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LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

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 Guillermo Medina

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 1, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams (online)

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Ruth Gonzales	Dallian Carter	Robert Boller	Louis Dominguez	Kim Bowman
John A. Kotick	Yolanda Gorman	Kristine Choulakian	Raymond Hall	Gene Dorio
Teresa Palacios	Kimberly Lewis	Oleeta Igar	Cathy McClure	Kyo Jhin
Helen Romero Shaw	Michael Neely	Barbara Meltzer	Carmen Reyes	Aida Morales
Elvia Torres	Lavada Theus	Peter Mezza	Joshua Sneed	Arlene Okamoto
Sylvia Youngblood		Sheila Moore	Patricia Stanyo	Fran Sereseres
		Kiera L. Pollock		Theodore Smith
				Dancingwater Taylor

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Sandra Tung	Eloise Evans		Jerry Gaines	Diana Love
	Elizabeth Payne		Tanya Tassi	Gayle McKinney
			Maria Wiest	

Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Staff in Attendance:
 Guillermo Medina, Human Services Administrator I (HSA I); Juan Carlos Martinez, HSA I and
 Maritza Gomez, Community Services Analyst II.

1. Call to Order

The Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Attendance by Roll Call

Voice roll call was taken to take attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda for March 1, 2021 meeting and Minutes of February 1, 2021 Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Kyo Jhin moved the motion. Commissioner Cathy McClure seconded the motion. The agenda for March 1, 2021 and the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting were approved as presented with corrections. The vote was taken by roll call.

4. Guest Panel—Older Adult Housing and Evictions

Commissioner Michael Neely moderated a panel to discuss Older Adult Housing and Evictions. The panel included Peggy Bennet and Christina Gonzalez from Public Counsel and Cynthia Strathmann from Strategic Actions for a Just Economy. The topics of discussion included: legal process once an eviction notice was given, the court options once the eviction goes to court, and eviction process during the covid-19 pandemic. Tenant protections vary between cities and county. Additional resources can be found at <http://www.stayhousedla.org>, or by calling 1.888.694.0040.

5. Guest Speakers—Adult Protective Services Home Safe Program

Adult Protective Services (APS) staff members Juan Carlos Martinez and Maritza Gomez discussed the APS Home Safe Program. The APS Home Safe Program includes short term prevention services such as housing stabilization, housing search & placement, income stabilization, landlord mediation and advocacy, legal advocacy, and reunification/relocation assistance. When appropriate, financial assistance may include security deposit, rental assistance, utilities assistance, move-in expenses, essential furnishing expenses, or reunification/relocation expenses among other services. For more information contact <https://wdacs.lacounty.gov/homeless-support-services/>.

6. President's Update

President Gene Dorio reported that the next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021.

7. 2021-2022 Elections—Change of Election Schedule

Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Chairperson Kim Bowman reported based on the recommendation of Los Angeles County Counsel to have the 2021-2022 LACCOA Executive Board elections. The recommendation is to move the election from the May 3, 2021 meeting to the April 5, 2021 General meeting. MOTION: to change the 2021-2022 Executive Board elections to April 5, 2021. Commissioner Cathy McClure moved the motion. Commissioner John Kotick seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice roll call.

8. WDACS Department Update

Guillermo Medina reported the following:

- The theme for the 2021 Older Americans Month is: Communities of Strength.
- To address the digital divide, WDACS has partnered with the Los Angeles City Department of Aging and the California Department of Aging to obtain smart speakers and tablets to distribute to older adults to assist them in keeping engaged. These devices will have preinstalled applications to assist in keeping engaged emotionally, nutritiously, and socially. The programs are expected to be start in early Spring 2021. Further details will be forthcoming.
- The Great Plates Meal program has been extended until March 8, 2021.
- Also stated that he did not receive any feedback from the Communications Committees.

9. Committee Updates

- Area Plan—Commissioner Lavada Theus announced that the Public Hearing for the Area Plan Update was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021. The public hearing was well received.
- Communications—No report.
- Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care—Commissioner John Kotick stated that the next committee is scheduled after the General meeting to elect a new chairperson.

- Housing and Transportation—Commissioner Kiera Pollock reported that the committee had special guests from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority at their last meeting to discuss rental assistance. **MOTION:** To send a letter of support of the Fareless System Initiative. The initiative is to have a fareless system for older adults in public transportation in Los Angeles County. Commissioner Fran Sereseres moved the motion. Commissioner Peter Mezza seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice roll call.
- Legislative/Advocacy—Commissioner Cathy McClure reported that the committee is working in receiving information regarding the California Master Plan of Aging and vaccine distribution.
- Membership—Commissioner Kim Bowman reported that the committee is reviewing the terms of the current membership and when the termed-out dates will be for each one.
- Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee—Commissioner Kim Bowman reported that the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee met weekly for two months and working on the bylaws. A detailed report will be presented to the General body once the bylaws have been reviewed by County Counsel.
- Ad Hoc Nominating Committee—There was no meeting on March 1, 2021. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2021.

10. Lead Commissioners Update

- District 1—Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw stated that the District 1 commissioners met on February 16, 2021 to discuss various issues, including vaccine distribution in District 1.
- District 2—Commissioner Lavada Theus announced she met the new Board Deputy and will work on scheduling a meeting.
- District 3—No report.
- District 4—No report.
- District 5—No report.

11. California Senior Legislature (CSL)

Commissioner Lavada Theus reported that the last CSL meeting had guest speaker Kim McCoy Wade, Director of California Department of Aging who presented on the California Master Plan of Aging. Senior Rally Day is scheduled for May 4, 2021 and will be held virtually this year.

12. Unfinished Business

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Informational Announcements

None.

15. Public Comments

Commissioner Sylvia Youngblood expressed her concern regarding the tone of WDACS staff during the meeting.

Commissioner Robert Boller announced that he was elected chairperson of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program Los Angeles County Local Board.

Commissioner Ted Smith will be volunteering for the Los Angeles City Fire Department to give out the covid-19 vaccine.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

17. Adjourn

President Gene Dorio adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.