



## ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

(of) January 26, 2015  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors  
Conference Rooms A/B  
2800 W. Burrel  
Visalia, CA 93291  
10:45 a.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sharon DeMasters  
Marsha Calhoun  
Mary Krieg-Vasquez  
Sharon Lamagno  
Kyle Melton  
Cheri Taylor  
Suzann Wray

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Don Turner m  
Fern Haller  
Dick Johnson  
Suzann Wray  
Maggie Woodhouse  
Marlene Chambers  
Sharon Lamagno  
Grace Schraa

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Laura Silva, K/T AAA Director  
Brooke Sisk, Administrative Specialist  
Christine Tidwell, Administrative Aide

### **GUESTS & ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Albert Cendejas, CSET  
Dr. David Wood, Guest  
Benjamin Cordova, Guest

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1. **Call to Order** – Sharon DeMasters, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.
  2. **Public Comments**
    - Albert Cendejas reported that CSET has arranged for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for seniors in both Kings and Tulare Counties.
  3. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of the minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum. Ms. DeMasters noted that most agenda items are informational, so she requested that those items be discussed. Minutes of the December 2014, meeting will be approved at the next meeting.
  4. **Announcements and Correspondence** – None.
  5. **Milestone Updates** – Laura Silva shared that Mae Brixey was one of the past Advisory Council members that K/T AAA staff had planned to visit during its distribution of Holiday Stockings. With the help of her family, one of Mae's friends was chosen to receive the stocking that had originally been designated for Mae prior to her death. Bonnie Quiroz, the Adult and Dependent Adult Family Advocate had a chance to visit with Mae before Mae was admitted to the hospital. Additionally, holiday stockings were given to Stella Ybarra, Carla Trueting, and Sam and Doris Hurtado- also all former Advisory Council members.
  6. **Council Membership** – Kyle Melton, Membership Committee Chair explained that in December 2014, the Council officially declared Seat Number 5 (Rebecca Cortez) as vacant due to no-attendance. This vacancy opened up the seat for appointment. An application to membership was received by Benjamin Cordova, who has a strong background in

community service and is interested in Council membership. Since there is not a quorum present, the Council is unable to vote on the acceptance of his application to recommend to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors of appointment.

Additionally, Mr. Melton said that he had received the resignation of Council member Sue Mudge, which opens up Seat #12, a Governing Board-appointed seat.

Chair DeMasters brought up the topic of alternate members and how they are assigned. Currently alternates are designated for each individual member. The idea was put forward that alternates be more general and not tied to any specific seat, to create an alternate “pool.” Alternates would be on-going members with the responsibility of attending meetings regularly to stay abreast of Council business. This would help to alleviate the problem of meetings coming up short of a quorum, which prevents action items from being decided upon. With the model of an alternate remaining current on Council business, the alternate positions need to be in attendance as regularly as if they held an appointed seat. Further consideration is that this change will probably require a bylaws update.

7. **Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)** – Christine Tidwell requested that the Statement of Economic Interest be completed and returned back to her as soon as possible.
8. **2015 Schedule of Meetings** – As Council Chair, Sharon DeMasters has the authority to set meetings as necessary. In this capacity, the Chair requested that the Council meetings be aligned to follow the scheduled Governing Board meetings, for the year. For 2015, the Governing Board meetings are as follows: March 16, May 18, July 20, and October 19, 2015.

Brooke Sisk asked that at the next meeting, rather than call a special meeting for the Area Plan, Budget, Contract (ABC) Committee, she would like to go over the budget. In March or April, an ABC committee will be convened for review of the Area Plan Update. The resignation of Sue Mudge created a vacancy on the ABC Committee.

In referring to the committee roster that was distributed, the Chair, said that Committee membership will remain as is for now. Term dates for the Committees will be reviewed.

9. **Advocacy of Re-Authorization of Older American Act (OAA)** – Ms. DeMasters distributed a summary of the OAA reauthorization. Anyone interested in being sent the OAA progress updates, please let Ms. DeMasters know and she will forward the information. Senate Bill 192 has been put forward to re-authorize the OAA.

Cheri Taylor reported that the National Association of Adult Day Services is hosting a workshop/gathering in Virginia for May 4-5, 2015. Ms. Silva said there are two limitations why K/T AAA is not able to pay for anyone to go, the first being that it was not budgeted for in the K/A AAA budget; and the second is that the State restricts out of State travel, so the fee would not be able to be picked up by K/T AAA.

Ms. DeMasters encouraged participation at the grass roots level, but contacting local congressional representatives.

10. **California Senior Legislature (CSL)** – CSL representative Don Turner is not present, but he had requested information be distributed on some of the legislative bills being considered, especially one concerning, Death with Dignity. Mr. Turner can give more of an overview at a following meeting.

11. **Additional Member Comments** – None
12. **Adjourn** – Session ended 12:00 p.m.

**NEXT:**

**Governing Board Meeting  
March 16, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Tulare County Human Resources & Development  
Testing Room  
2900 W. Burrel  
Visalia, CA 93291  
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Advisory Council Meeting  
May 18, 2015  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors  
Conference Rooms A/B  
2800 W. Burrel Avenue  
Visalia, CA**