

Alaska Commission on Aging
APPROVED Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2016

Members Present: David Blacketer, Mary Shields, Rachel Greenberg, Marie Darlin, and staff D. Daniello. Lesley Thompson provided a review of the proposed schedule of rural outreach site visits for the February 2017 meeting.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by teleconference.

II. Review and take action on Executive Committee Draft Meeting Agenda, 11.22.2016: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rachel and seconded by Marie without objection.

III. Review and take action on ACoA Executive Committee Draft Meeting Minutes, 7.26.2016: Marie noted the misspelling of “Kake” in the proposed rural site visit worksheet. The motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Rachel and seconded by Mary. Amended minutes approved.

IV. Review, discuss & take action on the draft ACoA December 2016 board meeting agenda. Denise reviewed the draft agenda. Members discussed the agenda and made some modifications. Rachel noted the addition of “Mat-Su Senior Services” to the list of congregate teleconference sites. Rachel recommended that we add Greg Jones, interim AMHTA CEO, to the list of speakers for the Trust report. Denise noted that we will remove Ken Helander as a speaker for the AARP Advocacy report as he will be on leave and to replace Ken with Marie as the Juneau AARP representative. Marie approved of the change and asked that we remove the reference to “Capital City Task Force” from her name. Denise noted that staff had not been able to contact Allison Lee for a special report from the Alaska Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Providers Association. Allison is the Chair of the Alaska PCA Association. Rachel suggested that we instead contact a representative from the Division of Behavioral Health to talk about the 1115 Demonstration waiver being developed or to contact Sheila Shinn, UAA, to request an update regarding the Alaska Geriatrics Interdisciplinary Leadership Development (GILD) program. (Follow-up note: Staff was unable to recruit a speaker from Behavioral Health as they were on travel status visiting programs with a successful 1115 demonstration waiver. Sheila Shinn was contacted to provide an update about the GILD at the ACoA December meeting.)

A motion was made to accept the agenda with changes as discussed by Rachel and seconded by Mary.

V. Discuss questions to generate Commissioner Quotes for the FY2016 ACoA Annual Report: Denise reviewed the draft questions which were unanimously approved by Committee members.

VI. Review draft plans for February 2017 Rural Outreach Southeast Visits: Lesley Thompson, ACoA Planner, reviewed a list of southeast communities for rural outreach visits she compiled and possible agencies to visit. Lesley noted her preference for visiting Wrangell because of its extensive health and social service agencies that provide services for seniors (primary care, hospital, home- and community-based services, and a skilled nursing facility). Lesley also highlighted Haines as a good place to visit being the community with the highest percentage of senior residents. Marie suggested that we consider Hoonah as a possible destination. She did not support Wrangell as a destination because the Commission had visited Wrangell about 5 years ago. Mary suggested that we aim to send Commissioners to as many places as possible. David concurred and said we should identify at least four communities for site visits. Lesley said that she knows a local priest in Kake who may be available to help show ACoA members around and make connections with local providers and senior residents.

For the February 2017 meeting, Mary suggested that we bring David to Juneau the day before the meeting to ensure he does not get delayed due to weather conditions.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. with a motion by Marie and seconded by Mary.