



# Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging

## MINUTES

**March 11, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Location: 6296 River Crest Drive, Ste. K, Riverside, CA 92507

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### Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging Mission Statement

The Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging is a group of seasoned and diverse community leaders committed to each other and the process of consensus building to meet the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, and caregivers in Riverside County.

**10 am: Call to Order:** Gary Kelley, Chair

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jerry Corrales, Parliamentarian

**Invocation:** Luella Thornton, Member

**ADA Guidelines review:** Gary Kelley, Chair

**Establish Quorum-Jerry Corrales, Parliamentarian**

Alice B. Chandler	Sharron Lambeth	Eileen Packer
Jerry Corrales	Vee Maiden	Cynthia Quintero – ABS
Erwin Fromm	Sonja Martin	<b>Excused</b>
Bev Greer	Steve Mehlman	Gloria Sanchez
Ann Kasper	Barbara Mitchell	Patricia Smith
Gary Kelley	Doris Morgan – ABS Excused	Luella Thornton

**ABS – Absent**

**10:00 am: Staff and Public Introductions**

The council welcomed Robin Reid from Supervisor Jeffries Office, Phyllis Purcell from the California Senior Legislature (CSL), Bud Thornton, resident.

**10:05 am: Public Comments**

**Objective:** Comments may be time limited (see Meeting Guidelines for details). This portion of the agenda is reserved for the public to address the Council on any matter under the jurisdiction of the Council. This is information only and there can be no discussion.

One (1) request for address the Council was submitted:

- ❖ Phyllis Purcell, California Senior Legislature expressed concern for older Americans who cannot afford the cost of adequate housing. She is researching methods to address this growing problem in the community.

**10:10 am: Advisory Council Chair Report – Gary Kelley, Chair**

**Chair Report:** May include any correspondence, date and location of next meeting, council operations, updates, upcoming events, report of chair activities, miscellaneous information.

The April Advisory Council meeting will be at the CVAG office in Palm Desert. A special notice was included the agenda packets with the location.

Riverside County Supervisorial District 4 is hosting the Senior Inspiration Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 10, 2015 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert. It is a fitting tribute to recognizing older adult volunteers. The Council was encouraged to attend.

Chairman Kelley thanked Gloria and Michele for attending the Legislative Briefing in Sacramento on February 26, 2015.

Chairman Kelley reminded the council members who have not taken **the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator®** (MBTI®) assessment to please take it no later than 03/20/15. Information in the email sent on February 4, 2015 provided the login information and instructions for the assessment. Veronica Rodriguez is the contact for assistance.

## 10:45 am: Action Items

1. Motion to approve minutes of February 11, 2015 meeting with noted correction:  
Motion by: Patricia Smith                      Seconded by: Sonya Martin

Notes: A correction to the minutes clarified that S192 had not been reauthorized to date. It is expected to go to the Senate floor at a date to be determined.

2. Motion to approve Letter of Support to increase 302(b) allocation to the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies:  
Motion by: Jerry Corrales                      Seconded by: Eileen Packer

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## 10:25 Office on Aging Strategic Plan on Aging Report - Jamiko Bell, Planner

1. Motion to approve the 2015 – 2016 Strategic Plan on Aging Revised Goals:  
Motion by: Vee Maiden                      Seconded by: Luella Thornton

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## 10:50 am: Advisory Council Committee Reports

Report on Committee goals, activities, and progress

### **A. Advisory Council Community Connections Committee – Ann Kasper and Patti Smith, Co-Chairs:**

The Committee will focus on improving and strengthening Advisory Council and agency outreach. A campaign is being launched to change the perception of aging in the Baby Boomer generation. The goal is to connect with this generation and explore ways to open communication on the subject of aging with Boomers. Ms. Smith encouraged cell phone donations to the Office on Aging for refurbishment and distribution in the elder community.

### **B. Advisory Council Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force - Sonja Martin/Opal Hellweg, Co-Chairs:**

Ms. Martin reviewed the report from the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren committee meeting. There were several outreach opportunities to share information about the GRG program in February, which include networking opportunities, and information on education, counseling, protection, trauma and safety.

Ms. Martin informed the Council that SP 8, Temporary Housing of Minor Relatives in Sr. Communities was dropped from the list of 2015 Legislative Proposals.

### **C. Advisory Council Membership Connection – Vee Maiden, Chair**

All Council seats are currently filled.

### **D. Aging and Disability Resource Connection Stakeholders Advisory Group - Erwin Fromm, Chair:**

Mr. Fromm reported that Cindy Hui from the Riverside Housing Authority presented information on the HUD and the Housing Voucher Program (previously Section 8) at the Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) Coalition Meeting on February 29, 2015. SCAN hosted a strategic planning workshop in Long Beach, CA on February 25, 2015 to discuss integration efforts and opportunities in California. LTSS Coalition members participated in several meetings and collaboration conference calls with Community Action Partnership, and IEHP and Cal MediConnect. The next LTSS-SAG meeting will be April 16, 2015.

### **E. Advisory Council Healthy Living Committee - Bev Greer/Jerry Corrales, Co-Chairs:**

The Nutrition Blueprint is complete and will be available on the website and in printed format.

Representatives from the Compassion and Choices organization attended the meeting to present the End of Life Options Act S128, which will go to hearing on March 25, 2015. This Bill provided patients diagnosed with terminal illnesses within 6 months and who are competent, with an opportunity to self-administer lethal drugs. Ms. Greer indicated that the discussion was thought provoking, however the Office on Aging has not taken a position on the matter. An update will be given at the time C4A takes a position on S128.

### **11:00 am: Office on Aging Director's Report - Michele Haddock, Director**

**Office on Aging Director's Report:** Report on Office on Aging, and local, state, federal government updates and announcements. Written report is included in meeting packet.

Ms. Haddock, Advisory Council District 3 Representative Gloria Sanchez and Advisory Council Member Steve Mehlman attended the C4A Legislative Briefing in Sacramento on February 26, 2015. Emphasis was made on the need for continuing advocacy and outreach to local officials for senior supportive services.

Ms. Haddock highlighted the 2015-16 Budgetary Initiatives for California Older Adults, Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers. She reviewed the State Legislative Support for Restoration which included:

- California Caregiver Resource Centers
- Establishment of Blue Ribbon Council on Aging as set forth in AB1744
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- In-Home Supportive Services
- Backfilling sequestration cuts to the Senior Nutrition Program
- Adult Protective Services
- Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers

- Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse
- Multi-Purpose Senior Services Program

Ms. Haddock highlighted the partnership between the Office on Aging and the Department of Mental Health to support caregivers through the Care Pathways Program. The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University awarded the Office on Aging with the Bright Ideas Award for 2015 for Care Pathways.

### **11:30 Planning and Community Services - Jamiko Bell, Planner**

As part of the Planning exercise, a video clip from 60 Minutes broadcast was played: Living to 90 and Beyond <http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/living-to-90-and-beyond-part-two/>

The video presented results of an extensive study of individuals over the age of 90. The study was done with more than 1100 residents from Laguna Woods, California. The results of the study provided a new and improved understanding of the rapidly growing aging population.

The Council completed a short questionnaire pertaining to barriers and focus. The information gathered will be reviewed at the Advisory Council Development Day meeting on April 8, 2015. This information will also be used to draft the next Strategic Plan, and in the effort to connect with the Baby Boomer generation.

### **12:00 pm: Advisory Council Liaison Reports**

**Objective:** Report on activities of committees or organizations from Council liaisons:

**California Senior Legislature:** Sonja Martin

Ms. Martin encouraged participation and support of the CSL. She announced CSL Day on May 6, 2015 and will forward the information to the Advisory Council.

**Triple A Council of California (TACC):** Gloria Sanchez

Ms. Sanchez attended the C4A Legislative visits in Sacramento February 26, 2015. There was a full day of presentations in Sacramento on several topics including veterans and the dangers of scams. A Legislative update was presented on the Aging and Long Term Care Committee. A presentation was also given to explain exactly how to organize an ADRC. Riverside County's ADRC model is considered the front-runner in AAA's. Ms. Sanchez participated in a roundtable discussion on the area plan development strategies and provided input on roles of the Advisory Council in Riverside County.

**Older Adults System of Care:** Barbara Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell attended the Behavioral Health Commission, previously known as the Mental Health Advisory Board. This newly named commission provides equal representation for behavioral

health and substance abuse. The topic of discussion was the use of physical restraints and seclusion rooms for people who enter the emergency treatment centers.

Ms. Mitchell also attended the Older Adult System of Care Committee meeting. The topics discussed include the Prevention and Early Intervention Programs (PEI). A presentation was given to review the proposed Three Year Plan. The draft will be released April 1<sup>st</sup>. The draft plan will be reviewed by the Advisory Council and the Older Adults System of Care Committee. Feedback will be collected and reviewed for 30 days with a final plan released at a date to be determined.

**In Home Supportive Service Advisory Council:** Ann Kasper

New providers are being trained.

**Foundation on Aging:** Gloria Sanchez

Planning has begun for the Golf Tournament, which will be on October 2, 2015, a venue has not been identified.

**Veterans Services:** Alice Chandler, Vee Maiden

Sheriff Sniff will be the honored guest at the Veteran's Breakfast on March 13, 2015. The Annual Salute to Veteran's Parade is scheduled for April 18, 2015 in downtown Riverside.

### **1:30 pm: Members Closing Comments:**

Objective: Report on Council and senior related activities of members in the community. Comments are limited to the scope of the Advisory Council.

Erwin Fromm – suggested creating a Volunteer Resource Center to assist people who are unsure of how to volunteer for specific causes.

Eileen Packer – attended a meeting hosted by Dick Cromwell and Corky Larson which takes a single senior issue each year to advocate for and dedicate their resources to.

Sonya Martin – announced the Senior Inspiration Recognition Event on April 10, 2015 and encouraged attendance.

Sharon Lambeth – has been participating in the Healthy Jurupa Valley meetings. Their Mission is to inspire residents to live a healthy, active, safe and happy lifestyle. Five different Action Teams with individual focuses meet regularly and encourage older adults to be active and involved in the community. She announced a Healthy Living Extravaganza on April 11, 2015 and encouraged participation.

**Adjourn – 1:00pm**

**Riverside County Board of Supervisors:**

- District I Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
- District II Supervisor John F. Tavaglione
- District III Supervisor Chuck Washington
- District IV Supervisor John J. Benoit
- District V Supervisor Marion Ashley

**Advisory Council Membership:**

**Officers:** Gary Kelley, Chair; Patricia Smith, Vice Chair; Jerry Corrales, Parliamentarian

**Board of Supervisor Appointees:**

Gary Kelley, District I; Alice B. Chandler, District II; Patricia Smith, District III; Sonja Martin District IV; and, Gloria Sanchez, District V

**Advisory Council Appointees:**

Doris Morgan; Erwin Fromm; Jerry Corrales; Beverly Greer; Barbara Mitchell; Eileen Packer, Luella Thornton; Ann Kasper; Vee Maiden; Sharon Lambeth; Cynthia Quintero

**Office on Aging Staff**

Michele Haddock, Director; Jamiko Bell, Planner; Lisa Alexen, Executive Assistant

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