

## SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

- Harpal Aulakh, MPH, Community Outreach Coordinator, Snowline Hospice spoke about the role of hospice care in our community.
- Dr. Denzel Benson, Emeritus Professor of Sociology spoke on a closer look at analytics in El Dorado County
- Kristine Oase-Guth, Program Manager reported on El Dorado County Emergency Preparedness with an emphasis on seniors.
- Ken Sands with the Tahoe Basin Senior Citizen’s Center (TBSCC) spoke on the challenges of the Tahoe Senior Center.
- A special meeting was held in June to address the potential elimination of the Senior Legal Services Program. Call for Action—Develop and activate plan to save the Senior Legal Program in its current form.
- Daniel Del Monte, HHS Deputy Director, spoke on the status of Senior Programs.
- Bruce Grego, Attorney and South Lake Tahoe Activist covered various topics related to the South Lake Tahoe area.
- Michelle Hunter, Program Manager, Diana Steele, retired Senior Legal Program Attorney, and George Applebaum, Attorney provided an overview of Senior Legal Services –Who do we serve, what do we do, and what does it cost?
- Jennifer Harrington from the Alzheimer’s Association spoke about getting connected to Alzheimer’s programs and services.

### COMMISSION ON AGING COMMISSIONERS AS OF DECEMBER 2017

BOS Appointed Commissioners		COA Appointed Commissioners
Raelene Nunn	District I	Jim Wassner
John Hovey	District II	Beth Southorn
Greg Gollihur	District III	Doug Gradall
Vicki Ludwig	District IV	Roger Berger
Ron Zehren	District V	Ray Wyatt
Roberta Rimbault	Member at Large	Lisbeth Powell
City Appointed Commissioners		
Steve Shervey	City of Placerville	
Vacant	City South Lake Tahoe	



## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

for the El Dorado County  
Area Agency on Aging

Planning and Service Area (PSA)29

In accordance with the provisions of  
Title III of the **Older Americans Act of 1965**

### Purpose of the Commission on Aging (COA) (from the El Dorado County COA By-laws)

- 2.1: In accordance with provisions of the Title III of the Older Americans Act, The Commission on Aging serves the following advisory functions to the Area Agency on Aging:
- 2.2: To advise and make recommendations for appropriate action to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, on all matters relating to the development and administration of the Area Plan and operations conducted thereunder.
- 2.3: To advise the Area Agency on Aging on all matters relating to the development and administration of the Area Plan and operations conducted thereunder.
- 2.4: To advise the Area Agency on Aging by provision of support and input in ascertaining the changing needs of the elderly throughout the County.
- 2.5: To serve as the principal advocate body in El Dorado County on behalf of older persons, especially the frail and vulnerable elderly as defined in the Older Americans Act.
- 2.6: To hold public hearings on the Area Plan, with no less than ten (10) days public notice.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Progress on Commission Objectives as outlined in the  
2016-2020 Area Agency on Aging Plan

- **Older American's Day**  
The Commission on Aging went "All Hands on Deck" to support Older American's Day and participated in celebrations at the Senior Nutrition Congregate Meal Sites.
- **Senior of the Year**  
Gordon and Renee Vincini were selected as the 2017 "Senior of the Year". They were honored at the May 16, 2017 meeting of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. Their contributions to the county are epic and appreciated.
- **Annual COA Retreat**  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual COA Retreat was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at the Forebay Community Center in Pollock Pines. The COA prepared a list of priorities ranking them A, B, or C and agreed to address the "A" priorities during the upcoming year.
- **Senior Legal Services Program**  
The Commission approved a motion to analyze and take action to save the Senior Legal Program in its current format. Steve Shervey and Ray Wyatt were authorized to speak on behalf of the COA and serve on the County AdHoc Committee to evaluate the program.
- **Healthy Communities**  
Steve Shervey, with Laura Walny, HHS A Program Manager, was appointed as the co-chair, of the Healthy Communities Senior Services Task Force. Healthy Communities is part of the County Strategic Plan.
- **COA Booth at the El Dorado County Fair**  
The COA Outreach Team procured a booth at the County Fair on Senior Day which was staffed by the COA Commissioners.
- **Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Monitoring by COA**  
Jim Wassner and Lisbeth Powell revised the Monitoring Program, standardizing the review forms. The commissioners used the new "user friendly" templates to monitor the senior programs.

## AS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

- Raelene Nunn was the speaker at the May 8, 2017 meeting of the El Dorado Hills Community Council meeting.
- Roger Berger attended the Cameron Park Community Services District Board meetings and provided updates to the COA.
- Vicki Ludwig continues to attend the Triple-A Council of California (TACC) meetings held in Sacramento and reports noteworthy items to the COA.
- Ron Zehren continues his support for the South Lake Tahoe (SLT) Seniors as a Board member and activist. Ron arranges the speakers for all COA meetings held in SLT and attends all SLT Town Hall meetings.
- Roberta Rimbault is active in the Cameron Park area, including the Cameron Park Community Center Mature Leadership Group and the Sierra Renaissance Society.
- Jim Wassner was instrumental in the establishment of the new group, "Super Seniors of Pollock Pines and Camino". Jim helped to develop their Facebook page.
- Beth Southern represented the COA at the Community Action Council and provided updates to the COA. Beth's knowledge and experience with affordable housing make her the "go to" person when questions or issues arise.
- Lisbeth Powell took a "road trip" to visit and learn about the Senior Centers in Northern Nevada, Amador, and Manteca. Lisbeth is the Chair of the Outreach Team and co-chair of the Monitoring Committee.
- John Hovey attended the Friends of Seniors meetings.
- Doug Gradall is new to the COA and is an active member of the Senior Peer Counseling Program.
- Ray Wyatt attended the Senior Legislature meetings to bring the COA the most current information on senior issues. Ray, as an active local attorney, was instrumental in analyzing legislation, writing reports and letters regarding the requirements of the Senior Legal Services Program and its value to El Dorado County and the seniors in our community.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF BRIAN REEVES

COA Commissioner, Brian Reeves, passed away on May 23, 2017. He was a very giving, intelligent, respected, and much loved member of our Commission and community. Upon his appointment to the COA in 2012, Brian became an active commissioner serving on many committees. Brian will be missed by all.