



ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 20, 2013

Professional Development Center (PDC)

4031 W. Noble Avenue

Visalia, CA 93277

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marlene Chambers

Sharon DeMasters

Betty Oswald

Kyle Melton

Don Turner

STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Silva

Bonnie Quiroz

Christine Tidwell

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GUESTS & ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Carla Treuting, California Senior Legislator

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fern Haller

Dick Johnson

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1. **Call to Order**
Cheri Taylor, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
 2. **Public Comments** – None.
 3. **Approval of Minutes** – Marlene Chambers motioned to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2013, meeting, as presented. Kyle Melton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
 4. **Announcements and Correspondence**
 - Sharon DeMasters announced that on Friday May, 24, everyone is invited to the Friendship Day celebration at the Civic Auditorium in Hanford. It will be a Hawaiian theme with luau.
 5. **Milestone Updates**
 - Marlene Chambers reported that she had recently seen former Council member, Stella Ybarra at the Cinco de Mayo Day in Hanford. She is doing well and sends her regards to the Council.
 6. **Confirmation of New Council Member** – Membership Committee Chair, Kyle Melton brought forward Beckie Cortez' name for membership approval on the Council. He conducted a phone interview with Ms. Cortez and also said he has known Ms. Cortez for about 15 years and can strongly recommend her for Council membership. Similarly, Dick Johnson, also of the Membership Committee gave a strong recommendation that she would be a good fit for Council membership. Mr. Melton put a motion on the floor that Ms. Cortez be recommended for membership approval. Marlene Chambers seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to bring her name to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors for appointment.

7. **Update of RFP for Senior Services** – Laura Silva, Aging Services Manager, reported that in response to the Request for Proposal for senior services, a contract was awarded to C-SET, and had been approved and signed at the Governing Board. The contract begins July 1, 2013. With that agreement now in place, the process will begin of transitioning service provider contract to C-SET; for example, Royal Dining and the senior center leases. She noted that staffing deletions for Tulare County positions in connection with the program will also result. (C-SET has signaled an interest in looking at the staff being laid off in consideration of hiring them to fill some positions). Additionally, she noted the contract stipulates that current centers will be kept open with the same hours.
8. **California Senior Legislator (CSL) Report** – Carla Treuting, CSL legislator, reported that on April 26, 2013, the first meeting of the new Central Valley Caucus was convened in Fresno. The first meeting was an organizational meeting to select Chair, Co-chair and Secretary, but she said having a Central Valley Caucus should help in developing proposals and pulling together the interests and causes of concern for seniors in this area, such as transportation challenges and having to travel long distances due to the rural nature of the area.
9. **Staff Reports**
 - **Farmers Market Coupon Program** – The yearly amount of Farmers Market Coupons sent by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has been received by the K/T AAA. This year’s amount is 1,000 booklets (at \$20/per booklet value), totaling \$20,000 worth of coupons. Twenty-three percent of the booklets are given to Kings County for distribution at its Farmers Market. The Tulare County portion is allocated, proportionately, for distribution at each certified Farmers Market in Tulare County. Bonnie Quiroz will be in charge of that distribution this year.
 - **Senior Day in the Park** – Sharon DeMasters reported that this year’s Senior Day in the Part had great weather and wonderful entertainment. She estimated that approximately 1,400 people were in attendance. It ran smoothly and was well organized. It was noted that the Public Health Emergency Program (PHEP) had a hand in organizing much of the event this year, including parking, logistics, securing enough volunteers, and creating signage. Ms. Silva said one nice aspect of the event was that it was very “inter-generational,” with many families of seniors also attending.
10. **Additional Member Comments** – No additional comments.
11. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

NEXT:

**Governing Board Meeting
August 19, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

**Tulare County Human Resources & Development
Testing Room
2900 W. Burrel
Visalia, CA**

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Advisory Council (To Be Announced)