**SHASTA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

**Minutes for February 16, 2024**

Shasta County Administration Center

1450 Court Street, Room 311

10:00 AM

**Call to order: 10:03 am**

**Commissioners Present: Kristie Matthews, Bonnie Simmons, Jean Blankenship, Carolyn Gomes, Bonnie Giles**

**Commissioners Absent: Lynn Dorroh, Patty Plumb**

**Others present: Lisa L Fisher**

**Approve the minutes**: January 19, 2024. Motion to approve-Carolyn, seconded-Jean. Approved.

**Chair updates and reports from Commissioners:**

1. Barbara Ghidinelli, representative for City of Redding has resigned.
2. Lucky Jasrani, SCO DA scheduled for presentation at March 2024 meeting.
3. APS presentation to accompany SCO DA-Cindy Lane to confirm. Kristie will send email.
4. Kristine Boban, advocacy project-reschedule.

**Review PSA 2 AAA Advisory Council Application:** Marianne Seifert has applied to be on the PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. After review of her application, motion to approve by Jean Blankenship, and seconded by Bonnie Giles. Approved: recommendation will be made to the Board of Supervisors.

**Revisions to our ByLaws:** Work done to update the current Bylaws and create procedures. A special meeting will be set for Friday, March 8, 2024, to continue to work on completion of revisions.

**Reports from Commissioners:**

**Kristie Matthews:** Has a senior friend who was with her “spouse” not legally married for many years. They had not put their affairs in order. He passed away and probate court gave everything to his legal family.She became homeless. She gets about $1,300.00 per month. She has been taken advantage of by the person she started renting a room from. She is facing evection and has no tenant rights. Kristie has advocated for her and found housing.

**Carolyn Gomes**: I was invited to do a “town hall” with one of the candidates at Shasta Estates. We did it at lunch time. I went around to the tables and introduced myself and gave out my cards. They had no idea about the Commission on Aging. They loved the whole platform. The activities director said they would be open to this type of event for everything.

**Bonnie Giles:** My mom is not doing well and has had to be put in arehab post hospital stays x 2. I have personally had major issues with Quartz Hill Post Acute. A friend of mine was asking for recommendations and multiple people say do not go there. Ombudsman reports are being made. Is there anything we can do to increase for quality of care in these places? Lynn’s suggestion: I would like to contact the regulatory agencies that review institutions like acute care nursing homes and share with them the concerns we, as the Commission on Aging, have heard. Maybe we can persuade them to go in, and do unannounced visits, and interview other clients or family members.

**Adjournment**: 12:04pm  **Next regular meeting date:** March 15, 2024