



SENIOR COALITION OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

MINUTES – May, 22, 2018

3500 Coffee Road, Suite 19 / 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

<p>Present: Dianna Olsen & Samantha Borba – Healthy Aging Association Maria Profeta- HICAP Robbin Banks – Strategic Legal Group (NEW) Cheryl Lourenco & Betsy Ramsey – A+ Senior Care Solutions Mary Lisa Kuhn – Golden Placement Services</p>		<p>Michelle Donaldson – ResCare HomeCare Ryan Smith – Optimal Hospice Lori Dodd – Kindered at Home Stephanie Navarette - MSSP</p>	<p>Facilitator: Dianna Olsen</p>
Topic	Discussion	Outcome/Contact	
I. Welcome	Dianna thanked everyone for joining and asked everyone to introduce themselves.		
II. New Business	<p>a. HICAP Update (Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year our HICAP office served over 1,500 clients. The HICAP program was in danger, however HICAP is safe for 2018-2019 year. The budget was passed and included HICAP for only the 2018-2019 year. HICAP is continuing with the funding they have, and they continue to educate the community on who and what HICAP does. 	Maria Profetta	
	<p>b. MSSP Update (Multi Senior Service Program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSSP provides intensive case management for older adults in our county who are 65 and older. MSSP helps clients stay in their home longer if it is safe, these clients can use MSSP and IHSS. All clients are contacted or seen at least once month. This year, asking community partners to please help promote the increase budget proposal. Not to increase money, but to get the money back that they lost 3-4 years ago. The increased rate being proposed is \$4.7 million (general fund) to prevent further erosion of the individual MSSP Site budgets. MSSP has a cap of 160 clients that they can serve. MSSP always has a waitlist, however they do look at the referrals and for those who are medically fragile. 	Stephanie Navarette	
	<p>c. State Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice in Aging – <i>Seniors and SSI</i> – Currently: The limit is \$940 (SSA and SSI). Those who receive SSI do not qualify for SNAP(CalFresh) benefits. The food allowance of \$20.00 has not changed since the 1960’s. Advocate for our low-income older adults: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To restore what was lost during the recession and add \$100.00 per senior for SSI. To allow SSI recipients to qualify for SNAP benefits (food stamps). 	Dianna Olsen	

	<p>d. Medi-Cal Assisted Living Waiver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed the committee. The Assisted living waiver must apply to federal. They currently have 3,000 waivers in 15 counties and want to increase to 15,000 waivers. • The waiver will expand the number of slots and will allow more counties to have the waiver. San Joaquin County is our closest county that has it. • The Medi-Cal Assisted Living waiver allows those who need assisted living not skilled nursing, and to get it paid for. Currently, those in Stanislaus County must go into Skilled Nursing before Medi-Cal kicks in. • Please help us advocate, so Stanislaus County can have the Assisted Living Waiver here. 	Dianna Olsen
	<p>e. Senate Bill 1026 – Dignity at Home Act – Fall Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Senior Advocacy Day – Dianna and Maria talked with Galgiani and Berryhill’s office. • Passed in 2003-2004 but did not include a budget or money. • Senator Jackson wanted to add money to the bill to help the state save money with the decrease in falls. The bill would fall under the Area Agency on Aging. • It did not pass committee. Berryhill voted no and Dianna and Maria talked to his staff. 	Dianna Olsen
	<p>f. Senior Advocacy Day at the Capitol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission on Aging went and brought the Coalitions packets. They visited 7 different lawmakers. 	Dianna Olsen
III. Old Business	<p>g. List of Lawmakers for Stanislaus County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dianna has a list of the Lawmakers for Stanislaus County with their phone number and email addresses if anyone is interested. 	Dianna Olsen
IV. Other Business	<p>Sustainability for Senior Coalition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monte Carlo Night Fundraiser – August 11, 2018 • Attorney General – Approved the Fundraiser • Potentially in partnership with the Veteran’s Foundation of Stanislaus County 	Dianna Olsen
V. Agency Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Area Agency on Aging</i> – Alzheimer Care Partner Event at the Stanislaus Veteran’s Foundation on June 13 from 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. • <i>HICAP</i> – Senior Information Day May 24, 8:00-12:00 p.m. – will be distributing \$20.00 coupons for the farmer’s market. • <i>Medicare Cards</i> – New cards are now being distributed with new Medicare ID #'s with their social security number removed from the card. Flyers will be sent out via email from the seniorcoalitionsc@gmail.com email address. <p><i>Optimal Hospice</i> – Kids Camp – Friday August 17-19. Kids Age 16-18 can attend, it’s a free camp for those who have experienced loss.</p>	
	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>June 26, 2:30 p.m. Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Road, Suite 15, Room 114 <i>Cheryl Lourenco – will provide snacks for the meeting</i></p>	