



Area 1 Agency on Aging

Promoting Independence for a Lifetime

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- HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING & ADVOCACY PROGRAM (HICAP)
- LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM
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Area 1 Agency on Aging
 Advisory Council
 September 4, 2013
 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 A1AA Conference Room
 434 7th Street, Eureka

Vision

We envision a community where older persons and those with disabilities have knowledge of and access to available resources that promote quality of life.

Mission

Area 1 Agency on Aging will provide leadership and services that support older persons and those with disabilities through education, programs, advocacy and volunteerism.

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***Are You A Grandparent or Senior
Raising a Minor Relative?***



Let Your Voice Be Heard !

The Area 1 Agency on Aging
(A1AA) wants to hear from you!

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**2nd Floor Conference Room,
Area 1 Agency on Aging
434 7th Street, Eureka, CA 95501**

A1AA is holding this meeting to receive community input to amend its Area Plan adding respite grants to Grandparents/Elderly Persons Caring for a Child.

Written comments accepted until September 6, 2013



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**Area 1 Agency on Aging
Public Hearing: Area Plan Grandparent Respite Grants**

Public Hearing to be held **Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at the Area 1 Agency on Aging Advisory Council Meeting, 434 7th Street, Eureka, CA** to address the Area Plan amendment to add Grandparent or Elderly Person Caring for Child respite services.

Background:

“Respite” is defined as a break in caregiving. The Older Americans Act (OAA) allows the Area 1 Agency on Aging (A1AA) to provide small one-time respite grants to family and informal caregivers caring for a senior. The OAA also allows for respite grants to be provided to grandparents or elderly persons caring for a child (*see eligibility criteria, below). Due to an increase in requests for respite grants from grandparents or elderly persons who are caring for a child, the A1AA will amend its Area Plan to add the following:

2.1.b) Respite Care (IIIE)

Provide one-time small grants to family caregivers caring for a senior **or to a grandparent/elderly person caring for a child or disabled care recipient if older than 18**, to provide respite in the areas of: Homemaker Assistance, Personal Care or Home Chore.

Prior to submitting changes to the Area Plan, A1AA is required to receive public comments. At its July 3, 2013 meeting, the Advisory Council approved the following motion:

.Advisory Council Motion Approved on 7/3/13

The Advisory Council recognized the need to serve grandparents in providing respite services and will hold a Public Hearing in September and recommends approval of these changes to the Area Plan for submittal to CDA for approval with program to be effective October 1, 2013.

***Eligibility Criteria: Grandparent or Elderly Person Caring for Child**

The caregiver is a grandparent, step-grandparent, older relative by blood, marriage or adoption, who is 55 or more years of age, living with the minor child or disabled care recipient, if older than age 18 years, and is the primary caregiver (through legal or informal arrangement). Parents are not eligible for this program.

Area 1 Agency on Aging
Advisory Council
July 3, 2013
434 7th Street, Eureka

MINUTES

Members Present: Mary Ella Anderson, Frieda Bridges, Bonnie MacGregor,
Barbara Perra, Howard Rien

Members Excused: Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Roger Gitlin, Amanda Haney,
Chris Jones

Guests Present: Jack Alderson, Darlene Penfold

Staff Present: Maggie Kraft, Maren Rose, Suzy Smith, Laurel Watson

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION

Interim-President MacGregor called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and asked for self-introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C PERRA/RIEN/UNANIMOUS

TO APPROVE THE MAY 1, 2013 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Area Plan

MacGregor distributed a complete copy of the 2013-2014 Area Plan Annual Update for reference and to place in Council Member binders. She then referred to pages 6-7 of the Agenda packet and discussed Goals and rationale for the Area Plan and how these direct the A1AA to spend the Older American Act funding.

MacGregor then discussed the purpose of the Advisory Council is to understand and communicate what is heard in the community to the Agency. This communications helps with the Needs Assessment which is the tool used to develop the Area Plan.

Rose explained the Area Plan is a four-year document that is updated yearly. The goals will not change in the yearly updates; however the objectives can be modified. Kraft reviewed the Area Plan in detail and explained that we are required by the California Department of Aging to address each section of the plan.

Rose then stated that once the Area Plan has been approved by the California Department of Aging (CDA) we cannot vary our objectives without seeking their approval and going through a public hearing process.

1. Discussion of Public Hearing Scheduling

Rose then discussed the need to revise an objective that falls into Title III spending for Unpaid Caregiver Respite. In the past year, the Agency's service levels for respite grants to grandparents have increased. In the year prior, we had one grandparent but in this past fiscal year that just ended (2012-13) we had eight grandparents eligible for respite grants. We learned from CDA monitoring that we had to budget for and track grandparent respite clients as a separate program from respite for the elderly. We need to modify the language in the Area Plan to reflect this change and submit to CDA, but prior to changing the Area Plan we must provide an opportunity for public input on Plan changes and have a Public Hearing in September.

In order to meet the timeline to for this revision a Public Hearing will be held during the September 4 Advisory Council meeting with Council approval today and Board approval at their July 16 meeting.

M/S/C PERRA/RIEN/UNANIMOUS

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO SERVE GRANDPARENTS IN PROVIDING RESPITE SERVICES AND WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN SEPTEMBER AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THESE CHANGES TO THE AREA PLAN FOR SUBMITTAL TO CDA FOR APPROVAL WITH PROGRAM TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013.

B. On-going Needs Assessment

MacGregor discussed methods on how the Council is going to fulfill their role in gathering information regarding the needs of the community. Consensus of the Council was to focus, as a group, on one or two issues to develop key recommendations.

C. Membership

1. MacGregor Re-Application for a second term to end June 2016

M/S/C TO APPROVE BONNIE MACGREGOR

TO ACCEPT BONNIE MACGREOR'S REAPPLICATION FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP TO SERVE THROUGH JUNE 2016.

2. Mary Ella Anderson Application for a first term to end June 2016

M/S/C RIEN/FRIEDA/UNANIMOUS

TO APPROVE MARY ELLA ANDERSON AS AN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER WITH A FIRST TERM TO END JUNE 2016.

IV. CONTINUING BUSINESS

MacGregor discussed the Committee Appointments on page 13 of the Agenda Packet and tabled this item for further discussion at the September Advisory Council meeting.

V. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

A. California Senior Legislature (CSL)

California Senior Senator Jack Alderson explained the process for submitting California Senior Legislation to State lawmakers for consideration. Alderson requested the Council's input for legislative ideas. Ideally the CSL members need the legislative ideas no later than March.

Council will discuss ideas at their January meeting.

B. C4A Legislative Update

C4A Legislative Update on pages 14-16 of the Agenda packet was reviewed.

VI. BOARD MEETING LIAISON, May 18 and June 18, 2013 (Kraft)

Kraft requested that Board meeting minutes be sent to Advisory Council members and Council Members were asked to attend the Board meetings on a sign-up sheet. MacGregor volunteered to attend the July 16 Board Meeting, Roger Gitlin has signed up for the October 15 Board meeting.

VII. STAFF REPORTS (Rose)

Staff reports were included in discussions above.

VIII. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gitlin's request for discussion on Sutter Coast Hospital in Crescent City will be tabled for discussion at the September Advisory Council meeting.
- MacGregor shared there will be HICAP volunteer training offered in Del Norte and Humboldt County. Two Advisory Council Members expressed interest.
- Anderson appreciated information sent via email by Kraft on the sequester.
- Kraft shared Healy Senior Center's decision not to renew their contract with A1AA for senior nutrition due to the burdensome administrative procedures and the current cutting of funding.

IX. NEXT MEETING: September 4, 2013

X. ADJOURN

M/S/C ANDERSON/BRIDGES/UNANIMOUS

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:40 P.M.