



Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging

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May 13, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: 6296 River Crest Drive, Suite 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: Gary Kelley, Chair
Invocation: Gary Kelley, Chair
ADA Guidelines review: Gary Kelley, Chair

Establish Quorum-Jerry Corrales, Parliamentarian

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

ABS - Absent

Staff and Public Introductions

The council welcomed Phyllis Purcell from the California Senior Legislature (CSL), Al Lopez, Developer for Senior Care Facilities, Janine Moore from the Riverside County Mental Health Department and Jamilla Pargo-Thompson from the Riverside County Mental Health Department.

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 shared her concerns for senior hunger and the cost for long term care for older adults.

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.

Mr. Kelley announced that May is Older Americans Month, the theme is Get into the Act. World Elder Justice Day will be held on June 24, 2015 at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center. The Advisory Council was encouraged to attend.

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) awarded the Riverside County Office on Aging with the Aging Innovation Award in the Health-LTSS Integration category for the Get a Ride Guide Program. The award will be presented during the n4a Annual Conference in Philadelphia in July 2015 and Ms. Haddock will accept the award.

The Riverside County Office on Aging was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the State Assembly member Eduardo Garcia for the series of events held in commemoration of Older American’s Month.

10:15 am: Action Items

1. Motion to approve minutes of April 8, 2015 meeting with noted correction:

Motion by: Gloria Sanchez

Seconded by: Ann Kasper

2. Motion to approve Leave of Absence for Cynthia Quintero April through June 2015:

Motion by: Steve Mehlman

Seconded by: Patti Smith

Notes:

Advisory Council Committee Reports

Report on Committee goals, activities, and progress

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

Ms. Smith reported that the committee met on April 24th via teleconference and reviewed the work plan. The committee is planning for Elder Justice Month in June. An activity was provided to each Council Member requesting “5 Words That Describe Me” and collected for use in a future report.

Jamilla Pargo-Thompson presented information on Common Mental Health Issues Affecting Older Adults.

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

Ms. Martin reviewed the report which indicated that April had significant outreach and community education activities. “Trauma, Brain Development, Behavior: How Do They Relate?” was presented by Victoria Stephan, director of the Stephan Center. This was the last of a series of 5 workshops that were offered in various regions of the County.

A special presentation on GRG issues and trauma was given to grandparents at Sierra Middle School in Riverside. A survey of the families in that school revealed 150 grandparent households, and the event was well attended.

The next Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force meeting will be Wednesday, June 3rd 10:00 am.

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 on the Long Term Services (LTSS) and Support Coalition collaborative meeting with Community Action Partnership (CAP) pertaining to creating a safety network for low income consumers. He further reported that the Community Access Center hosted a Town Hall meeting via conference call to allow health plan representatives to answer questions from the public. The 2015 Community of Constituents Conference hosted by the SCAN Foundation presented information on topics such as long term care financing, FY 15-16 State Budget and the Senate Select Committee on Aging. LTSS Coalition members participated in several other collaboration and outreach efforts. The next LTSS Coalition Quarterly meeting is scheduled on July 16, 2015.

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

The draft Boomer Report was reviewed in their meeting. A final draft is expected to be shared at the June 10, 2015 Advisory Council Meeting.

Planning and Community Services- Jamiko Bell, Planner

Mental Health Presentation - Janine Moore, Administrative Services Manager – PEI Planning, University Behavioral Health (Formally Department of Mental Health)

Ms. Moore presented information on Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) and the Mental Health Services Act. She detailed the partnerships with the Office on Aging's Care Pathways and CareLink programs and their correlation to Riverside County's PEI plan.

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 highlighted two milestones for the Office on Aging: (1) May is Older Americans Month with the theme *Get into the Act* and (2) The 50th anniversary of the Older American's Act. She reviewed the Federal and State budget updates, noting the vulnerability of various funding resulting from defunding during the economic downturn. She also reviewed the five policy priorities of n4a for 2015. Ms. Haddock also reviewed the evolution of the caregiver initiative and growing need to fund programs supporting caregivers.

On the local front, Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley announced he will retire at the end of his term.

Advisory Council Liaison Reports

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

California Senior Legislature: Sonja Martin

Ms. Martin reviewed the legislation supported by the CSL. May 6th is Senior Day in Sacramento. She highlighted the direction and budget of the CSL.

Triple A Council of California (TACC): Gloria Sanchez

The discussion for the next TACC meeting will pertain to the White House Conference on Aging. The next report will be given at the June Advisory Council Meeting.

Older Adults System of Care: Barbara Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell attended the Behavioral Health Commission meeting. She highlighted the programs and organizational structure currently under review by the Commission. The meetings are being held at a new facility, 2085 Rustin Ave, Riverside, 92507.

In Home Supportive Service Advisory Council: Ann Kasper

No report.

Foundation on Aging: Gloria Sanchez

The next meeting discussion will surround the Golf Tournament planning and the Gift Card Program.

Veterans Services: Alice Chandler, Vee Maiden

Ms. Chandler highlighted the 2015 Veteran's Parade. Ms. Maiden is assisting veterans with their benefits. As of May 30, 2015 Ms. Maiden will no longer be holding office for the State.

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.

Irwin Fromm was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Sharron Lambeth announced the first anniversary of the Fit After 50 program at Country Village. She also announced that a Resource Center to be opened at Country Village. Recruitments for Resource Specialists are in place to fill two positions at the Center. A Senior Job Fair will be hosted by Country Village on September 15, 2015. A new therapy dog will join Country Village.

Barbara Mitchell expressed a need to research methods to improve understanding of the issues faced by underserved older adults.

Sonya Martin attended the Mental Health Services Strategic Update. She also attended the Desert Hot Springs Community Forum and noted the need to bring their discussion to matters related to seniors in the area. Ms. Martin met with Shea Rodriguez at the County Commission for Women Meeting and requested support from Assemblyman Medina's office.

Gloria Sanchez continues her dignitary visits locally and in Sacramento advocating for seniors.

Eileen Packer attended the local Inland Empire Public Health event in the Coachella Valley.

Vee Maiden attended a local event at a local high school.

Alice Chandler announced a new community in Jurupa Valley for veterans that the Habitat for Humanity is building, will include 26 homes.

Patti Smith is working on a 2nd certification of search and rescue for her dog.

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; Steve Mehlman

Office on Aging Staff

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

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