

ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

Working together to meet the health and human service needs of adults and seniors.
Our vision is safe and supported adults & seniors with access to a full continuum of resources & independence wherever they reside.

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Bella Vista Transitional Care
French Hospital - Dignity West
Home Instead Senior Care
Mariposa Music Therapy/Arts for Living
Senior Living Consultants
Sierra Vista — Tenet Healthcare

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Health Agency: Public Health / Public Guardian / Medical Services / Behavioral Health / Health Promotion
Probation Department
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AGENDA

04/04/2014

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(New developments for the population, agency or program changes that affect other agencies or programs)

PUBLIC COMMENT: (5 minutes or less)

GUEST SPEAKER:

- Marie Brinkmeyer - Project Lifesaver

MEMBER COMMENT:

CORRECTIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS:

ACTION ITEMS:

- Older Americans Month Proclamation

COMMITTEE UPDATES AS NEEDED: (10 minutes or less)

- IHSS
- POLST
- Transportation Committee

MEETING LOCATION:

CAPSLO
1030 Southwood Drive, San Luis Obispo

NEXT MEETING:

05/02/2014

Adult Services Policy Council 04/04/2014

ATTENDEES:

Elias Nimeh, Senior Nutrition Program
Kristin Vega, CenCal Health
Meredith Bates, Bates Care Management
joyce ellen lippman, Area Agency on Aging
Tiffany Alcantara, Home Instead Senior Care
Kathleen Bellefontaine, Commission on Aging
Rachel Cementina, United Way of SLO
Kat Lauterback, Dept. of Social Services, IHSS
Barry Johnson, Transitions Mental Health Assoc.
Laura DeLoye, Mariposa Music Therapy/Arts for Living
David Kilburn, AIDS Support Network & SLO Hep C Project
Sonya Laputz, Alzheimer's Association

Marie Brinkmeyer, RSVP – Sr. Volunteer Services
Kevin Drabinski, Field Rep. for Assem. Achadjian
Elizabeth Ruth, Legislative Assistant to Caren Ray
Jessica Deveraux, Wilshire Community Services
Fred Munroe, Ridership Development
Jerry Mihaic, Independent Living Resource Center
Martin Meltz, Volunteer
Stephanie Nemke, (?)
Margie Alita, DSS (Synopsis)
Alisa Welsch, Tri-Counties Regional Center

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marie Brinkmeyer, (RSVP) Senior Volunteer Services welcomed the group.

Martin Meltz handed out Benefits ARCH cards out to members. Cards available for purchase.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tommy Gong stated he is from the County Clerk's Office and is also running for office; however, he is here today on behalf of the Clerk's office to talk about the upcoming June election and the Adopt-A-Poll fundraiser. He stated the fundraiser is a unique opportunity for people to raise funds for their organizations. He provided a handout with detailed information as well as information on the Precinct Worker Program. More information is available at www.slovote.com or 805-781-4106.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Kathleen Bellfontaine stated SB-391 is on hold and that it may be a contentious issue going forward.

Laura DeLoye announced that the Abilities Fair will be held on May 23, 2014, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo Vets Hall, lunch provided. For more information, contact jportugal@ucp-slo.org.

Fred Munroe stated he is a co-host of Central Coast Voices on KCBX and that the show is broadcasted at 1 p.m. every other Thursday. He invited all to listen to the show scheduled for April 24, 2014, regarding real estate fraud in the County of SLO. He stated many elderly individuals are targets of real estate fraud and that the show should be very informative. He reminded the group that past discussions are archived and available as podcasts.

David Kilburn provided a flyer announcing the AIDS Support Network's BBQ Fundraiser to be held on May 7, 2014, at the First Baptist Church in SLO. Tickets can be purchased online at www.asn.org or www.slohepc.org.

Meredith Bates stated that on May 9, 2014 there will be a seminar on mental health, addictions, and how these affect the elderly. The cost is \$35 and flyers will be out soon.

joyce ellen lippmann also stated that nominations for the Celebration Tea are due by the end of April. The event will be held on May 13, 2014, at 2 pm at the Embassy Suites.

Martin Meltz stated there are many gaps to deal with when available services through Medi-Cal aren't enough. He suggested that a workgroup be formed to help identify these needs. joyce ellen stated that this has been done in the past and that meaningful changes can't be made until the Legislature deals with Medi-Cal issues. Marie Brinkmeyer stated a mini workgroup could be formed to first identify gaps and then work on developing ideas on how to move forward. Kat Lauterback, Meredith Bates, Kathleen Bellfontaine, joyce ellen lippmann, and Jessica Deveraux agreed to be part of the mini workgroup.

Martin Meltz suggested that the ASPC roster needs to be revised and updated.

DISCUSSION/GUEST SPEAKER:

Marie Brinkmeyer presented information on Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver was launched ten years ago as the result of an Alzheimer's patient having wandered away from the area. Unfortunately he never returned home. The program is a cooperative effort between community volunteers and the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team. These teams are trained to enroll individuals, maintain equipment as well as in rescue operations. The project is of great service to those with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other disabilities. It currently serves 72 clients, 23 of those who are autistic or have Down syndrome. The client wears a waterproof transmitter wristband that emits an automatic tracking signal 24 hours a day. This signal can be tracked on the ground or in the air over several miles and greatly reduces the time to find a person from hours and days to just minutes. The device costs \$30 a month, requires a deposit as well as the first and last month's fee in advance. Ms. Brinkmeyer stated that the cost to *begin* a search is \$14,000 and it only increases from there. She stated that the sobering reality is that nearly half of those missing and wandering will die if they are not located within 24 hours. The device is valuable and greatly reduces costs associated with search and rescue efforts. For those who cannot afford it, assistance may be available. Ms. Brinkmeyer concluded her presentation stating more information can be found at www.projectlifesaverofslo.org. Members thanked Ms. Brinkmeyer for her presentation.

CORRECTIONS/ADDTIONS TO THE SYNOPSIS:

Corrected spelling to Nimeh, Added Hospice of SLO-Volunteer training session times, Added wording to "Go Wish Cards" information.

joyce ellen made a motion to approve the synopsis with corrections. The motion was seconded by Fred Munroe. The motion was passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Members reviewed a draft provided by joyce Ellen lippman regarding the Older Americans Month Proclamation. Suggestions to revise language were made and discussed. joyce ellen will finalize the document and send to Emma Caballero.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

IHSS Update - Kat Lauterback reported that two new social workers have joined the IHSS program and there will be recruitment for two more positions.

POLST - Marie Brinkmeyer stated a meeting will be held at a future date.

Transportation - Fred Munroe stated that a ridership workshop will be held on April 22, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the lobby of the Anderson Hotel in SLO. The public is welcome to attend. He stated anyone 80 years or older can get a VIP Gold Pass to ride on the bus for free.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.