



Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging

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February 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: Jerry Corrales, Parliamentarian

ADA Guidelines review: Gary Kelley, Chair

Establish Quorum-Jerry Corrales, Parliamentarian

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

LOA – Leave of Absence

ABS – Absent

10:00 am: Staff and Public Introductions

The council welcomed Robin Reid from Supervisor Jeffries Office, Phyllis Purcell from the California State Legislature (CSL) and Wanda Nelson, Senior Employment.

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 plans to meet with County Supervisors and State Legislators to address senior transportation and senior hunger issues.
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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.

Chairman Kelley announced that the next Advisory Council meeting will be held on March 11, 2015 in the Riverside Office.

A Public Hearing opened at 10:30AM on the 2015 – 2016 Strategic Plan and closed at 11:15AM. Written testimony was accepted until 5:30PM.

Healthcare Forums conducted by the County by the Riverside County Public Health Department will be held throughout the County. At this time, they are scheduled to begin on February 17, 2015 and run through April 1, 2015. Chairman Kelley encouraged Advisory Council members to attend the Strategic Health Alliance Pursuing Equity (SHAPE) forums in their areas. A schedule was included in the agenda packets.

“A Shattered System: Reforming Long-Term Care in California”, a report on long-term care delivery was released by the Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long Term Care in December, 2014. The Executive Summary was included in the agenda packets and the full report can be found at <http://sd25.senate.ca.gov/sites/sd25.senate.ca.gov/files/AgingLong%20TermCareReport.pdf>

Chairman Kelley thanked Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Mehlman for registering to attend the C4A Capitol Day in Sacramento on February 26, 2015.

10:15 Office on Aging Strategic Plan on Aging Report - Jamiko Bell, Planner

Ms. Bell presented the Planning Report which included an overview of the Public Hearing Agenda. The PowerPoint presentation reviewed updates to the Older Americans Act, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the role of the Advisory Council and ongoing initiatives.

10:30 Office on Aging 2012-2016 Strategic Area Plan - Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 10:30AM for the 2015-2016 Plan Update, see Public Hearing Minutes. The Public Hearing was closed at 11:25AM.

Written testimony was accepted until 5:30PM. All written testimony submitted to Jamiko Bell will be included in the Public Hearing's public comment section of the Plan Update.

10:45 am: Action Items

1. Motion to approve minutes of January 14, 2015 meeting:

Motion by: Patricia Smith

Seconded by: Sonya Martin

Notes:

10:50 am: Advisory Council Committee Reports

- A. Advisory Council Community Connections Committee – Ann Kasper and Patti Smith, Co-Chairs:** Report on Committee goals, activities, and progress

At their last meeting the committee worked on coming up with ideas to connect to the public and engage them in learning about aging. Several ideas were vetted to include providing materials from the info van at various committee meetings, and redefining aging in an effort to get the attention of baby boomers who do not respond to current aging materials and education. The committee will continue to discuss rebranding ideas in an effort to increase interest in learning about the future of older adults.

The Committee is also working on building an elder justice presentation that can be used universally in elder abuse prevention education. The Elder Abuse Awareness Event will take place on June 18, 2015 at the Moreno Valley Community Recreation Center.

- B. Advisory Council Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force - Sonja Martin/Opal Hellweg, Co-Chairs:** Report on Committee goals, activities, and progress

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren held a Marketing Program Direction Meeting on January 29, 2015. Events are being prepared for the spring of 2015, an update will be given at the next

Advisory Council Meeting. The GRG Task Force will give T-shirts to grandparents raising grandchildren to help raise awareness of the GRG.

Ms. Martin reviewed the California Senior Legislature 2015 Top Legislative Proposals. The Temporary Housing of Minor Relatives in Sr. Communities was listed as Awaiting a Bill. The GRG has worked tirelessly throughout the year to secure legislative support for the initiative.

Also listed in is SB 128 California Death with Dignity Act. The Community Connections Committee will be meeting with an advocate seeking support of this Bill and the Advisory Council will be updated with a report of the discussion.

C. Advisory Council Membership Connection – Vee Maiden, Chair Report on Committee goals, activities, and progress

All Council seats are currently filled.

D. Aging and Disability Resource Connection Stakeholders Advisory Group - Erwin Fromm, Chair: Report on Committee goals, activities, and progress

The next report will be given at the March 11th Advisory Council Meeting.

E. Advisory Council Healthy Living Committee - Bev Greer/Jerry Corrales, Co-Chairs: Report on Committee goals, activities, and progress

The Nutrition Report is in the final editing stage. It will be released to the Council and interested parties at the March 11th meeting.

The Healthy Living Committee will begin to explore the topic of Caregivers. This year will be dedicated to analyzing issues Caregivers face and work to develop a policy statement.

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 commended the Healthy Living Committee for their findings as detailed in the Nutrition Report and emphasized the malnutrition epidemic seniors face.

The Older Americans Act Reauthorization S. 192 is expected to go to the Senate floor for a three-year term. The Act guarantees that every state will receive at least 99% of its Title III allocation from the previous year. For California, it declares a slight decrease in funding the first year and the second year. However, funding will increase by \$600,000 in year three for California. The recently completed Nutrition Report and community advocacy efforts are significant accomplishments for the Office on Aging, which will be useful in future legislative platforms.

The White House Conference on Aging has decided on the conference locations for 2015. California is not hosting this event in 2015, however a listening session will be held in Los Angeles. Ms. Haddock has requested an invitation to the Regional Conference in Phoenix,

Arizona on March 31st. Attendance is by invitation only. She will report back to the Council regarding opportunities to attend the Listening Session in Los Angeles.

Ms. Haddock will continue to monitor updates to the California Coordinated Care Initiative. Barbara Mitchell regularly attends the stakeholder meetings around the CCI. The goal is to understand the consumer's needs and ensure that caregivers and older adults understand how and where to obtain information pertaining to managed care. It has been discovered that people who need the program information struggle to access it on the virtual platform or web. It was suggested that the Council host a Directors Roundtable bring awareness to area senior center directors and explain the changes taking place in the CCI.

Ms. Haddock highlighted the RSVP Volunteer recognition event held January 22nd at the Miramonte Resort and Spa in Indian Wells. There were 200 volunteers celebrated at the event, some of which have served up to 35 years. RSVP Program Director Rhonda Morken assembled the very successful and well attended event. Several dignitaries were on site to celebrate and acknowledge the difference each volunteer makes in the Coachella Valley.

Advisory Council members attended the Clinton Foundation Health Matters Annual Activation Summit on January 25-27, 2015 in Indian Wells. Advisory Council Member Bev Greer noted that the Riverside County Office on Aging advocacy, programs and services are extremely progressive. Further, Advisory Council Vice Chair Patti Smith described her experiences assisting people with finding help in northern California and Nevada. She commended Riverside County for the level of assistance they provide to the aging and disabled population.

Correction: A typo in the Director's report was found in the homeless count for Riverside County. The correction will be in the March Director's report.

12:00 pm: Advisory Council Liaison Reports

Objective: Report on activities of committees or organizations that the Council members are liaison to.

California Senior Legislature: Sonja Martin

Ms. Martin encouraged people to join the CSL membership. She expressed the sense of accomplishment pride in participating in the legislative process. She emphasized the need for funding in order to keep the committee active.

Triple A Council of California (TACC): Gloria Sanchez

No report, next update will be given at the March Advisory Council Meeting.

Older Adults System of Care: Barbara Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell will be attending the Mental Health Advisory Board and the Older Adults System of Care. She will provide reports to the Council at the appropriate Advisory Council meetings.

In Home Support Service Advisory Council: Ann Kasper

No report.

Foundation on Aging: Gloria Sanchez

No report, an update will be given at the March Advisory Council Meeting.

Veterans Services: Alice Chandler, Vee Maiden

Ms. Maiden and Mr. Mehlman attended the Veterans Expo in Beaumont which provided a venue to meet and mingle with Veterans and service providers. It was an enjoyable experience.

The Veterans Advisory Committee is seeking to fill two vacancies. The Committee Bylaws are out of date preventing interested parties from applying for the seats. Ms. Chandler Alice will address this with Supervisor Tavaglioni. Supervisor Marion Ashley will be the guest at the next Veteran's breakfast at Coco's Restaurant on February 13, 2015.

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.

Gary Kelley – The Advisory Handbooks are being updated. He asked the Council to bring their handbooks to Lisa at the March Advisory Council meeting; Mr. Kelley asked members to attend the Health Forums and submit their time and mileage reports.

Gloria Sanchez – Ms. Sanchez recently facilitated a Caregivers Regulation Workshop. It was very successful and more workshops are being planned for the future.

Sonya Martin – Ms. Martin Rhonda Morken for attending a local caregiver event where she shared OoA information and resources. Ms. Morken is a welcome addition to the La Quinta Office on Aging.

Doris Morgan – An investigation by the Blythe PUC revealed that Blythe residents with impaired sight and/or hearing are underserved. Ms. Morgan will assist the PUC with forming a group of these residents, who will provide ideas and feedback for improving utility services. Ms. Morgan is also coordinating a safe driving meeting and providing income tax services at the Blythe Senior Center.

Adjourn – 1:00pm

Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

District I Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

District II Supervisor John F. Tavaglione
District III Supervisor Jeff Stone
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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