**SHASTA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

**Minutes for March 15, 2024**

Shasta County Administration Center

1450 Court Street, Room 311

10:00 AM

**Call to order 10:01 am**

**Commissioners Present:** Kristie Matthews, Bonnie Simmons, Jean Blankenship

**Commissioners Absent:** Bonnie Giles, Carolyn Gomes, Patty Plumb

**Others present:** Cindy Lane, Lisa Fisher

**Approve the minutes**: February 16, 2024 & Special Session March 8, 2024- no quorum-Hold until April 19, 2024.

**Chair Updates:**

1. Speaker Kristine Boban, Advocacy Project- reschedule for April 19, 2024
2. Daniel Belong, Healthy Brain Initiative-May 17, 2024
3. ByLaws revisions draft complete-will go over next meeting.
4. Policies and Procedures-Draft started.
5. Approval granted to use County logo in business of Commission.
6. Lynn Dorroh has resigned from the Commission on Aging. City of Redding and District 3 now vacant.

**Presentations:**

**Joe Hendrix, Shasta County DA**: Our consumer and real estate investigator is our primary investigator because it is often a catalyst for elder abuse and financial crime. We do not take referrals for street level or preliminary investigations from the public, with the exception of consumer fraud. We typically adopt investigations that have already been started by law enforcement. Elders with real estate or trusts get taken advantage of regularly. There are many, and more advanced scams, popping up every day. They use scare tactics and urgency to get you to send the money.

**Donn Epperson, Shasta County Adult Protective Services:** Donn is the supervisor of APS over 11 social workers. They take in reports regarding abuse of elder or dependent adults. There has to be a protected issue for APS to intervene. To be an active APS report we need them to meet these criteria: Age criteria (60 or older, or a dependent adult aged 18-59) + Dependency criteria (Do they require assistance with activities of daily living.) + A protection issue. (Physical abuse, financial abuse, psychological or mental abuse, neglect, abandonment, or self-neglect and financial self-neglect.) The tricky part is adults have the right to make their own decisions about how they want to live. They have many resources to help people get services needed to be safe.

**Reports from Commissioners:**

**Adjournment**: 12:05 pm  **Next meeting date:** April 19, 2024