

Tuolumne County Committee on Aging

Agenda for Meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023, 1:30 PM

Location: Zoom –

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1. Call to Order **Kathleen K. Haff**
 - A. Establishment of Quorum
 - B. Introductions
2. Public Comments:
3. Minutes: Approval of the July 10th and August 14th minutes
4. Chairman’s Report: **Kathleen K. Haff**
5. Treasurer’s Report: **Ted Michaud**
6. CAO Staff Report: **Mark Fischer**
7. Presentation on the Wish of a Lifetime program and consideration of utilizing COA funds to make a charitable donation: **Kristi Conforti**
8. Work Groups Liaison: **Cathie Peacock**
 - A. Extended discussion on Work Group Activities
 - i. Discussion on work group activities
9. Unfinished Business: **Open Discussion**
 - A. COVID’s continued impact on seniors
10. New Business: **Open Discussion**
 - A. Consideration of reducing the number of seats in the Committee on Aging
11. Additional Comments/Questions: **Open Discussion**
12. Adjournment

Tuolumne County Committee on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, 1:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Introductions:
 - A. Quorum established – 12 members present
 - B. COA Chairman David Goldemberg, Melody Brotby, Britne Gose, Zandra Bietz, Kristi Conforti, Tim Gillespie, Catherine Driver, John Featherstone, Jackie Sample, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock, Emily Fife
2. Public Comments:
 - A. None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. COA member Ted Michaud motioned to approve the minutes of the July 10th COA meeting. Second from COA member John Featherstone
 - B. Motion passed 12 – 0
 - C. Additional discussion on errors on the agenda.
4. Chairman’s report:
 - A. COA Chairman David Goldemberg summarized his absence from the previous meeting. Chairman Goldemberg described the approval of the county budget and some upcoming minor changes. He also summarized some additional Board activities such as next steps to prepare Oak Terrace. He also summarized volunteer dates to assist with preparing Oak Terrace.
 - B. COA member Britne Gose asked about procedures regarding committee process and voting numbers. Chairman Goldemberg explained the standard process of voting during a committee meeting. Discussion ensued. Continued discussion on the lack of communication on the changes to the format of committees / commissions.
 - C. Prior to discussion on items on the 7/11 agenda, Chairman Goldemberg encouraged all COA members to sign up for the alerts for BOS agendas.
 - D. Chairman Goldemberg described his meeting with the Tuolumne county chamber of commerce – governmental affairs council.

- E. Chairman Goldemberg addressed the power outages that have been frequent in recent weeks.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:
 - A. No Changes. There is currently \$9,665.82 in the COA account.
- 6. CAO Staff Report:
 - A. Nothing to report
- 7. BOS Report/Updates:
 - A. None
- 8. Guest Speaker:
 - A. None
- 9. Work Groups Liaison:
 - A. The COA Workgroup met and determined that the COA would focus on specific items:
 - i. Centenarian event on October 26th.
 - 1. Media plans to collect names and information
 - 2. COA member Cathie Peacock to connect with state offices for letters acknowledging centenarians
 - a. Chairman Goldemberg brought up complications from previous years regarding communication and coordination with Skyline. Discussion ensued.
 - ii. The COA intends to produce some brochures to inform people on the committee on aging.
 - iii. Several COA members are planning on attending several meetings with other groups that are stakeholders in the senior community. They are collecting information and data to get ready for COA activities in the upcoming year.
- 10. Unfinished business:
 - A. None
- 11. New Business:
 - A. None
- 12. Comments:

- A. COA member Ted Michaud expressed concerns about people still coming down with COVID. Chairman Goldemberg asked if we could check in with Michelle Jachetta regarding covid resources and testing advice. CAO Staff informed the group of the existing resources available on the Tuolumne County Public Health Department website. Further discussion ensued.
 - B. COA member Kristi Conforti mentioned the Wish of a Lifetime charity. Grants wishes to seniors for various asks and publicizes the outcomes.
 - C. Discussion exploring options to reduce the number of COA seats.
13. Adjournment:
- A. Meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm

Tuolumne County Committee on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023, 1:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Introductions

A. Establishment of Quorum

- i. Quorum established – 12 members present.
- ii. COA Chairman David Goldemberg, Melody Brotby, Britne Gose, Zandra Bietz, Kristi Conforti, Tim Gillespie, Catherine Driver, John Featherstone, Jackie Sample, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock, Emily Fife
- iii. Meeting called to order at 1:36pm

B. Introductions

- i. No introductions needed

2. Public Comments:

A. None

3. Minutes: July 10, 2023 meeting minutes to be approved at the September Meeting

- A. Chairman Goldemberg asked why the minutes were not available to be approved.
CAO Staff explained the details regarding the delay of the finalized minutes.

4. Chairman's Report:

- A. Chairman Goldemberg noted that there is much to report in many areas. The Board of Supervisors is consistently working with the fire safety advisory group, and described several concurrent fuel reduction projects.

- i. 10-million-dollar grant through OES for defensible space and assistance for those that are not physically or financially capable of providing fire protection. Multi-year grant.
- ii. 20-million-dollar grant for providing home hardening protection. The focus of the effort is primarily in Ponderosa Hills, where the threat of a fire in that area could potentially endanger multiple neighboring areas. Each home could be eligible for up to 40k in grant money for home hardening renovations to provide updates to roofs and siding that are less flammable.

- iii. 700k for additional OES staff for additional fire coverage efforts
- iv. Homelessness. Chairman Goldemberg mentioned the Oak Terrace Navigation Center (construction, etc.). Potential completion date – October. Placements to begin shortly thereafter for case managed residence. Chairman Goldemberg also mentioned another property in the city of Sonora for veterans, as well as a motel for sale between Sonora and Jamestown (Miner’s inn) to provide potentially for additional housing.
- v. Chairman Goldemberg mentioned his attendance at meetings with Area 12 and ATCAA for continued dialogue about homelessness, especially in the context of older community members.
- vi. COA member John Featherstone asked whether there is someplace on the county website for people to find information for smaller mesh coverings for houses to prevent embers from getting into attics and under roofs. Chairman Goldemberg said he would follow up with OES Assistant Director Dore Bietz to see if information can be provided to residents to get these renovations. Chairman Goldemberg also mentioned that it is a challenge to also find a contractor that can provide these renovations.

5. Treasurer’s Report:

- A. Current COA budget balance: \$9,975
- B. COA Nametags are no longer accurate. They need to be replaced with those that have the correct name for the committee. No quote yet for the badges.
 - i. Chairman Goldemberg asked how the COA accesses its funding.
 - 1. COA member Ted Michaud said to ask Auditor-Controller Debi Bautista to send the COA a check according to a purchase order and then they send it out to the vendor.
 - 2. Chairman Goldemberg instructed them to go forward with getting new badges.

6. CAO Staff Report:

- A. CAO staff informed the group that COA member Scott Dasko offered a letter of resignation via email.

- i. COA member Ted Michaud talked to Mr. Dasko and he informed Ted that the change in the group led him to believe that he didn't have a role to continue with.
- ii. COA member Cathie Peacock said that Mr. Dasko has a number of other things he can do and wanted to use his time better.
- iii. Discussion around the process to apply to the COA.

7. Work Groups Liaison:

A. Extended discussion on Work Group Activities

- i. Met on Thursday the 10th. Productive meeting.
 1. Centenarian event. Letters are going out (invitations). Letters are being sent to several different groups and locations to remind people of the event and invite them to attend (e.g., church groups, mobile home parks, senior centers).
 2. Several public agencies and officials have been invited to attend (e.g., Sonora Police Department, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office, EMS, California Highway Patrol, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors).
 3. Pins and nametags for participants are being made that display their names and their age groups.
 4. OCT 10 is the drop dead rsvp date for the event. COA member Tim Gillespie is exploring transportation options for the participants
COA member Cathie Peacock announced that the workgroup would be changing the day of the meetings. COA workgroup meetings will now be held the third Tuesday of each month(starting the 22nd of August).

8. Unfinished Business:

A. None

9. New Business:

A. Discussion regarding Agenda Items to be submitted 1 week in advance

- i. CAO staff have to publish the agenda in advance (72 hours).
- ii. In order to give the COA Chair and CAO staff enough time to post the agenda amongst their other responsibilities, COA members must meet with CAO staff for a planning meeting (scheduled for the 4th Friday of each month at 1:30pm)

and provide details of any work that needs to be on the upcoming COA meeting agenda. All materials must be provided to the CAO staff one week prior to each COA meeting.

10. Additional Comments/Questions:

A. COA member Cathie Peacock:

- i. Community resource fair this Wednesday (8/16/23) at the fairgrounds at 3pm. Information for senior services will be there. Everything is free and a meal will be offered.
- ii. Next workgroup meeting will be held in COA member Tim Gillespie's office. Attendees may come in person or attend on Zoom.

B. COA member Emily Gose:

- i. Inviting everyone for a meals on wheels event at 92.7 on Friday.

11. Adjournment:

A. Meeting Adjourned at 2:45