**SHASTA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

**Minutes for January 21, 2022**

Shasta County Administration Center

Via GoTo Meeting

10:00 AM

**Call to order**-10:06 am

**Commissioners Present:** Betty Harrison Smith, Kristie Matthews, Ericka Haedrich, Barbara Ghidinelli, Bonnie Giles, Jim Berg. Also present, Lisa Fisher clerical support provided by Shasta Co HHSA.

**Guests Present:** District 4 Supervisor Patrick Jones

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Approve the minutes**: November 19, 2021-Kristie Mathews motions, Barbara Ghidinelli seconds, Approved

**Guest Speaker:** Tina Brown, Program Director with Dignity Health-Connected Living:Tina has been with Golden Umbrella/Dignity Health for 25 years. She started with Golden Umbrella as an advocate for seniors with Alzheimer’s and dementia. She now oversees about 9 programs at Dignity Health. Golden Umbrella was founded in 1968. In 2000 we moved to Mercy Oaks campus and became an affiliate of Catholic Health Care West and had a name change to Dignity Health. 2017 Golden Umbrella and Shasta Senior Nutrition became one agency, Dignity Health Connected Living. We are currently in 6 counties in Northern California and we connect a lot of seniors in our communities with programs to get the seniors the help that they need to remain safely in their own homes. We have approximately 60 employees with over 20 openings at this time, because of COVID staff shortages. We also have over 220 volunteers. We have 30+ programs and services for seniors. Our programs are: Advocacy and Information Assistance, Power to Seniors, Representative Payee, Registry Program, AmeriCorp Seniors, Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Companion Program, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Disaster Preparedness Red Go Bag Project, Multipurpose Senior Services Program(65+ with MediCal), Adult Day Health Care Services(Medical and Non-Medical), Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining Centers, Transportation, Sunday Service Transportation, Senior Brown Bag, Surplus Food and Emergency Foods, Adopt a Senior(Christmas time). The possibility of a future campus tour of Dignity Health Connected Living by the Commission on Aging was discussed.

**Upcoming Guests Speakers:**

February 18: DeAnne Parker, Attorney: Senior Documents

March 18: PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging

April 15: Adult Protective Services (APS) and Public Guardian (PG)

**Correspondence**: Appointment letter for Bonnie Wilson.

**Adjournment**: 11:00 am  **Next meeting date:** February 18, 2022, 10:00 am