**SHASTA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

**Minutes for June 17, 2022**

Shasta County Administration Center

10:00 AM

**Call to order**- 10:00am

**Commissioners Present:** Betty Harrison Smith, Jim Berg, Kristie Mathews

**Commissioners Absent:** Barbara Ghidinelli, Cindy Dodds, Bonnie Giles.

**Approve the minutes**: May2022-Kristie motions to approve, Jim seconded. Approved

**Guest Speaker: Mike Enyart, RPD investigator of elder and dependent adult abuse.** I’ve seen a wide variety of abuse of the elderly. Physical, mental, emotional abuse, but 90% of what I see is financial abuse of the elder community. A good portion of these types of financial crimes are scams. Unfortunately, there is no way for us to solve those scam crimes. There are 4 things that you can do to not be scammed. Do not provide personal information over the phone to someone who called you. Do not pay in weird type of currencies. Do not do wire transfers. If you didn’t enter the sweepstakes, you will not be winning the sweepstakes. Many times, people are reluctant to report these crimes due to embarrassment or sometimes they have a relationship with the abuser and don’t want to cause them any trouble.

For the dependent adult community in care facilities there are mostly allegations of physical abuse against the caretakers in the facility. These can be hard because many times the dependents are mentally challenged and may not be able to advocate for themselves. In addition to investigating the crime I also call the state board and they file a complaint against the facility and if they get so many complaints they are shut down.

**Reports from Commissioners:**

Betty Harrison Smith: Shining Care workshops. You are encouraged to sign up for an attend as many as you can. They are filled with great information. Call Colleen Nelson to sign up 530-232-5543.

Kristie Mathews: There is an ongoing water problem at the veteran’s home. The water is not clean and affecting the residents. Also, the level of care is a problem also. These are our veterans, and they need us to advocate for them. It was suggested that retired Senator Maurice Johannessen be contacted. Mr. Johannessen was instrumental in establishing the home. Betty will provide contact information.

**Adjournment**: 9:45 am

**Next meeting date: September 16, 2022**

**Have a great summer. 😊**