



ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 22, 2013

Professional Development Center (PDC)

4031 W. Noble Avenue

Visalia, CA 93277

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marlene Chambers
Sharon DeMasters
Fern Haller
Dick Johnson
Sharon Lamagno
Kyle Melton
Cheri Taylor, Chair
Don Turner

STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Silva
Dayna Wild m
Brooke Sisk
Bonnie Quiroz
Christine Tidwell

GUESTS & ALTERNATES PRESENT:

William Tidwell, Alternate

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Betty Oswald

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1. **Call to Order**
Cheri Taylor, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.
 2. **Public Comments**
 - Sharon DeMasters announced the Kings County Commission on Aging (KCCOA) and the Kings County Bar Association are planning a law day. “Lawyers in the Courtyard,” will take place on May 4, 2013, at the Kings County Administrative Offices 9 a.m. to noon. This event is free of charge. The event is not just for seniors, but seniors are encouraged to come.
 - Ms. DeMasters said the KCCOA will be celebrating Friendship Day on May 24, 2013, at the Kings County Civic Auditorium in Hanford. The event is a luau theme and will be a catered event, with a \$3 voluntary donation requested.
 - Cheri Taylor announced two caregiver workshops on May 7 and May 9, 2013 at 11 a.m., in connection with the Alzheimer’s Project that Maria Shriver created for HBO broadcasting. Taped videos of those programs will be shown, with lunch and discussion after.
 3. **Approval of Minutes** – Marlene Chambers motioned to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting, as presented. Sharon DeMasters seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
 4. **Announcements and Correspondence**
 - Brooke Sisk, K/T AAA Staff Analyst announce that Wifi is now available at five of the Tulare County Senior Centers: Earlimart, Lindsay, Cutler, Porterville, and Woodlake. She said seniors are taking advantage of the services to connect with laptops, cell phones, and other wireless devices. Tammy Sears from On-Site Computer Training is teaching

the seniors how to use their devices that have wireless capability and that the seniors are taking advantage which creates a “coffee shop” feel at the centers.

- Ms. Sisk also announced that courses have started at Tulare County senior centers, similar to those currently being taught in Kings County. These are taught by UC Cooperative extension using Federal CalFresh funding to do outreach. Two courses are offered: “Plan, Chop, Save, Cook” and “Making Every Dollar Count.” Each course is a four-part series taught at the centers. So far, they have been taught at Lindsay and Woodlake and will begin soon at Goshen. Attendance in these classes is free.

5. Milestone Updates

- Notice of Council member Jacob Epperson’s obituary and memorial service was announced for those not already aware of it.

6. Confirmation of New Council Member – Membership Committee Chair, Kyle Melton, reported that Mary Krieg-Vasquez had applied for Council membership and her name is being put forth to the Council for approval to move it forward for an appointment. Ms. Krieg-Vasquez serves as the volunteer coordinator for the RSVP program in Kings and Tulare Counties. It was voted unanimously to take her name to the Governing Board for an appointment.

7. Area Plan Update – Brooke Sisk reported that she had met with the Area Plan, Budget, and Contract (ABC) Committee members to review the Area Plan Update to last year’s four-year Area Plan. Every four years K/T AAA submits an Area Plan to the California Department of Aging (CDA) discussing the service area and the service units for its programs. Every year an update is required. This year’s update is due before the K/T AAA Request for Proposal contract will be in place, so the update has been written assuming “business as usual.” Later, an amended Update will be submitted if the contract is accepted by the contractor. Public hearings for the update will be held April 30, 2013 at the Hanford Senior Center and May 1, 2013 at the Tulare Senior Center at 9 a.m.

8. Senior Day in the Park – Dayna Wild, K/T AAA Administrative Specialist, reported that this year’s Senior Day in the Park event on May 17th will be organized in large part by the Tulare County Public Health Emergency Program (PHEP). PHEP will be organizing the event “behind the scenes” as part of a practice exercise in emergency organizing, including food distribution to large amounts of people, parking, traffic, and volunteers. She said K/T AAA is excited to partner with the program to create a hands-on learning experience.

On another note, Ms. Sisk said the flyer for the Senior Park event was obtained from a student artist at the Creative Center and that K/T AAA will be working with the Creative Center again next year to commission a piece specifically designed for the event.

9. Committee Assignment Review – Council Chair Cheri Taylor said the term for one of the positions on the ABC committee has expired. The term for Fern Haller ended in 2012, requiring re-appointment to that committee. Fern Haller was re-appointed to serve another term on that committee until, 2015.

10. California Senior Legislator (CSL) Report – CSL assembly member, Sharon Lamagno, reported that she and Carla Treuting will be attending the first Northern California Caucus for the CSL. It will be held in Fresno. It is hoped this caucus will create a louder “voice” in the CSL for the Central Valley region.

11. Staff Reports

- **Farmers Market Coupon Program** – The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has sent the yearly amount of Farmers Market Coupons to the K/T AAA but has restricted distribution until it has further funding approval from the State. K/T AAA has received 1,000 booklets. Each booklet is worth \$20. Twenty-three percent will be routed to Kings County for distribution at its farmers market.

12. Additional Member Comments

- Dayna Wild introduced Laura Silva who is the new manager for the Aging Services Programs. She is replacing Tim Lutz, who has accepted a position overseeing the Health and Human Services Agency fiscal department. Mr. Lutz will remain as the Director of the K/T AAA.
- Council member Kyle Melton announced that he will be retiring from the Housing Authority as of May 1, 2013. Dayna noted that Mr. Melton was on the committee rating the RFP responses.

13. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

NEXT:

Governing Board Meeting

May 20, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Tulare County Office of Education

Board Room

2637 W. Burrel

Visalia, CA 93221

Advisory Council Meeting

July 22, 2013

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