**MONTEREY** **COUNTY**

**AREA** **AGENCY** **ON** **AGING**

**Other Meeting Locations:**

**Aimee Cuda**

203 B Calle del Oaks, Canyon Del Rey, CA 93940

**Kathybelle Barlow**

5200 Coe Ave, Apt 1046, Seaside, CA 93955

**Kontrena McPheter**

339 Pajaro Street, Salinas CA 93901

**Jessica McKillip**

236 Monterey Street, Salinas, CA 93901

**Jose Vazquez**

408 Tehama Way, Greenfield, CA 93927

**Teleconference/Zoom meeting information:**

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730 La Guardia, Salinas, CA 93905

**Minutes**

**Monterey County Area Agency on Aging**

**Advisory Council Meeting**

Thursday, February 15, 2024

1:30pm-3:30pm

*730 La Guardia, Second Floor,*

*Frida-Diego Conference Room,*

*Salinas, CA 93905*

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| **Members** | **Roll Attendance** |  | **Roll Attendance** |
| Richard Kuehn, Chair | Not Present | Jessica McKillip | Present |
| Aimee Cuda, Vice-Chair | Present | JoAnne Roth | Present |
| Kathybelle Barlow | Present | Jose Vazquez | Not Present |
| Bobbie Blakeney | Present | Kontrena McPheter | Present |
| **Staff** | **Attendance** |
| Marleen BushErika EstradaThom De La CruzRosemary Munoz | PresentPresentPresentPresent |
| **Agenda** |
| 1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**
 | Meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 1:30 pm. |
| 1. **Roll Call**
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| 1. **Changes to the Agenda**
 | None |
| 1. **Public Introductions, Comments and Announcements:** Members of the public including service providers may address the Council on items not listed on today’s Agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Council. Presentations must not exceed three minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during oral communications.

If any member of the public wishes to address the Council on any action item that is listed on today’s agenda (excluding approval and acceptance of minutes), they may do so when that item is called as directed by the Chair.  |
| 1. **Guest Presentation**
 | Learning Time, Inc., Dr. Joan SmithLearning Time, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation that has been providing academic coaching and tutorial services to Monterey County residents since 2003. They offer services needed for the older population that we serve. For the DMV license renewal assistance program for seniors, the simplest way to provide assistance would be in a lab setting where there is a regular program that people can attend maybe twice a week that is always scheduled. Tutors can review different regulations and provide participants with practice tests to prepare them, so they feel confident when they walk into the DMV office for their test. A second option would be to offer the training via Zoom. A third option would be to offer the tutoring services over the phone. Dr. Smith added that over the years she has observed that as people age, their response to speed changes and that may cause people to be concerned. Their program addresses this with customers to help put them at ease. If someone has difficulty reading, their tutors can conduct a reading evaluation that takes about an hour which will help to prepare a report for the customer to take to the DMV for an accommodation. For example, the DMV can have someone read the questions out loud or play an audio with the questions.  |
| 1. **ACTION ITEMS:**
2. Approval of December 14, 2023, Minutes
3. Consider and approve new member candidate Alicia Rodriguez to the AAA Advisory Council representing Community-At Large and forward appointment to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors consent calendar for concurrence.
 | 1. Kathybelle Barlow moved to approve the December 14, 2023, minutes with clarification of NCRPD (North County Recreation and Parks District) and PolCo (Policy Confluence); Jessica McKillip seconded. Roll call vote was taken and approved by the members present. Motion passed.
2. Aimee stated that Alicia Rodriguez has a robust background in working with seniors and healthcare and would be a great addition to the AAA Advisory Council and PE&A Committee. Kontrena McPheter moved to approve the appointment of Alicia Rodriguez to the AAA Advisory Council and to the PE&A Committee; Jessica McKillip seconded. Roll call vote was taken and approved by the members present. Motion passed.
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| 1. **Executive Committee Report (Richard)**
 | Bobbie reported that Richard went into depth regarding the interview of the new member, Alicia Rodriguez. There was a discussion regarding the 2024 Board Resolutions, and updates to the Aging and Disability Resource Guide as the new edition will be coming out soon.  |
| 1. **Legislation & Advocacy Committee Report (L&A) Jessica**
 | Jessica reported that the L&A Committee discussed a recent announcement from the California Association for Area on Aging regarding a newsletter that has information around the Older Americans Act. She stated the DMV project was also discussed, and Bobbie agreed to work on the Board Resolutions. |
| 1. **Planning, Evaluation & Allocations Committee Report (PE&A) Aimee**
 | Aimee reported that the second quarter service unit report and special funding was reviewed, and everything seemed on track. The rest of the items discussed will be addressed under item 11 of today’s meeting under staff reports. |
| 1. **Designated Committee Representative Reports:**
2. Public Authority for IHSS Advisory Committee (Richard Kuehn)- No meeting
3. Monterey-Salinas Transit, Mobility Advisory Committee (Jessica McKillip)
4. Triple-A Council of California (Richard Kuehn)- Nothing to report
 | a. Public Authority for IHSS Advisory Committee-No meeting was held.b. The Monterey-Salinas Transit, Mobility Advisory Committee had a presentation from Measure X Cycle awards that provided current updates. Jessica added that MS Transit is fully staffed with drivers, which was something that had been in the works for well over two years.c. Triple-A Council of California-Nothing new to report. |
| 1. **Staff Reports/Comments**
2. Update on Digital Connections
3. Discussion on DMV driver’s license renewal assistance for older adults
4. Update on AAA Request for Proposal timeline for FY 2024-25
5. Brief update on AAA 4-Year Area Plan for 2024-2028, Needs Assessment, and Public Hearing scheduled in April 2024.
 | 1. Erika reported that about 130 iPads have been distributed to date. She added that AAA staff continue to conduct outreach; she attended a South County event in Gonzales and collected several applications that will be mailed back to us. The iPad orientations and distribution efforts are going well, and we continue to work with Loaves, Fishes, and Computers to provide the orientations and digital literacy training at our congregate meal sites. Marleen also shared the preliminary results on a survey administered by staff. She stated that a large percentage of seniors reported that technology helps them to feel more socially connected and reduces feelings of loneliness. Many reported using technology to stay informed about current events and healthcare-related information. They also were very likely to recommend the use of technology to seniors to connect with others, stay informed, and improve their mental sharpness as they age.
2. Thom De La Cruz, new Management Analyst for the AAA, reported that Dr. Joan Smith provided a breakdown of what the costs would be for the DMV Licenses renewal program and training. There are several ways to obtain the training, however, the best scenario would be for the customer to come to the One Stop Community Center and participate in person in the lab where a tutor would be present.
3. Update in AAA Request for Proposal- Marleen reported that the RFP was sent to the DSS Fiscal Office for review and processing with our County’s Contracts & Purchasing Office who will be responsible for publicly announcing and posting the RFP on their website. Bobbie has been approved to serve on the panel. Marleen asked the members if they’d be interested in volunteering and serving on the RFP panel to review, score and recommend the applications for funding. Bobbie offered to mentor any new members that are willing to participate on the RFP panel.
4. Brief update on AAA 4-Year Area Plan for 2024-2028, Needs Assessment-Area Plan Needs Marleen shared a snapshot of the results. 658 responses were received from people throughout Monterey County. The top 3 concerns of older adults are: 1) Affording medical/dental/vision, and paying for medication; 2) Losing their ability to drive; 3) Having enough money to stay in their home and knowing where to find services.
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| 1. **Announcements**
 | * Aimee announced that she has a contact that can provide space in Gonzales for senior activities.
* Marleen introduced Thom De La Cruz to the AAA Advisory Council.
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| 1. **Adjourn & Confirm Next Meeting:** April 18, 2024, 1:30pm
 | Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm. |

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