



## ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 2, 2013

Café 225

225 West Main Street

Visalia, CA 93291

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marlene Chambers  
Sharon DeMasters  
Fern Haller  
Dick Johnson  
Mary Krieg-Vasquez  
Sharon Lamagno  
Kyle Melton  
Cheri Taylor  
Don Turner

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Beckie Cortez  
Grace Schraa  
Maggie Woodhouse

### STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Silva, Aging Services Manager m  
Bonnie Quiroz, Client Advocate  
Christine Tidwell, Administrative Aide  
Pamela Nelson, Program Director, MSSP  
Marla Phillips, Staff Analyst  
Brook Sisk, Staff Analyst

### GUESTS & ALTERNATES PRESENT:

William Tidwell, Council Alternate  
Mary Alice Escarsega, Exec. Director, CSET  
Albert Cendejas, Program Co-ordinator  
Susan Mudge, Alternate  
Barbara Melton  
Hal Hunter, Alternate  
Joyce Rugeroni  
Marleen Johnson  
Mitzie Ruiz

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1. **Call to Order** – Cheri Taylor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.
  2. **Guest Speaker: Cynthia Johnson** – Speaker will talk on, *Change and Motivation* (Due to a late arrival, the speaker portion was moved to the end of the meeting).
  3. **Public Comments** –
    - Albert Cendejas, C-SET Senior Program Coordinator, gave an update on services, reporting that approximately 50 hours of visiting and socialization had been done with senior clients. On *Make a Difference Day*, crews helped seniors clean up their homes and tidy up yards, including every kind of project from unclogging drains and making minor repairs homes, to changing light bulbs – all done in an effort to make a difference. He noted that providing transportation for seniors is still a great need.

Mr. Cendjas said that the holiday meal schedule has begun and due to helpful comments offered by the seniors, improvements to the meals were being implemented to make the meals the best they can be.

4. **Approval of Minutes** – Sharon DeMasters motioned to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013, meeting, as presented. Dick Johnson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
5. **Announcements and Correspondence**
  - Sharon DeMasters announced that the Kings County Commission on Aging (KCCOA) will be closed over the holidays. During the holiday season, the Commission will be distributing holiday stockings, blankets, and other items for its homebound clients. She noted that Kings County Board of Realtors has contributed \$1,000 toward this effort.
  - Cheri Taylor announced that the Porterville Adult Day Services (PADS) Rock-A-Thon fundraiser will be coming up on February 28 through March 1. PADS will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year of this fundraiser.
  - Carla Treuting was awarded a plaque of appreciation for her years of dedicated service as a California Senior Legislator. Due to a move out of the area, Ms. Treuting will be retiring from her position as Senior Legislator for the K/T AAA.
6. **Milestone Updates** – There were no milestones to report.
7. **Message from the Chair** – Ms. Taylor thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as its Chair over the last several years.
8. **Election of Council Officers, Chair and Vice Chair** – Mary Krieg-Vasquez of the Nomination Committee nominated Sharon DeMasters for the office of Chair. Cheri Taylor entertained other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were closed and Ms. DeMasters was unanimously voted in as the new Council Chair to take office as of 2014. Mary Krieg-Vasquez was nominated for Vice Chair, and with no other nominations she was voted in as the new Vice Chair of the Council.
9. **Membership Recommendation** – Kyle Melton, Chair of the Membership Committee announced that by consensus of the Membership Committee, he is recommending that Susan Mudge be recommended for appointment to one of the two vacant Council seats representing Tulare County. Prior to her retirement from Tulare County, Ms. Mudge worked as the K/T AAA accountant. By unanimous vote, it was decided to forward Ms. Mudge's name to the Governing Board for consideration of appointment.
10. **California Senior Legislator Report** – Carla Treuting said the CSL meeting session at the end of October was very successful, with approximately 10 proposals being adopted.
11. **Staff Reports** –
  - Farmers Market – Christine Tidwell reported that the K/T AAA was ranked second in the state in the redemption rate of Farmers Market Coupons. Eighty percent of the coupons distributed between Kings and Tulare County have been redeemed, which indicates that seniors are actually using them.
  - Bonnie Quiroz, K/T AAA Client Advocate announced that the Holiday Stocking Project is progressing nicely with contributions from Foodlink, the Meadows Senior Housing and other community organizations, as well as County employees. If any Council member would like to help, the effort to begin “stuffing” the stockings will begin December 9, 2014. Ms. Quiroz can be contacted at 624-8086.

12. **Additional Member Comments** – Cheri Taylor thanked Christine Tidwell for her part in helping to organize the Council meetings.
13. **Adjourned** – The meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT:**

**Governing Board Meeting**

**January 27, 2014**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Tulare County Board of Supervisors**

**Conference Rooms A/B**

**2800 W. Burrel**

**Visalia, CA**

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**Advisory Council January 27, 2014**

**(Immediately following the Governing Board meeting)**

**11:00 a.m.**

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