

Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting

Bishop Social Services Front Conference Room
920 N Main St, Bishop, CA 93514

December 12, 2019

Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:

Roger Rasche, Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh, Kelli Davis, Rachel Lober, Sandra Lund, and Joann Poncho.

Other Attendees:

Marilyn Mann, Keri Oney, Rhiannon Baker, Paulette Erwin, Pat Espinoza (video), and Howard Luu.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Roger Rasche called the meeting to order at 10:34am.

2. Introduction of Advisory Council members and staff

Each individual announced their name and their role. Quorum was established.

3. Public Comment

Chairperson Roger Rasche invited Public Comment. Rachel Lober requested that multiple possible meeting dates are provided for the ESAAA Advisory Council to choose from for the ESAAA Advisory Council meetings.

4. Approval of minutes from August 28, 2019- ACTION

Chairperson Roger Rasche asked for approval of the minutes from August 2019. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh and seconded by Kelli Davis. Roger Rasche – YES; Rachel Lober – YES; Sandra Lund – YES; JoAnn Poncho – YES; Absent members – Phyllis Mikalowsky, Georgette Noble.

5. Staff Reports

A. Keri Oney: Program Report for PSA 16 (Inyo and Mono Counties)

The ESAAA program went live with a new data system two weeks ago. The new data system breaks out data for the separate focal points, which is important as that is the data that is reported to CDA, whereas the previous system did not; so blending the data is proving difficult. An ESAAA Services Report handout was provided showing numbers from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the new assisted transportation and respite data report is missing 5 people who received services and 81 units of service due to snags in the transition of data between systems. The transition of data from the previous to the new system may result in the FY 18/19 data not being as accurate as wanted but moving forward, the FY 19/20 data will be clean and accurate.

Keri also provided information on Iridium Go units, which turn a normal smart phone into a satellite phone. Inyo County HHS employees can check out the units for use while they are traveling through an area that has no cell phone reception, such as south east Inyo County. There are two units housed at the Tecopa Senior Center, two at the Lone Pine Senior Center, and two at the HHS Administration office in Bishop. Kelli Davis requested pricing information. Keri stated that the units were \$699 and the monthly cost is \$45 which includes 5 minutes of usage time. Roger Rasche asked if the unit can identify the user's location with coordinates and Keri confirmed that it does. Keri added that five cell phones can connect to each device so they can also be used in disaster situations should the cell phone towers go down.

B. Marilyn Mann: Area Plan Update

We are in the final year of our 4 year 2016-2020 Area Plan and beginning the planning for the next 4 year plan. The state was considering moving from a four year to a two year plan but are maintain the 4 year cycle after hearing from Area Agencies on Aging. Area Agencies didn't support the change as they can currently make changes, if needed, during the annual update. The May 2019 update was formally accepted by the CDA in October 2019 and in early December 2019 we participated in a call with the state in which we were informed what we could carryover from the 2016-2020 plan to use in the 2020-2024 plan.

C. Marilyn Mann: Area Plan 2020-2024 planning

The Community Needs Survey is available in both English and Spanish and has been distributed to the following:

- Online via Surverymonkey.com
- Newspaper inserts/ Public Notices
 - o Inyo Register
 - o Sierra Reader
 - o El Sol
 - o Mammoth Times
 - o The Sheet
- Pioneer Home Health
- NIHD Hospital and Doctors' Offices
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Inyo and Mono Senior Centers

We will follow up with Mono County Social Services to use IHSS for distribution in Mono County. PSA 16 receives \$100,000 in Title IIIB money to use for legal, transportation, in-home, and information assistance services and the survey is used to inform how we prioritize the use of those funds. The ESAAA Advisory Council will make recommendations to the governing board as to what the minimum percentages should be for each category of assistance. In the past the following minimum percentages were recommended:

- 50% - Transportation Assistance
- 05% - Information Assistance
- 03% - In-Home Services
- 10% - Legal Assistance

Inyo County Supervisor Dan Totheroh asked if the extra non-allocated funds can be used how we feel are needed. Marilyn responded that, yes, once the minimum percentages are decided on the additional funds can be allocated to where we need them.

The ESAAA Advisory Council will meet twice more to review recommendations before the 2020-2024 Area Plan is submitted to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors for approval on April 9, 2020 prior to the submission to CDA.

6. Suggested 2019 Meeting Dates and Locations for ESAAA Advisory Council

A poll will be sent out via email to determine between January 15, 2020 and January 29, 2020 for the next ESAAA Advisory Council meeting to be held at 10:00am at the Bishop Social Services Office, 920 N Main St.

March 25, 2020 at 10:00am to possibly be held in Mono County.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Roger Rasche adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.