



# GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

To be approved on  
January 26, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting  
Lindsay Senior Center  
911 North Parkside  
Lindsay, CA 93247

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## **GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Fagundes, Chair, Kings Co. – Dist. 5  
Allen Ishida, Vice Chair, Tulare Co. – Dist. 1  
Pete Vander Poel, Tulare Co. – Dist. 2  
Mike Ennis, Tulare Co. – Dist. 5  
Tony Barba, Kings Co. – Dist. 4

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sharon DeMasters  
Marlene Chambers  
Don Turner  
Cheri Taylor  
Mary Krieg-Vasquez

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Laura Silva, K/T AAA Director  
Brooke Sisk, Administrative Specialist  
Dori Silveria, HICAP Program Manager  
Christine Tidwell, Administrative Aide

## **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Albert Cendejas, (CSET)  
Mary Escarsega (CSET)  
Benjamin Cordova, Visitor  
Marsha Calhoun-Kings Co. Public  
Authority  
Patricia Castro-Ridenour (RSVP)

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1. **Call to Order** – Supervisor Fagundes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
  2. **Public Comment**
    - Laura Silva, K/T AAA Director, thanked the Lindsay Senior Center staff and CSET for hosting the Governing Board and Advisory Council meetings.
    - Albert Cendejas, Senior Program Coordinator for CSET, introduced the Lindsay Center Site Managers, Eva Ruiz and Margie Mergil, who explained some of the activities currently planned at the center, which included a Halloween dinner on Oct 29, 2014.
  3. **Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2014** – Supervisor Ennis moved for approval of the minutes of July 21, 2014. Supervisor Barba seconded the motion and the minutes were approved, unanimously.
  4. **Recognition of HICAP Senior Medicare Patrol Volunteers** – Ms. Silva introduced Dori Silveria, manager of the K/T AAA Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP). Ms. Silveria said it was her pleasure to introduce David and Joyce Rugeroni, who serve as the Senior Medicare Patrol HICAP Liaisons. Over the last year, Mr. and Ms. Rugeroni have provided 44 hours of HICAP counseling on Medicare fraud to over 67 beneficiaries in Kings and Tulare Counties and have completed over 12 hours of continued education in Medicare fraud training. As liaisons, they go out into the community to provide information on Medicare fraud: how to protect, detect, and report fraud. This is done in a volunteer capacity. Most recently, while attending an extended training in

Sacramento, they received a Presidential Service Award signed by President Barack Obama and a Presidential Service Award pin in thanks for the extended work done on behalf of the beneficiaries in Kings and Tulare Counties. Ms. Silveria said of the 600 volunteer Medicare counselors in California, 22 specialize in Medicare fraud. Mr. and Ms. Rugeroni are two of the five persons recognized and honored for their outstanding service.

Ms. Silveria presented Mr. and Ms. Rugeroni with an additional Certificate of Appreciation from the K/T AAA to recognize and congratulate them on the receipt of their award and to offer the Agency's sincere gratitude for the service they do on behalf of the K/T AAA.

Supervisor Fagundes thanked Mr. and Ms. Rugeroni for their extended service to the K/T AAA and the HICAP program, thanking them on behalf of the Governing Board.

5. **California Health Advocates-Senior Medicare Patrol (CHA-SMP)** – Ms. Silva explained that the agreement between California Health Advocates (CHA) and K/T AAA in the amount of \$1,000, is a revenue contract to support the Medical fraud prevention effort. She asked for the Board's approval to accept the funding. Supervisor Ennis moved for approval, with Supervisor Vander Poel seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve. **(Ennis/Vander Poel Res. No. 14-013)**
  
6. **California Department of Aging (CDA) Contract Amendment for One-Time-Only (OTO) Funding** – Brooke Sisk, K/T AAA Administrative Specialist, said the K/T AAA recently received a contract amendment from the CDA for OTO funding in the amount of \$129, 907 to be used within FY14/15. The allocation includes Federal funds in the amount of \$ 84,569. These are re-allocated carry-over funds from last fiscal year. The funds were made available only to Planning Service Areas that met an accelerated closing deadline, which was one month earlier than normal. K/T AAA met that deadline thanks to the hard work of the K/T AAA contractors and staff. The remainder of the allocation in the amount of \$45, 338 is new supplemental funding and State special nutrition funds for the Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals programs.

Supervisor Vander Poel asked if receipt of the supplemental funding is based on an application, need, past usage, or on what is the decision based? Ms. Sisk said it is divided up by PSA, with each PSA receiving a portion. Ms. Silva said it is hoped that that funding becomes permanent. It is the second year that this has been allocated and she is optimistic that it will continue as a funding source.

7. **Provider Contract Amendments (OTO)** – Ms. Sisk reported the provider contract amendments are based on the funding received from the CDA, (as referred to in item # 6.) All the funding that K/T AAA receives via the CDA contract amendment is allocated to K/T AAA providers. Contract amendments will go out and funds will be available for use in November 2014, as follows:
  - Porterville Adult Day Services (PADS) increase of \$7,261
  - Valley Caregiver Resource Center (VCRC) increase of \$1,341
  - City of Tulare increase of \$ 9,527
  - Community Services Employment Training (CSET) increase of \$81,312
  - Kings County increase of \$30,466

8. **Advisory Council Report** – Sharon DeMasters, Advisory Council Chair, reported that the K/T AAA is currently rated second in redemption of the Senior Farmers Market Coupons. Coupons are distributed annually to each PSA. K/T AAA redemption rate is 61.62 percent, which means the vouchers are being utilized by the seniors. Monterrey (PSA 32) has the highest redemption with 76.84 percent redemption. Ms. Silva commented that Monterrey has a very robust, well-attended Farmers Market, which contributes to the overall redemption.

Supervisor Vander Poel asked Ms. DeMasters to explain the Farmers Market Coupon Program for the benefit of the audience. He said it may help increase the participation rate. In explanation, Ms. DeMasters said California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) makes available vouchers to be used by senior participants to purchase fruits and vegetables at local certified farmers markets. Each eligible participant receives \$20 worth of vouchers to be used for fresh produce. Once used, the voucher is redeemed through the CDFA for reimbursement. Coupon books are released to the Area Agencies in May, with coupon redemption possible through the end of November. (It was noted that many markets are not year round and close before November 30th).

9. **Service Award Presentation** – A services award was presented from the K/T AAA Governing Board and Advisory Council to Supervisor Tony Barba, who is retiring off the Kings County Board of Supervisors at the end of 2014, making this the last K/T AAA Governing Board meeting that he will be attending as a Board member. Ms. DeMasters, Advisory Council Chair said she has been honored to work with Supervisor Barba over many years and that he has served his community well. He will be retiring after 20 years of service with the K/T AAA Governing Board. As a token of appreciation, she presented him with an award signifying his many years of service on the Board.

Supervisor Barba thanked everyone, saying that he will miss being part of the K/T AAA and stating that he has enjoyed his 20 years spent on the Board, but he feels it's time to step back.

**Additional Comment:** Supervisor Fagundes requested Sharon DeMasters to say a few words about the Buris Park Senior Day event. Ms. DeMasters said the event went very well with approximately 400 attendees. She thanked the staff from CSET for coming to help with the set up. She also thank Laura Silva and others from K/T AAA and IHSS who came to help, including military personnel from Lemoore, stating that it is never one person running the show – that it requires volunteers and cooperation. Because it was a hot day, she said there was not the normal turnout for the event, which is between 500 to 600, but it was still a fun time and enjoyable for the seniors. Ms. DeMasters said they have now extended invitations to Kingsburg (Fresno County) senior organizations, because the event site is near Kingsburg.

10. **Adjourn** –On a motion by supervisor Ennis, seconded by Supervisor Ishida, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Silva  
Secretary to the Board