Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging

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September 9, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Establish Quorum-Jerry Corrales, Parliamentarian

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Staff and Public Introductions

The council welcomed Phyllis Purcell from the California Senior Legislature (CSL), Robin Reid, Representative for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Bud Thornton, resident, Donna Griggs, DMG Design and Lois Blakemore, resident.

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 advocacy.

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.

Chairman Kelley welcomed the Council back to the table after the summer break. He thanked the Council for their participation in the Senior Nutrition Survey, which yielded more than 800 surveys completed in the Riverside County Senior Centers. He noted that the Director’s Roundtable on September 8, 2015 included a webinar reviewing the California Coordinated Care Initiative: An Update One Year into Implementation.

Chairman Kelley announced the following events as opportunities for community outreach:

❖ Senior Talk”– Staying Healthy in the Golden Years
  September 14, 2015

❖ Parenting Workshop Series for Grandparents and relative caregivers
  Registration is required

❖ Next Steps – A Senior’s Guide to Today’s Workforce
  September 15, 2015  RSVP is requested

❖ Social Security and the LGBT Community
  September 29, 2015  Registration is requested
Legislative Breakfast with Riverside County D.A. Michael Hestrin
September 11, 2015

The next Advisory Council meeting will be October 14th at CVAG in Palm Desert. In observance of the Veteran’s Day Holiday on November 11th, the Council will meet on November 4th.

10:15 am: Action Items

1. Approve minutes for the June 10, 2015 meeting:

   Motion by: Doris Morgan  Seconded by: Patti Smith

2. Elections for Advisory Council Member re-appointments: Erwin Fromm, Bev Greer and Barbara Mitchell

   Nominations from Membership Committee: Re-appoint Erwin Fromm, Bev Greer and Barbara Mitchell

   Motioned by Vee Maiden, Seconded by Gloria Sanchez and approved by unanimous vote to reappoint Erwin Fromm, Bev Greer and Barbara Mitchell to the Advisory Council for a term of three years, to expire on July 1, 2018.

3. Motion to approve Letter of Support: SB 196 Elder Abuse: Protective Orders:

   Motioned by Gloria Sanchez, seconded by Eileen Packer and approved by unanimous vote to send the Letter of Support: SB 196 Elder Abuse: Protective Orders to include the addition of California Senator Loni Hancock and California Senator Jeff Stone.

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 announced that the Office on Aging received Innovations and Achievement awards for Carelink/Healthy IDEAS and the “Get A Ride Guide” at the 2015 National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a). She highlighted summer milestones including the passing of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization in the Senate and the Federal budget update. The White House Conference on Aging held their large event recorded with more than 800 participants across the United States. Governor Brown signed the State budget which included program modifications in the health and human services delivery system. She further highlighted coordination efforts over the summer and community education events.

Advisory Council Committee Reports

Report on Committee goals, activities, and progress

1. Advisory Council Community Connections Committee – Ann Kasper and Patti Smith, Co-Chairs:
The Committee collaborated on the Advisory Council Work Plan and participated in the nutrition survey and farmer’s market coupon distribution over the summer break.

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

The GRG Task Force is in process of reorganization. Their first meeting with the new group will be in October. Advisory Council District Representatives are invited to attend these quarterly meetings.

3. **Advisory Council Membership Connection – Vee Maiden, Chair**

Three members were re-appointed to the Advisory Council. The 2014 Telisman Award recipient has been chosen and will be notified for acknowledgement by the Board of Supervisors.

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

At their last quarterly meeting, the LTSS Coalition discussed case management and service coordination. Members provided regional representation on two Regional Coalition conference calls and three Statewide California Collaborative conference calls. The 2010 guide of professional providers is in process of being updated and is expected to be distributed by the end of 2014.

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

No report.

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**Planning and Community Services - Jamiko Bell, Planner**

1. **Office on Aging Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Area Plan Update**

The California Department of Aging approved the annual update to the Area Plan. Ms. Bell advised the Council that the Health Assessment Resource Center (HARC) provided the demographic information included in the updated plan. She further noted that the updated goals and service units were included in the updated plan. A copy of the plan was included in the agenda packet for review and it can be found on the Office on Aging website.

2. **Advisory Council Mission Accomplished**

The four-year summary was reviewed; it included the planning goals, objectives and a few items left to be done this year. There was discussion on fourth-year activity participation and how elder justice can be worked into the new plan.

3. **Advisory Council Work Plan Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

The work plan for the final year was reviewed. Ms. Bell noted the CDA requirements, the planning events, the new Plan Development and focus groups. The Development Day will be known as Development Activities integrated into the overall work of the Council throughout the year.
4. Advisory Council Committee Assignments

Ms. Bell reviewed the FY 15/16 Advisory Council Committee Assignments, meeting schedule and committee foci. The Ad Hoc Legislative & Policy Committee was added. This new seven-member committee will meet quarterly to monitor legislation and policy while preparing for the new plan development.

Advisory Council Liaison Reports

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

California Senior Legislature: Sonja Martin

The Los Angeles Caucus will hold their quarterly meeting on October 8th and the CSL is invited to attend and promote their legislative efforts. The future of the CSL is in question due to ongoing fiscal challenges.

Triple A Council of California (TACC): Gloria Sanchez

Riverside County is recognized regularly at the TACC meetings as a model for Advisory Councils and older American advocacy in the State. The TACC will now focus on addressing Elder Abuse and Fraud. Their next meeting is scheduled for December 2015.

Older Adults System of Care: Barbara Mitchell

The Behavioral Health Commission presented a research document to be used for developing the future planning focus areas. It was determined that the penetration rate for older adults is 3%, which confirms that Mental Health services are not reaching the older adult population. Barbara Mitchell will share the document with the Council when it is released.

There was discussion about the need for improving service accessibility to people seeking mental health care. The Advisory Council will explore advocacy opportunities by creating a focus group to work in conjunction with other community focus groups and the MHSA to ensure that the needs of older adults are included in the 2016 plan.

In Home Supportive Service Advisory Council: Ann Kasper

No report.

Foundation on Aging: Gloria Sanchez

Membership of the Foundation stands at four. The annual golf tournament has been cancelled for 2015 however the Holiday Gift Card program will go forward using donations from various sources. Advisory Council members are encouraged to participate in the delivery of the gift cards.
Veterans Services: Alice Chandler, Vee Maiden

The Department of Veterans Services Legislative Breakfast will be on September 11, 2015 at Coco’s Bakery Restaurant with Riverside County District Attorney Michael Hestrin.

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.

Eileen Packer shared a reference to older adults as Honorary Citizens, and suggested replacing the term “Senior Citizens.”


Barbara Mitchell attended a round table with Assembly member Cheryl Brown on Alzheimer’s research.

Sonja Martin expressed her goal to engage the Rotary in Coachella Valley in Senior issues in the desert.

Luella Thornton will participate in a steering committee created by the Riverside/San Bernardino Indian Health organization and USC to secure a grant to be used for training people to communicate with community elders.

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; Steve Mehlman

Office on Aging Staff
Michele Haddock, Director; Jamiko Bell, Planner; Lisa Alexen, Executive Assistant

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