



## ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 2014

11:00 a.m.

Professional Development Center (PDC)

4031 W. Noble Avenue

Visalia, CA 93277

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marlene Chambers  
Sharon DeMasters  
Dick Johnson  
Mary Krieg-Vasquez  
Sharon Lamagno  
Kyle Melton  
Sue Mudge  
Don Turner  
Grace Schraa  
Maggie Woodhouse

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Laura Silva, K/T AAA Director m  
Brooke Sisk, Staff Analyst  
Christine Tidwell, Administrative Aide

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

Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, C-SET  
Trish Castro-Ridenour, RSVP Coordinator

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Beckie Cortez  
Fern Haller  
Cheri Taylor

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1. **Call to Order** – Sharon DeMasters, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
  2. **Public Comments** – Mary Krieg-Vasquez from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) introduced Trish Castro-Ridenour the new field coordinator for RSVP in Kings and Tulare Counties.
  3. **Approval of Minutes** – Marlene Chambers motioned to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014, meeting. Dick Johnson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with Sharon Lamagno abstaining from the vote.
  4. **Announcements and Correspondence**
    - Ms. DeMasters invited everyone to the Hanford Civic Auditorium on Friday, May 23, 2014. The Commission on Aging will be hosting its Friendship Day event in Kings County. There will be line dancing and karaoke. Ms. Escarsega-Fechner said she would like to have a C-SET booth at the event to recruit for two available Title V (senior employment) positions that are currently open in Kings County.
    - Ms. Escarsega-Fechner announced that an Open House will be planned soon for the new Porterville Senior Center.

5. **Milestone Updates** –

- Christine Tidwell said she recently spoke to Council member Fern Haller, who had called to “check in”. Ms. Haller is looking forward to returning after her recovery.
- Marlene Chambers asked if anyone had been in touch with Council member, Beckie Cortez, noting that Ms. Cortez had been absent from meetings, lately. The Membership Committee will follow up with Ms. Cortez.

6. **California Senior Legislature Election (CSL)** – The K/T AAA has two CSL positions available, a Senior Senator and a Senior Assembly Representative. Both positions are up for election. Sharon Lamagno is the incumbent candidate for the Assembly position and Don Turner is the candidate for the CSL Senator position. Per one of the election method options approved by the CSL, the K/T AAA Advisory Council serves as the electing body. Each candidate was elected by a quorum vote to the above respective positions.

7. **Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting** – K/T AAA Director, Laura Silva reported out on actions taken during the Governing Board meeting held earlier in the day. She said the Board approved the K/T AAA Area Plan Update for FY14/15. Additionally, planning estimates for revenue and provider contracts were discussed and approved. A contract was also approved with Valley Caregivers Resource Center (VCRC) for prevention and early intervention of mental health issues.

8. **Area Plan Update Review** – Staff Analyst Marla Phillips reviewed and reported on the FY13/14 plan Update for the K/T AAA Area Plan. She distributed a summary of the services included in the Update and explained some of the services being provided and the service categories. A discussion followed regarding some of the services available, including transportation concerns, which are of particular importance considering the rural nature of Kings and Tulare Counties.

9. **Senior Day in the Park Report and Highlights** – Ms. Silva said there was a great turnout for the Senior Day event, especially considering the high temperatures. The initial meal count is 1375 served. The Elvis performer was a popular draw again this year, and there were over 100 cakes donated for the Cake Walk. She said everything ran smoothly, noting that much of the set up was done on the afternoon before the event, which helped ease the pressure of getting things organized early on the day of the event. Many community partners contributed help to make the event successful.

10. **Staff Reports** – Ms. Silva said the K/T AAA had received its portion of Farmers Market Coupons from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). One thousand booklets were received and will be distributed at the certified Farmer Markets in the area. Twenty-three percent will be given to King County for distribution there.

11. **Additional Member Comments** – No additional comments.

12. **Adjourned** –The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

**NEXT:**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**July 21, 2014**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Tulare County Human Resources & Development**

**Testing Room**

**2900 W. Burrel**

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