

JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

May 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Zoom Webinar



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A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Kane called the Juneau Commission on Aging meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Present: Emily Kane, Linda Kruger, Kathleen Samalon, Jenn Carson, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garner, Deb Craig

Absent: Sue Warner, Ann Stepetin, Michelle Hale

Other:

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Emily added that Jennifer Garrison is leaving the Bridge. Emily asked her to consider options. -

Carol added discussion of \$15,000 budget for June agenda.

Agenda approved with additions.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES approved as submitted.

1. 2023-04-25 Juneau Commission on Aging Minutes

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - no public members present

E. AGENDA TOPICS

2. Drafting JCOA Annual Report to the Assembly -- what we've done, what we hope to do, and ask for continued support. Time to brag on accomplishments. Report on forming the coalition, building partnerships, and collecting information. Kathleen wrote a draft. Carol suggested taking Kathleen's draft and Emily's draft and having the Housing Subcommittee review. Linda questioned why the Housing Subcommittee is taking this on. Deb volunteered to take the lead. The group decided to schedule a special committee of the whole (COW) meeting next Tuesday 5/23 at 10:30 via ZOOM. Send thoughts and ideas for the report to Emily to be considered in the next draft.

3. JCOA - Standing Agenda Topics - Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates

A.) Housing for Seniors - tabled

B.) May Listening Sessions - Only 6 people attended the first session. Hoping for more at the second session in the Valley and the third session next week in Douglas. Lots of publicity. Lots going on in Juneau! Collecting comments online, mail, in-person.

C.) Improving Volunteer Database- tabled

D.) Creating Senior Fitness & Social Opportunities - discussion on loneliness epidemic. A subcommittee is working on this. Sue Warner is the lead.

E.) Southeast Regional Eldercare Coalition - update - MOA has been signed with JEDC. SREC will provide input. JEDC is recruiting a Program Director. SREC will make recommendations for the hire. A founder from JCOA will be on the hiring committee along with Glenn Mitchell, Department of Labor and another SREC member. Director care providers are the focus. Emily asked about overlap with AHEC? Deb

clarified that AHEC is focused on hospitals, clinics and hospital care statewide. SREC is focused on home care and senior centers. Opportunities to access some of the funding exists. There are also opportunities to partner with Juneau Community Foundation. Working with SERRC is important. The Pathways program is oriented to younger people. Opportunities for youth to engage in healthcare. There are also Job Fair opportunities. SREC will continue to work with JCOA. The Program Director will be doing a large outreach to other entities.

F.) 2020 Senior Needs Survey - [website link to full survey](#) (Executive Summary included in packet)

G.) Jennifer Garrison - Jennifer has left the Bridge and would like to take year off. She will be running the Caregivers Support Program remotely. She would like to stay involved in JCOA. Emily asked if they could incorporate a Friends of Seniors type program. She will explore possibilities.

H.) How is Hospice coming along? Jenn Carson - They are working on getting it up and running. Medical Director Dr. Peterson. Also - Wildflower Court - progress is being made. Hospice and Home health, Kim Stout is in charge. Wildflower needs designated Hospice beds. Emily asked how to provide sub-acute care designated rooms. Jenn is working on behavioral health. Jenn is pushing for mental health care for seniors. JAMI has housing for seniors, some assisted living. Bartlett Psych ER. up to 24 hours of crisis observation. Can stay up to 7 days for stabilization. Adults and adolescents.

I.) Deb made a plug for a JCOA website - Lots of things happening - we need a website! We need a virtual website for JCOA and SREC. A place where people could go look for information. Add to June agenda.

F. ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS - Michelle Hale was absent - no Assembly report.

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 - JCOA/AARP Listening Session 4:30pm at Mendenhall Library

Tuesday, May 23, 10:30 AM COW via ZOOM to discuss and work on the annual report.

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - 4:30-6:00 JCOA/AARP Listening Session at Douglas Library

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 10:30am via Zoom - Regular JCOA Meeting

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 11:37am.