

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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Meeting Date: Wednesday March 27, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - Noon

Location: **Empleo Building, 3563 Empleo Street, Conference Room 1, SLO**

- ✓ Call to Order
- ✓ Flag Salute (please stand if able)
- ✓ Check/announce meeting being recorded.
- ✓ Public Comment and Member/Agency Updates – *burning desires from members or guests about current concerns, issues, events* - 2 min. max

Introductions: Members and Guests (please provide your name, Commission position, and brief agency description)

Member rollcall: Chair establish Quorum.

Approve Minutes: February 28, 2024

Presentation: Project Lifesaver; Bringing Loved Ones Home

**Presenter: Alexis Okumura, Executive Director
Senior Volunteer Services**

Break 10 minutes

Reports:

ASPC (5 min) – Jerry Mihaic

AAA (5 min) – Ron Torres

Scam Report (10 min) – Tristan O’Neil DA’s office

Legislation Report (5-10 min) – Anne McCracken

New Business:

Establish Nominating Committee (Article VI, Sec 5) - MZ

Discuss expiring terms, timeline, and begin recruitment for June voting

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024: SCAMS – D.A. Office Viles and O’Neil

DSS Building, 3433 South Higuera Street, Room #101, SLO

***Please submit agenda and program items, ideas, and feedback to
slocommissiononaging@gmail.com***

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Department of Social Services Building, Conference Room #1 3563 Empleo Street, San
Luis Obispo, CA 93401
March 27th, 2024 Minutes

Members Present: Maryanne Zarycka, Laura DeLoye, Mike Bossenberry, Danielle Raiss, Anita Shower, Paul Worsham, Alexis Okumura, Sue Gibson, Louise Justice, Anne McCracken, Tristan O'neil, Jerry Mihaic, Paulina Flores Jimenez, Dianna Votaw, Kristin Allen, Frank Triggs, Paige Anderson

Members Absent:
Ron Torres, Angela Viles, Charmaine Petersen

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Flag Salute.

"Meeting is Being Recorded" Announcement

Public Comment:

Laura DeLoye

- Flyers distributed on the table for information on various support groups
- Education classes listing all for April, collaboration with Paulina Flores Jimenez with Public Health in San Luis Obispo county
- A series is currently taking place in the Paso Robles library, Los Osos library, and Oceano library
- Caregiver retreat needed to be reschedule due to COVID issues
- Education class out at Heritage Ranch
- Leading a screening for movie "Hidden Creek" based on a true story. Movie is about an old rancher whom is living on his own and has Lewy body dementia. May 23RD in Paso Robles Theater there will be a screening and sponsorship opportunity

Mike Bossenberry

- This Friday at 3pm Zoom meeting informing about Proposition #1 Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure
- May 11th annual AFSP has a suicide prevention walk at CalPoly this year

Paul Worsham

- Early stages of investigating to implement a new "current" national program for San Luis Obispo county
- National program "We Honor Veterans", Veteran Pinning Ceremonies provide an opportunity to acknowledge the military service and sacrifices made by a Veteran and their family. Hospice organizations are uniquely situated to offer a final expression of gratitude and appreciation for a Veteran's service.

- If anyone is interested in the initial stages of this program for San Luis Obispo County please contact Paul Worsham

Rod Brown

- An interest in bringing back Senior Expo please contact Rod for more information

Sue Gibson

- "Paradise Valley", a 10-15 bed memory care facility in Atascadero, is needing to hire an administrator. If interested or know of anyone that is interested contact Sue Gibson she will direct you to the appropriate party.
- April 9th second walk kick-off party in Antigua Brewing in San Luis Obispo from 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Anne McCracken

- Older American's month in May. Area Agency on Aging is looking for nominees for senior citizen of the year, senior worker care giver of the year, and senior program of the year
- Ceremony done via Zoom May 22nd
- CA Senior Legislature for Senior Rally Day in Sacramento it is held via Zoom or live

Louise Justice

- The city council has approved to purchase two more electric buses. Schedule will be redone and should be available end of April and posted on the buses and stops

Paulina Flores Jimenez

- April 7th Senior Resource Fair at Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo

Introductions: Guests & Members

Members and guests introduced their role in the community and with the Commission.

Approval of February 2024 Minutes: Motion was made to approve minutes as written.

Presentation:

Project Lifesaver of San Luis Obispo County

Alexis Okumura, Executive Director Senior Volunteer Services

Project Lifesaver of San Luis Obispo County

- A Partnership of the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department & Senior Volunteer Services
- Proven & trusted
- Peace of mind
- Community involved

- Cost effective

Cutting Edge Locating Technology

- The method relies on proven radio technology
- Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized frequency signal.
- If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies our Project Lifesaver agency.
- Trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area.
- The first responders will then use the client's individualized frequency to locate the position of the individual.

Community Policing Courses

- Search and Rescue volunteers must be certified as an Electronic Search Specialist for Project Lifesaver
- Project Lifesaver Team knows how to approach a child or person.
- They are trained to gain trust and put lost individuals at ease, assisting to make them feel safe while returning them to loved ones.

Program is Affordable

- \$30.00 Monthly Fee includes bracelet, batteries, and Search and Rescue
- \$100 Refundable Deposit
- Financial Assistance for those with limited income

To Apply for the Project Lifesaver Program

- PLS Applications can be found on our website at www.seniorvolunteer.org
- Or calling these number(s) 805-548-0909 Toll Free:805-877-0909

Funding Support this Life Saving Program

- Adopt a Client for \$500/year
- Individual gifts
- Service Organizations

Reports:

ASPC

Jerry Mihaic

- Member comment spotlight was Paulina Flores Jimenez
- Topic/presentation was from Becca Carsel on Trauma Informed SLO
 - Access to health care
 - Different types of trauma
 - Consultants with the county
- Committee updates with MPA Master Plan for Aging

AAA

Ron Torres absent

Scam Report

- Government impersonators topic next month
- Scammers are able to spoof call, meaning caller ID will show a government agency calling
- Local 1,000 – 2,000 non-profits, not all are legitimate organizations, be aware of whom donations are given to
- A list of websites will be brought in next month to verify legitimacy on charities

Legislation Report

Not present

New Business: N/A

- Positions will be coming up for new nominations
 - Positions last two fiscal years starting July 1st
 - Can be re-elected if they wish to
 - July 1st 2024 will begin new two year service
 - Positions for new nominations are Co-Chairs, Members at Large, Alternate Members at Large, Senior Service Provider
 - County government positions are appointed these are not voted in
- One application for Alternate Member at Large received to date Ilene Brill
- March is the recruitment month
- A nominating committee was established
 - Michael Bossenberry
 - Anita Shower
 - Committee will get in contact with each current committee member and confirm if they wish to stay on leave their position when term ends
- April 2024 nominations
- May introduce a slate of potential candidates
- June vote and finalize
- July 1st will begin a new term

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Minutes submitted by Gabriela Garcia. Reviewed by Co-Chairs

I'm Lost!





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