

**Advisory Council on Aging Planning Committee
August 6, 2019, Minutes of the Meeting**

Call to Order: Arthur Kee called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Arthur Kee, Dennis Yee, Debbie Card, Ron Trevelt, Susan Frederick (quorum met)

Absent: Nina Clark, Kevin Donovan, Laura Cepoi (staff)

Staff Present: Glenda Pacha, Anthony Macias

Public Comment: None

Approval of May Agenda

Arthur Kee moved to approve agenda, Susan Frederick motioned second, unanimous approval.

Approval of March and April Minutes

Arthur moved to approve both March and April minutes, Dennis Yee motioned second, unanimous approval.

Contractor's Presentations:

Health Insurance Counseling & Assistance Program (HICAP) – Ruth Atkin

- Since inception in 1980's has been part of AAA but does not receive funding through the OA; receives funding through other fed and state programs;
- 26 HICAPs throughout state known as State Health Insurance Program (SHIP). There are only 5 that part of county agency;
- HICAP consists of 45 counselors-2 Full Time staff; 3 Part Time staff; over 40 volunteers;
- Provides community education- **Welcome to Medi-Care**, education program; the public can make request for speaker /education program from HICAP webpage;
- They help people who have been denied care or bills denied;
- There is rigorous training for volunteers;
- Payment for ambulance rides has been a continuing issue but has improved;
- Funding: MediGap supplemental policies for gap that pays for what is not covered by M/Care;
- This funding comes from State Dept of Insurance money;
- There is threat of cut or elimination of this funding;
- Also Federal funding to find low income people and enroll in low income programs such as M/Care savings program; administrated through M/cal and pay part B of M/Care and another to pay for Part A(QMB);
- Extra Help/Subsidy for Part D for low income; lowest possible co-pay under medi-care.
- HICAP performance measures annually exceeds those that are set by State.
- If everyone took advantage of the counseling and recommendations performed by HICAP of the 2,122 people counseled they would receive a combined savings of savings of 3.5mil dollars.

Information & Assistance (I&A) – Nhang Luong

- I&A is the entry point for the aging in the community to receive information and referrals for services in the county;
- Phone liens are staffed by six county Social Workers;
- Receive calls from simple questions such as volunteering opportunities to often more complex calls related need for housing;
- Integrated call center for APS referrals and IHSS applications;
- Outreach programs in community;
- Connect people with counseling services, only counsel about resources, not mental health counseling. Will make a referral to senior peer counseling.
- Homeless crisis is #1 need for housing among seniors, unable to meet the need for affordable housing.
- Title III-E funding used to go out to events; publish of mini guide and resource directory.

Ask contractors if their services help with any mental health services? HICAP can talk to them of what the insurance plans cover and which of those have psychologists/ psychiatrists. Explain mental health benefit in plans. Often refer to county health department.

Discussion: Change of Chair for Planning committee for remainder of 2019: Ron Trevelt will be taking over as chair of this committee as Arthur Kee will be president of the Grand Jury of CCC; Ron will be chair of this committee through end of this year.

Community Connect – Debbie Card continuing to expand and at end of 2020 the funding will end and there is a question as to whether this will again ; hope it will be a spring board to help with our most vulnerable; model to take care of individuals holistically.

AAA Report – Laura Cepoi (absent)

Report from National Area Agencies on Aging Conference (Glenda Pacha)

Conference was held in New Orleans and there were 1200 attendees with large number of presentations; each AAA is its own entity; most in nation are non-profits; very varied; annual prizes given for innovative programs such as computer kiosk on wheels for senior centers; nationwide AAAs are seeing Transportation as main issue.

Discussion of Contractors Presentation Schedule

Annually there seven sets of presenters of two contractor presentations and there are 10 meetings per year; question of how/what committee would like for three meetings that do not have contractors presenting; Ron would like committee to tackle something different on meetings that would not have a contractor presenting; Request to have one presenter at next meeting- Glenda to see who is available; discussion of a brainstorming session on exploring what committee can add to its agenda; Possible ideas are: 2020 Area Plan on Aging; Invite representative of NAMMI

Items for Executive Committee?

- None

Public Comment

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 9:30-11:30, 500 Ellinwood, (Corner Conference Room)
Presentation: TBD

Adjourn: 11:30 a.m.