attended the CSAC meeting in Monterey last week, and found it to be very useful. He mentioned that the Covid situation is still with us, and that the new variant was becoming a problem. Cathie's presentation on Senior Homelessness will be at the BOS meeting tomorrow at 9 a.m. Cathie asked about a Sacramento ordinance on housing for the homeless. David replied that it is a complex problem, and that the situation in Sacramento is different from here in Tuolumne County. Funding, as always, is the big issue. There were several questions on the upcoming Homeless PIT count in January, including why it is being held when the homeless count is at one of its lowest levels during the year.
9. **Guest Speakers –** None.
10. **Committee Reports on 2021 Goals:**
Transportation Committee: No report.
 1. **Report unmet needs in Senior Transportation to SSTAC (Social Services Transportation Advisory Council) and County.**
 2. **Review a program of driver assistance to Seniors utilizing taxi and public transportation services.**

Community Relations Committee: Cathie reported that the Centenarian event is going forward, in its modified format, and will be held during January. The Blue Zone people would like to be involved going forward.

3. **Continue to review viability of Senior Volunteer Event.**
4. **Continue to review viability of Centenarian Luncheon.**
5. **Have a Commissioner attend BOS (Board of Supervisors) meetings as needed and speak on Senior topics during Public Comment or on Agenda.**
6. **Attend Senior community meetings & events and publicize COA (Commission on Aging). Report back to COA as part of regular Agenda item.**
7. **Investigate establishment of County-wide network to provide services to seniors via phone, online, newspapers, etc.**

Legislative Committee: Per Rex, work on the CSL legislative slate for 2022 will begin soon.

8. **Continue to monitor State and Federal Legislation as it impacts Seniors, and report to BOS as needed.**
9. **Report periodically on the status of Senior Legislature proposals, and highlight items which will directly impact the County.**
10. **Study California Master Plan for Aging and make recommendations to BOS and other agencies.**

Governance Committee: No report.

11. **Continue to recruit new members to fill openings and maintain a “bench strength”.**
12. **Develop an ongoing succession process for the COA.**
13. **Review COA ByLaws and present recommended changes to COA.**

Education Committee: Malcolm reiterated that Cathie’s presentation on Senior Homelessness will be at the BOS meeting tomorrow at 9 am. He mentioned that the Fire Safety Committee had had a Zoom call with a rep from the State Insurance Commissioner’s office, which was not that encouraging. The gentleman claimed they were hampered in their control of the insurance industry by the various laws in place. David opined that they could do more. Malcolm also mentioned that the first public Zoom meeting on the putative Vegetation Ordinance was a success, with over 30 members of the public present. Many positive views were presented, and good feedback. Finally, Malcolm mentioned that January and February were usually the months when we did Goal Setting for the coming year. There was a general feeling that we needed

fewer goals overall, and that the process needed to be more flexible to adapt to changing circumstances. Also, more input from the BOS was needed.

14. Review information from applicable organizations and agencies on Senior homelessness, and report concerns to BOS.

15. Investigate impact of Homeowners Insurance situation on Senior homeowners and renters.

16. Review current County plans for emergency evacuation of Seniors and make recommendations as appropriate.

17. Develop list of relevant speakers for March – November meetings, to include all Supervisors.

18. Monitor and report on Covid-19 vaccination situation in County as it applies to Seniors.

Senior Expo Task Force:

19. Investigate putting on 10th Senior Expo later in year. No change in prognosis. The Expo will be revisited in the New Year.

11. Unfinished Business:

Nominating Committee: The following slate of Officers for 2022 was put forward by Kristi on behalf of the Nominating Committee:

Chair – Cathie Peacock
Vice Chair – John Featherstone
Treasurer – Ted Michaud
Recording Secretary – Malcolm Carden
Corresponding Secretary – Melody Brotby

There were no additional nominations from the floor. The slate was approved on a motion by Laurie, seconded by Syd, 12-1.

12. New Business: A resolution covering Meetings by Teleconferencing for the next 30 days to comply with the Brown Act was passed unanimously.

13. Public Comment: None.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2.55 pm.

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting – Monday, January 3, 2022, 2 pm, on Zoom.

Next COA Meeting – Monday, January 10, 2022, 1.30 pm, on Zoom.