

Location and Time:

Zoom Meeting
March 2, 2023
1:00 pm

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Board Chair at 1:01 PM

Governing Board Members in Attendance:

- John Haschak- Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
- Eileen Bostwick- Member at Large, Mendocino County
- Jessica Pyska - Lake County Board of Supervisors
- EJ Crandell – Lake County Board of Supervisors
- Eileen Bostwick- Member at Large, Mendocino County (Member At Large)
- Stephen White- Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency (Vice Chair)(Late)

Governing Board Members not in Attendance:

- Susan Parker – Lake County Administration (Alternate)
- Dan Gjerde – Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (Alternate)

AAA Staff Attending:

- Dena Eddings-Green- AAA Program Coordinator
- Virginia Peeke – AAA Staff Services Analyst
- Lisa Faraco- AAA Program Manager
- Nicole Streif – Accountant

Others in Attendance:

- Paul Branson
- Betsy Cawn (Late)
- Kathy Johnson
- Bart Levenson (Late)
- Crystal Markytan – Social Services Director

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2. Review and Approval of the BOS presentation to adjust AAA Program Funding-Updated population and match amounts with the updated funding amount

- Dena stated that AAA Program Funding needs to be reviewed and approved and that Lisa has attached a presentation for attendees to review,
- Dena stated that the reason we had to come back to the board for approval again was that we met with County Admin regarding the Board's previous presentation and they asked us if there was more current Census data to look at. So after staff reviewed, we found that there was Census data for 2021 and we had been using 2019, so we had to adjust the numbers based on the most recent Census data to follow what is stated in the JPA.
- Lisa stated that when we updated that Census data, we anticipated a flip in the percentage with Lake having the higher percentage, but that is not what the population is showing for the population count. So it changes our number of what we are asking each county for, so that is why we are coming back to the Governing Board to ensure we have your approval before we move forward with the Board of Supervisors. The County Admin office also asked us for more detailed budgetary information to show how we arrived at our salary numbers.
- Lisa stated according to the US Census American Community Survey 5-year Estimate, Lake County has a senior population of 21,058 and Mendocino County has a senior population of 26,829.
- Lisa stated that the second part of the update is the funding, the biggest impact on the funding is the increase in salaries and benefits. When the last JPA was done in FY 2013-14 the salaries and benefits totaled \$253,608.00, for 2022-23, salaries and benefits totaled \$348,862.00.
- Lisa stated that the total cost for the AAA to add the Ombudsman Coordinator position is \$169,244.00 this is a three thousand dollar difference from when it was first presented to the Governing Board, the difference comes from the salaries and benefits as we figured them we need to take into account that the staff who may fill this position may need to come in as a step five if this position is filled by someone that does not qualify for step five we may see some savings, it will not be significant but we do need to make sure the full amount of that salary is accounted for.
- Lisa stated to add the Ombudsman it is an increase in the match amount of \$74,589 that both Counties are being asked to cover in addition to their current match amounts. What we are asking is for Lake to pay \$74,467.36 and Mendocino to pay \$94,776.64 with a total of \$169,244.00. It is a difference of an additional \$32,505.36 for Lake for an annual match of \$74,467.36 and an additional \$42,083.64 for an annual match amount of \$94,766.64 for Mendocino and this would have to be an ongoing annual amount.
- Lisa stated that we at DHSS think that it would be a good idea if we set a regular timeline where this is revisited to look at the population percentages of the

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counties and the match amount and make sure that we are not going 10 years between the times we update.

- Paul stated that he did some additional work with the demographic numbers that Lisa prepared and looked at both counties' total population, and the percentages of people over sixty for each county that he came up with was in Mendocino County 29.3 % of the population is over sixty, which is quite huge and larger than the California average, and in Lake County, 30.9% of the population is over sixty. This fact should be stated in these hearings and should add to the importance of increasing the AAA coordinator position in addition to having a new Ombudsman coordinator.
- Supervisor Haschak mentioned that there were questions about whether the state was going to cut back the funding for AAA, so is that still happening, can we lobby in a way to increase the funding for our aging population.
- Dena stated that they are aware that AAA is underfunded and that every AAA is underfunded, she is a member of the California Associate Area Agency on Aging and as a group of AAA coordinators petition CDA to increase AAA funding, and this is something that we ask for annually for it to increase because all of us are in the same position were the senior population is growing drastically and the funding is not increasing.
- Lisa stated we are recommending that there is a set guideline to revisit this so that we are not pulling whatever number happen to be available to us at that time, if we are set at a specific year, then we have more guidance on when we should be revisiting this information.
- Supervisor Haschak asked how we get this change to happen, and if is it with an MOU.
- Dena stated that we can add it to the next Governing Board meeting agenda to revisit the JPA and to discuss the timeline, Governing Board cannot take action now because it is not on the agenda.
- Lisa stated what we are looking for from the Governing Board, is first of all to answer any questions you might have about the position the budget the funding, and we would like your approval to move forward with a presentation to the Board of Supervisors in each county. The Board of Supervisors will be provided the same information that you have been provided here and we will go over all of the details.
- Betsy stated that she believes in last Advisory Council Meeting it was stated that the percentage of individuals in the Lake County age 60 and over was 37.8%.
- Paul stated that the percentage he found was based on Lisa population numbers of individuals 60 year and over, and the figure he came up with was 30.9% for Lake County which is still huge, and is higher than the state average.
- Lisa stated that one of the difficulty that we have had, is that the JPA language "utilizing the recent state Census data available", is kind of ambiguous because

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we have so many different Census reports available to us now, so there is a need for more clarification there.

- Kathy asked if there is a standard that the AAA's use or CDA use when it comes to data.
- Dena stated the funding is not based on percent of population of people over 60 it is based on the total number of seniors. So you take the total number of senior in Lake and a total number of Mendocino and add them together and then calculate the percent.
- Dena stated that she would have to ask the other six AAA's that have a JPA, what they do as their bench mark, because it is up to each AAA which bench mark they want to use.
- Kathy stated that it seem weird to let different places use different bench marks for their measuring tool, their just seem to be a need for a standard measuring tool.
- Bart Levenson stated that she wanted to make a comment, everyone is super aware of the storm we just had and we are still hearing about people that are isolated in their homes without power, without energy, without heat and could not get out of their driveways so to hear this negotiation as a member of the public and as a disable elder going on today based on not being sure of the figures from a citizens point of view this seems way to high stakes for needy people.
- Lisa stated that this specific agenda item is regarding the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and which visit specific seniors in Long-Term Care facilities.
- Supervisor Haschak the motion is to take action

M/S John/Jessica All in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstain

3. Public Expression:

- No public impute.

4. Non-Timed Items

5. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

April 6th 2023

1:30 PM

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