 GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

*To be approved on:* Minutes of July 15, 2024,

(Oct 21, 2024, Mtg. was cancelled) Connections Bldg., 3249 W. Noble, Visalia

Revised approval date: Jan 13, 2025

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pete Vander Poel, Chair – Dist. 2

Rusty Robinson, Kings Co. – Dist. 4

Eddie Valero, Tulare Co. – Dist. 4

Larry Micari, Tulare C

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Richard Fagundes, Kings Co. – Dist. 5

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Bobbie Wartson, Chair, Advisory Council

Marlene Chambers

Marianne Osborne

Mary Thomas

Suzann Wray

Brian Poth

Arturo Torres Montiel

Robert Garcia

**STAFF PRESENT:**

John Mauro, Adult Services, Deputy Director

Dayna Wild, Division Mgr., Adult Srvcs.

Israel Guardado, Administrative Specialist

Bonnie Quiroz, Senior Advocate

Dori Silveria, HICAP & MSSP Program Manager

Rudy Porras, Administrative Aide

Christine Tidwell, Administrative Aide

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jason Kemp Van Ee, Kings Co.

Raquel Gomez, CSET

Christopher Narez, Kings Co.

John Davis, Council Candidate

Angel Avitia, CSET

Jerel Dutton, CSET

Eric Scott, Tulare Co. Counsel

Jonathon Porter, Council Candidate

1. **Call to Order** – Board Chair, Supervisor Rusty Robinson, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and thanked everyone for attending.
2. **Introductions,** as above.
3. **Board Member Comments –** A special welcome was extended to Mr. John Davis who was a former Tulare County HHSA Agency Director and a former Director of the K/T AAA.
4. **Public Comment –** None
5. **Approval of the Minutes of May 13, 2024** – Supervisor Valero motioned to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Governing Board meeting; Supervisor Vander Poel seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote. **(Valero/Vander Poel)**
6. **Cessation of Services Associate with CDA Contracts IF-2223-15; AP 2122-15 (ARPA) and NI 2223-15 as of September 30, 2024** – This is an information item. Israel Guardado reported that the above funding would be ending this year. He noted the programs these contracts fund are also funded by other contracts, so it is supplemental funding for the most part. The services will continue but will be funded by other sources. This is to notify the Board that these particular service contracts will be coming to an end. He noted that these were always supplemental and never part of K/T AAA’s historical funding. He also noted that the Fall Prevention funds were basically one-time funding, and that program will be continuing with the Modernization contract funding through 2026. It is not an Older Americans Act program.
7. **Contract Authorities for FY24/25 –** Mr. Guardado reported on the following contracts, noting that they are routine and are with long-standing providers. (as listed below). Based on today’s approval, the contracts will be sent to the providers. **(Res. No. 24-012 Valero/Micari)**

**Kings County Commission on Aging (KCCOA) $ 1,106,171**

* *Area Plan* $ 925,842
* *ARPA* $ 6,088\*
* *OARR* $ 34,497\*
* *Infrastructure* $ 92,722\*
* *NM* $ 47,022\*

**City of Tulare** **$ 378,778**

* *Area Plan* $ 289,833
* *Infrastructure* $ 57,347\*
* *NM* $ 31,598\*

**Community Services & Employment (CSET) $ 3,109,789**

* *Area Plan* $ 1,927,805
* *ARPA* $ 315,828\*
* *OARR* $ 375,741\*
* *Infrastructure* $ 324,838\*
* *NM* $ 165,577\*

**Community Services and Employment TV $ 84,561**

**Valley Adult Day Services (VADS) $ 141,970**

* *Area Plan* $ 94,981
* *OM* $ 46,989\*

**Valley Caregiver Resource Center (VCRC) $ 141,970**

* *Area Plan* $ 94,981
* *OM $46,989*

**8(a).** K/T AAA Director, Dayna Wild requested that the Board vote to agendize an item in order to approve the appointment of candidate John Davis, to the Advisory Council. On a motion by Supervisor Micari, seconded by Supervisor Vander Poel, the Board took action to include an action item on its agenda in order to appoint Mr. Davis to the Council.

**(Micari/Vander Poel)** Subsequent to adding the agenda item, on a motion by Supervisor Vander Poel and seconded by Supervisor Micari, the Board also voted to appoint Mr. Davis to the Advisory Council.**(Vander Poel/ Micari)**

1. **Staff Reports**

* **Update on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) –** Dayna Wild reported information on the new CDA MOU, explaining that it has now been signed by both the K/T AAA and counter-signed by the CDA. This MOU will encompass several programs that previously came to the K/T AAA as separate contracts.
* **Employee Recognition and Appreciation**  – Ms. Wild acknowledged John Mauro, who she said will be retiring from the County after 38 years of public service, most recently as the Deputy Director of Adult Services for Tulare County. Congratulations went out to Mr. Mauro from the Board and staff.
* **Tulare Senior Center Report, Grab-N-Go Meals –** This item is postponed until a future meeting due to Ashlee Winslow, Tulare Senior Center site manager, being unavailable to attend today’s meeting, due to illness.
* **Kings County Commission on Aging Report –** Ms. Bobbie Wartson reported that for the fiscal year just ending, 96,267 frozen meals were distributed through KCCOA, and the program has 969 seniors enrolled. However, with the reduction in nutrition funding, anyone who was not homebound was taken off the program. The congregate program served 23,383 meals to 355 senior participants. She noted that KCCOA prepares the senior meals, and the seniors can participate in the options choices by expressing their preferences. All meals have the approval of a Registered Dietician.

It was reported that KCCOA organized an Elder Abuse event in June – with 367 in attendance. Four of five Kings County Supervisors attended the breakfast event.

Ombudsman Program – Ms. Wartson said that KCCOA now oversees the Ombudsman Program for Kern County, on a temporary basis. The State reached out to Ms. Wartson to inquire if she could take over the Kern program, which she declined. The State then asked for her help for 6 months; then finally for two weeks, which she agreed to. At this time, no additional remuneration has been discussed to do this additional service.

Ms. Wartson reported that she attended a gala hosted by the State Commission on Aging. She noted that in addition to political personalities that were acknowledged, she was also acknowledged for her work as part of PSA 15, Kings and Tulare Area Agency, and beyond.

* **CSET Report** – Jerel Dutton reported on the nutrition numbers from July 1, 2023, to 2024. Home Delivered Meal (HDM) count was 80,000 meals out to 375 senior clients; additionally, congregate meals – served at the senior centers, were approximately 37,000 for 400 senior clients. Activities numbered 55,000 - based on 1 client/for 1 hour, activity. It was also noted that the senior centers have been remaining open longer hours to serve as cooling centers in the current excessive heat wave. Centers are remaining open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with approximately 5 to 10 seniors taking advantage of this availability at the centers.

Additionally, it was reported that shelf-stable meals (5 meal kit per box) are being distributed to seniors. These meals require no refrigeration and can be used if there is a power outage.

1. **Advisory Council Report**

* Bobbie Wartson, Council Chair, reported that the Council continues to recruit, but otherwise nothing new to report.
* There was further discussion about the excessive heat wave and problems and relief solutions that have been implemented for local seniors.
* Ms. Wartson announced the Kings Co. Senior Day in the Park picnic planned for September 20, 2024 at Buris Park.

1. **Adjourn –**The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna Wild, K/T AAA Director