**SHASTA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

**Minutes for April 21, 2023**

**Shasta County Administration Center**

**1450 Court Street, Room 311,**

**Redding 1000 AM**

**In Attendance**: Kristie Mathews, Carolyn Gomes, Barbara Ghidinelli, Bonnie Simmons.

Clerical support by Lisa Fisher

1. **Call to Order**: 10:02am

2. **Pledge of Allegiance - Carolyn Gomes**

3. **Approval of March 17, 2023, meeting minutes**: Motion to approve, Carolyn-seconded, Barbara. Approved

4. **Introduction of new commissioner:** Bonnie Simmons, City of Anderson

5. **Update on Brown Act clarification (Virtual meeting access) request from the county attorney. Discuss the next step.** Email was sent to County Counsel with no response for 3 weeks. Commissioners would like to send a second request email before escalating the question to the next level, Board of Supervisors. Motion by Barbara, seconded by Carolyn. Approved.

6. **Reports from commissioners (issues, events attended, etc) a. Letter from Senator Dahle (see agenda item 9 from March Agenda)** Received letter from Senator Dahle regarding transportation services in Shasta County.

7**. Presentations scheduled:** May-PSA II; June-PSA-HICAP: July-Shasta County District Attorney

8. **Select an organization for Commission performance evaluation**. How can we come up with some sort of evaluation system for the organizations we wish to evaluate? We need to get back to the Bi-Laws and get them into a workable form. Kristie came up with a rating sheet (handed out at the meeting). We should agree on a standard form to evaluate organizations, so it is fair across the board.

**Open Discussion:** Carolyn Gomes: For the next meeting Carolyn would like to add to the agenda for the group to create a platform for seniors in the community could invite the Supervisors into their senior based living environments to answer their questions. When she went out to talk to people in her district, she was met with seniors feeling like they are not being heard and are not even on the radar. Many seniors are fearful of attending Board of Supervisors meetings and speaking up because of how volatile and tenuous they have become. How do we create a bridge, so the supervisors come to them? How do we convey this important message to the supervisors that we think it would be helpful for them to meet with seniors in their communities?

9. **Next meeting May 19, 2023, 10:00 am Shasta County Administration Center**.

10. **Adjournment:** 11:35am

11. **This Commission meets the third Friday of each month from 10am-12pm. If you are unable to attend, please send an email as the meeting may need to be canceled if a quorum is not met. That way people coming from outer county areas will not have to come all this way if not necessary.**