

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Office on Aging

**SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 31, 2014**

SUBJECT: Office on Aging – Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging's Annual Report for FY2012-2013. All Districts. Cost [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging's Annual Report for FY2012-2013.

BACKGROUND: Seventeen volunteer community leaders (five appointed by the Board of Supervisors) comprise the Advisory Council on Aging in Riverside County. This Council is mandated under the provisions of the Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act to give planning and policy guidance to the Office on Aging and the Board of Supervisors and advocacy to seniors and disabled adults in Riverside County. The Council is also mandated to issue an annual report to the community on their activities and accomplishments. The attached Annual Report summarizes the scope and depth of their contribution for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Departmental Concurrence

Michele Haddock
Director

| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost: | POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office) |
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| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: Not applicable | | | | Budget Adjustment: No | |
| | | | | For Fiscal Year: 2012-13 | |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY
Lani Sioson

County Executive Office Signature

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Positions Added

Change Order

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FORM 11: Office on Aging – Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging’s Annual Report for FY2012-2013.

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Impact on Citizens and Businesses

As is evidenced in the Annual Report, the Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging is a group of seasoned and diverse community leaders committed to each other and to the process of consensus building to meet the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities and caregivers in Riverside County.

Riverside County
Advisory Council on Aging

Annual Report

2012-2013



*The Eyes, Ears and Voices for
Riverside County's Seniors*

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Mission Statement

The Riverside County Advisory Council on Aging is a group of seasoned and diverse community leaders committed to each other and to the process of consensus building to meet the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, and caregivers in Riverside County.

Message from Council Officers



Gloria Sanchez, Chair



Gary Kelley, Vice Chair



Jerry Corrales, Parliamentarian

The Advisory Council on Aging was created in 1974. The Council is composed of seventeen volunteer members mandated under the Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act to serve in an advisory capacity to the Office on Aging, the Board of Supervisors and as advocates on behalf of Riverside County's seniors and older adults with disabilities.

As advisors and advocates, the Council plays an important role in the development of the Office on Aging's Strategic Plan on Aging by identifying priority legislative and regulatory issues and by identifying population trends, unmet needs and emerging issues.

The Council Members are the eyes, ears, and voice for seniors and older adults with disabilities in their communities. With this important role comes the responsibility of raising issues, recommending changes and advocating for those changes. Without the Council's leadership, opportunities to improve services for older adults would be fewer and negative attitudes about ageism would be stronger. As effective volunteer leaders working in partnership with government and community, we will continue to make a difference.

On behalf of the entire Advisory Council, we would like to thank the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Office on Aging for their ongoing support of the Council and their valuable work to help Riverside County's seniors and older adults with disabilities have a better quality of life.

Sharron Lambeth 2013 George Telisman Memorial Award Recipient

George Telisman was the Director of the Office on Aging from 1991 until his death in 1994. Mr. Telisman was an innovative, creative leader who made a positive impact on the way the county and the community viewed seniors and older adults with disabilities.

The purpose of the George Telisman Memorial Award is to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and proven commitment to ensuring the integrity of seniors and older adults with disabilities.

The selection committee, composed of council members Ann Kasper, Gloria Sanchez, Diana Camba and Barbara Mitchell were responsible for distributing nomination forms, reviewing the submitted nominations and selecting the recipient.



Front: Gloria Sanchez, Sharron Lambeth, Rachele Roman
Back: Supervisors John Benoit, Kevin Jeffries, John Tavaglione,
Jeff Stone, and Marion Ashley

Ms. Lambeth is the Property Manager at Country Village in Mira Loma, a 1,238 unit apartment complex for seniors 55 and older. Ms. Lambeth is well known for her compassion for the residents and the never ending energy she puts into serving seniors at Country Village and in her community.

Ms. Lambeth coordinates the annual Senior Health Fair, emergency disaster preparation seminars, July 4th Country Village celebration, food bank food distribution, history documentation of veterans by King High School students and an annual Thanksgiving Day Meal for residents. Two unique programs implemented by Ms. Lambeth at Country Village were arranging for Pang Pang, a service dog, to visit residents that can't have their own pet and inviting a physician and physical therapist to be onsite for the convenience of residents. Other community activities Ms. Lambeth participates in include, Map Your Neighborhood and the Annual Night Out Against Crime.

Riverside County Office on Aging and Advisory Council on Aging thank Ms. Lambeth for her ongoing dedication helping seniors live with dignity!

Acknowledgements: Retirements

In 2013, three members of the Advisory Council announced their retirement. Although they will be missed, we are excited to see them move on to the next chapter in their lives. We thank them for their service and dedication to seniors and older adults with disabilities in Riverside County.



Barbara Brown retired from the Council after three years of service. Ms. Brown attended the Dales Community Center Grand Opening and routinely visited local senior centers, providing information and outreach for SCAN Emergency Grant services, Social Security GoDirect campaign and the Office on Aging. Ms. Brown also served on the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force and the Community Connection Committee. In addition, she was very active in her church, regularly distributing information to the seniors in the congregation and writing articles on senior services for the church newsletter.



Leo Sullivan served for seven years as the Council Parliamentarian until his retirement from the Council in March 2013. In addition to his duties as Parliamentarian, Mr. Sullivan served the Advisory Council as the Co-Chair of the Healthy Living Committee. As a media spokesman for the Council, he advocated for implementation of the Program for All Exclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and volunteered his time assisting Office on Aging at the Palm Springs Pride Festival.

Mr. Sullivan was elected to the California Senior Legislature in 2010 for a five year term. The California Senior Legislature is a group elected to submit legislative proposals that will help improve the lives of seniors and older adults with disabilities.

Mr. Sullivan was appointed to the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council in 2012, which serves in an advisory capacity to RSVP, a program of retired senior volunteers. Mr. Sullivan became a CarFit Coordinator and organized CarFit events at Palm Desert Del Web senior community and Eisenhower Medical Center in partnership with 4th District Supervisor John Benoit.

Acknowledgements: Retirements



Carol Jong, a member since 2004, retired from the Council to travel with her husband. As chair of the Community Connection Committee, Mrs. Tong was instrumental in the Council's outreach on the 911 Emergency Cellphone Program, Social Security Go Direct, campaign, SCAN Emergency Grant services and Office on Aging. Mrs. Tong enjoyed volunteering with the Office on Aging's InfoVan and Nutrition InfoVan visiting senior centers and other organizations that serve seniors and older adults with disabilities to provide outreach and education. Mrs. Tong also trained to become a CarFit Event Coordinator and assisted with the CarFit events throughout the County.

Dream Chasers

They are our dream chasers
Reaching high towards the sky
Always believing they can make it happen
Never saying nigh.

They help us climb tall mountains
Navigating the compass along the way
Taking us to new and exciting places
Never leading us astray.

They help us build strong communities
Wrapping families in their arms
Seeing the many opportunities
Forever working hard.

They number many these volunteers
They have given so much to us
How do we show our gratitude?
Thanks...just doesn't seem enough.

*Original poem submitted by Beckie Evans, Coordinator of Volunteers,
Peterborough Family Resource Centre*

Presentations/Education/ Positions

As an advocate body, it is vital for the Council to remain informed about the programs and services, as well as current and emerging needs and issues that affect seniors and older adults with disabilities.

The Council is responsible for understanding the needs and issues of seniors and older adults with disabilities.

Assembly Bill AB776 was introduced to the Council by Michele Haddock (Wilham), Office on Aging Director. AB776 amends the Medi-Cal program that allows beneficiaries residing in Coordinated Care Initiative counties to be provided long-term services and supports and requires the Department of Health Care Services to consult stakeholders regarding the process. The bill defines the term “stakeholder” to include area agencies on aging and independent living centers. The Council took a position and submitted letters of support to legislators.

Ralph M. Brown Act Training: Tiffany North, Deputy County Counsel with County Counsel of Riverside County, gave an overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Network of Care: The Council took an active role in the outreach campaign for the Network of Care website, a database of programs and services that are available to seniors and older adults with disabilities. In order to gain a thorough understanding of how to navigate the website, the Council hosted a presentation by Barbara Houser, Office on Aging staff.

Transportation: Limited and inadequate transportation continue to be a concern to seniors and older adults with disabilities in Riverside County. In an effort to gain an understanding of a new and innovative transportation program, the Council hosted a presentation from Virginia Werly with Riverside Transit Agency, on the Travel Training Program. This program teaches people how to safely ride public transportation through a series of steps from initial one-on-one instructor assistance to gradual empowerment of the individual leading to confident, independent travel.



Presentations/Education/ Positions

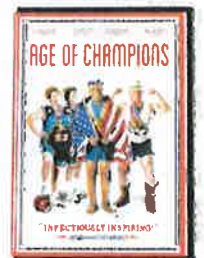
CalFresh for Older Adults: Food insecurity is an ongoing issue with seniors and older adults with disabilities, especially in light of Federal budget cuts to the Home Delivered and Congregate Meal programs. In an effort to determine alternative nutrition programs, the Council invited Jill Kowalski, from the Department of Public Social Services to give a presentation on the CalFresh program. CalFresh is a program that can provide seniors and older adults with disabilities the ability to stretch their food budget and improve their health and well-being by providing a means to meet their nutritional needs. Only 10% of eligible seniors and older adults with disabilities utilize the CalFresh program.



Age of Champions: Fitness and activity have been proven to improve quality of life and keep seniors and older adults with disabilities in their own homes longer. The Council viewed the Age of Champions Film, an award-winning PBS documentary, following five competitors who sprint, leap, and swim for gold at the National Senior Olympics. The film is a very motivating, inspiring, powerful story on living a healthier, happier and more active life.

"Winning Never Gets Old!"

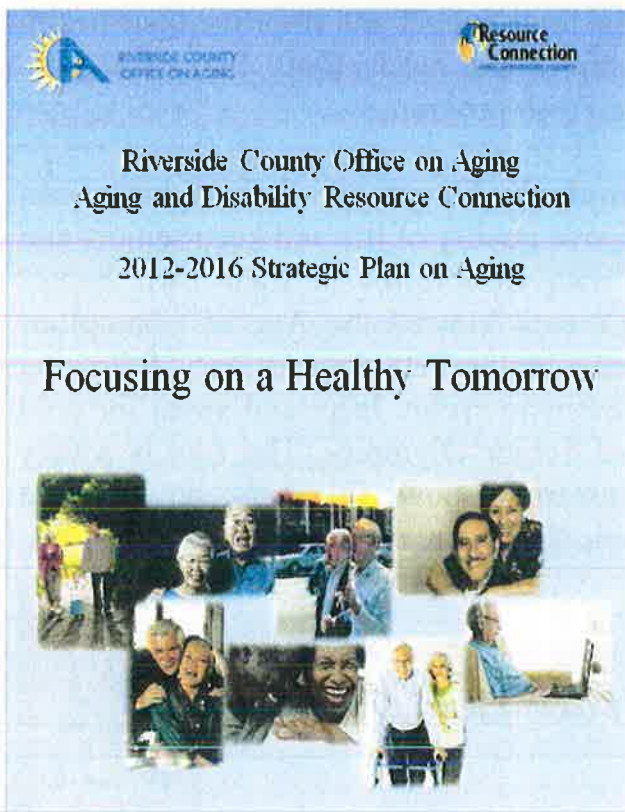
"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"
- Nelson Mandela



Strategic Plan on Aging Focusing on a Healthy Tomorrow

With a focus on healthy aging, the Strategic Plan on Aging is a document that maps the goals, objectives, and activities of the Office on Aging and the Advisory Council. The Council is charged with the responsibility of identifying priority legislative and regulatory issues, population trends, unmet needs and emerging issues that are used to make recommendations to Office on Aging on the priorities and strategies to address those issues. The Council also uses the information to develop their advocacy plan on the priorities identified.

Highlights of Advisory Council Goals (outside of committee work) included:



- Information on the 2012-16 Strategic Plan on Aging Goals and Objectives were distributed to partners, including Senior Center Directors and Board of Supervisors Offices.
- A presentation by Office on Aging Director Michele Haddock (Wilham) on the Older Americans Act, Older Californians Act and the local, state, and national senior networks to assist the council gain an understanding of senior systems.
- A public hearing hosted by the Council was held on March 13, 2013. The public gave input on the update to the Strategic Plan on Aging 2013-14.

Advisory Council Committees

The Advisory Council on Aging is organized into several committees in order to focus the operations of the council, address critical community issues and conduct advocacy campaigns on behalf of vulnerable seniors and older adults with disabilities.



Executive Committee

Chaired by Gloria Sanchez, the Executive Committee is composed of Advisory Council Officers and Chairs of the Advisory Council subcommittees and oversees the operational aspects of the Council.



Bylaws Committee

Chaired by Jerry Corrales, the Committee meets annually to review the Council’s Bylaws. After a thorough review no changes were necessary in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Membership Connection

Chaired by Vee Maiden, in coordination with Council Chair Gloria Sanchez, the committee directed the application/interview process for vacant positions, provided orientation and mentoring to new members and developed strategies for member’s training/development needs.



Advisory Council Committees



Community Connection Committee

Co-Chaired by Carol Tong and Diana Camba, the committee was responsible for strengthening partnerships with senior centers, informing and empowering individuals in the community, broadening partnerships to include the business community and other stakeholders, informing and empowering individuals to be self advocates and advocated for intergenerational learning programs in the community. Additionally, the Committee organized the Advisory Council's various outreach campaigns.

Healthy Living Committee

Chaired by Leo Sullivan, Bev Greer and Jerry Corrales, the Committee was responsible for conducting advocacy efforts in support of an older adult's right to positive and healthy aging. In 2012-2013, the Committee's main focus was the successful launch of the CarFit program and several CarFit events at local senior and community centers.



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Task Force

Co-Chairs Dianne Lewis and Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone, led the Task Force in its work to highlight the issues of the almost 20,000 grandparents raising grandchildren within the County. The Task Force worked to partner with local officials, County departments and community networks to provide education, develop innovative new programs and advocate for access to supportive services.

Long Term Services and Supports Stakeholder Advisory Group (LTSS-SAG)

Chaired by Erwin Fromm, the SAG consisted of County service providers, non-profit and for-profit community organizations and consumers working to improve delivery of long term services and supports for older adults. In 2012-2013, the SAG focused on transportation systems, nutrition, and long term care community services.



Program Highlights: CarFit



In 2012-13, the Advisory Council on Aging's Healthy Living Committee conducted five CarFit events across the County and trained 121 participants utilizing 56 volunteers.

The program outcomes reveal that older cars often lack modern safety features that older adults need to remain safe. Newer vehicles can be confusing for older drivers who are not versed in the latest automotive features and technology. The CarFit program seeks to address these issues with onsite, practical solutions and adjustments, allowing older drivers to maintain their independence and to drive safely and with confidence.

Moving forward, the Healthy Living Committee will work to expand the program by training and certifying staff and volunteers from local organizations, who will in turn be able to conduct their own CarFit programs.

CarFit is an educational program endorsed by the AAA, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). The program offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles "fit" them. Volunteers, including an occupational therapist, assist senior drivers with items like, obtaining a clear line of sight over the steering wheel, proper foot positioning on gas and brake pedals, how to locate and utilize safety features such as seatbelts, emergency brakes, lights and flashers and the positioning of mirrors to minimize blind spots. The program also provides information and materials on community-specific resources that could allow older drivers to enhance their safety as drivers.

Special Thanks To:

5th District Supervisor Marion Ashley
4th District Supervisor John Benoit
3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone
Murrieta Senior Center
Sun City Palm Desert
Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce
Eisenhower Medical Center
Beaumont Senior Center
OASIS Senior Living Community
Physicians for Health Hospitals



Program Highlights: 911 Cellphone and Go Direct

911 Emergency Cell Phone Program Outreach

The Riverside County Office on Aging's 911 Cell Phone Program was created in 2001 to enhance the quality of life for older adults age 60+ years old and people with disabilities in order to provide them with security and peace of mind.

Older adults who live alone, are homebound or may have difficulty reaching a landline phone can use a cell phone to connect to 911 without being connected to a wireless service. In the event of an emergency, these cell phones can make all the difference for a vulnerable senior. By encouraging community members to donate used cellphones to the program, the Advisory Council enabled seniors and older adults with disabilities to reach critical services when they need them most. Cell phones are donated to the Office on Aging and then sent to a refurbishing plant for quality assurance testing. Recipients are given a cell phone in working condition to be used specifically for contacting the 911 Emergency Response Telephone Service.



In 2012-2013, the Advisory Council collected 239 cellphones!

Go Direct

In March 2013, the Social Security Administration and the United States Treasury finalized a two year process to transition the administration of benefits from paper checks to electronic payments.

The nationwide outreach campaign, called Go Direct, was developed by the US Treasury to educate older adults about the impending changes to the program. The Advisory Council on Aging assisted in the outreach effort by educating Riverside County seniors. Council members distributed brochures to senior centers, senior living communities, elected officials, physicians offices, and County and city agencies.



Program Highlights: Fit after 50

In 2012-2013, three Advisory Council members took up the charge and lead a Fit After 50 class in their areas. All three members live in remote, rural areas and know the importance of bringing this kind of activity, which promotes health, wellness and social connection among isolated older adults to their communities.



Fit After 50 is an evidence-based exercise program geared to increase strength, mobility and balance while improving the cardiovascular system. The program is customized to meet the individual needs of its participants. Seniors nationwide claim their independence as a "most valued possession."

For many, remaining independent means staying physically fit in order to take care of themselves, maintain their mobility and live a healthy, active life. With this in mind, Riverside County developed Fit After 50, a free fitness program for seniors aimed at avoiding falls and prolonging independence. The program incorporates simple exercises that can increase strength, balance and flexibility.



Doris Morgan-Hayes and Dianne

Lewis successfully advocated for and became trainers for Fit after 50 and implemented a class in Blythe in the fall of 2012. The class is conducted three times a week with an average attendance of 20 participants. The program has been very popular and both Ms. Morgan-Hayes and Mrs. Lewis have reported significant improvement of their class participant's physical well-being.



Luella Thornton, MPH, is a retired public health nurse and very active in her local community and across Riverside County where her main focus is the Native American community. Mrs. Thornton became a Fit after 50 Trainer and began a successful class in her Poppet Flats neighborhood. Ms.

Thornton conducts her class 3 days a week for an average of 15 people. Participants of Mrs. Thornton's class are invigorated and excited about both the class and the chance to come together to get healthy and make new connections.



Community Liaisons & Advocates: California Senior Legislature



Established in 1980, the California Senior Legislature (CSL) is a volunteer body of older adults who come together to propose legislation on behalf of senior citizens at both the state and federal levels. Meetings are held annually in October at the State Capitol building. There are 40 Senior Senators and 80 Senior Assembly members selected via election across 33 planning service areas, as established by the federal Older Americans Act of 1965. The goal of the CSL is to select ten state proposals and four federal proposals that are then taken to legislators, who are asked to author and carry the bills forward.

In 2010, Erwin Fromm, Ann Kasper, Sonja Martin, and retired member Leo Sullivan were elected to the California Senior Legislature:



Erwin Fromm is a long term member of the Council and an elected member of California Senior Legislature. Mr. Fromm has submitted several proposals over the years including a bill to increase the fees for death certificates. CSL Senate Proposal SP6 - Preserving Senior Independence allows the Board of Supervisors of specified counties to increase the fee for a certified copy of a death record by up to \$3, provided the moneys are used to fund programs for seniors.



Sonja Martin is a member of the California Senior Legislature and was most interested in legislation that would assist grandparents raising their grandchildren to receive equal rights and services. Ms. Martin proposed a bill requiring 55+ senior living communities to establish a statewide length of time that seniors have to vacate after receiving custody of their grandchildren.



Ann Kasper is a member of the California Senior Legislature and provided outreach to local organizations and partners raising money for CSL, which operates on donations rather than taxpayer dollars.

Community Liaisons & Advocates: Riverside County Foundation on Aging



FOUNDATION ON AGING



Founded in 2005, The Foundation on Aging is a stand alone non-profit, 501c3 organization that exists to provide support to the work of the Riverside County Office on Aging, the Advisory Council on Aging, and other government agencies.

As Chair of the Foundation, Gloria Sanchez works with foundation trustees to raise awareness of senior needs and raise funds needed to fill in gaps in public funding. The Foundation has no paid staff and few overhead expenses, so nearly all of the funds raised are returned to the community in the form of direct assistance to seniors and older adults with disabilities.

2012 2nd Annual Foundation Golf Tournament

In 2012-2013, the Foundation on Aging worked with Advisory Council members and Office on Aging staff to host the 2nd annual tournament, which was held at the Menifee Lakes Golf Course. The tournament hosted 92 golfers and raised more than \$5,000. Riverside County Supervisors Jeff Stone and Marion Ashley were honorary chairs of the tournament.



2012 Holiday Gift Card Program

With funding support from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and proceeds from the annual golf tournament, the Foundation on Aging purchased gift cards from Stater Bros and Albertsons and distributed the cards to needy seniors throughout Riverside County.

"Each senior citizen who received these gift cards were touched deeply. All expressed their gratitude, a few were brought to tears, and many said that the card was the only gift they would be receiving this holiday season."

— A Senior Center Director

Community Liaisons & Advocates: Older Adults System of Care and IHSS Advisory Council



Riverside County Department of Mental Health Older Adults System of Care Committee: Gloria Sanchez began her service on this committee as a family advocate as well as liaison to the Council. The committee focuses on older adult mental health services in Riverside County through collaboration and partnerships with consumers, community based service providers, and County departments. The committee is charged with ensuring that older adults have access to a wide range of therapeutic and supportive services.



Riverside County Department of Public Social Service In Home Supportive Services (IHSS): Jerry Corrales was appointed to the IHSS Advisory Council in 2010 and served as Chair before his retirement from the committee in 2013. Ann Kasper replaced Mr. Corrales as the appointed Advisory Council on Aging representative. The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee consists of 11 committee members and meets quarterly. The Council serves as an advisory board to the IHSS program and collaborates with the County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) regarding administration of the IHSS Program. The primary focus of 2012-2013 activities was outreach to increase consumer membership.



Community Liaisons & Advocates: Triple A Council of California (TACC)

Triple A Council of California (TACC): Erwin Fromm, Advisory Council Member, attended Triple A Council of California (TACC) meetings. The mission of TACC is to promote communication and collaboration among local advisory councils and key/state partners to provide education and advocacy through the exchange of information, ideas, trends, and models of service delivery and strengthen the advocacy effectiveness and leadership skills of local Advisory Councils. The California Commission on Aging provides administrative support to the TACC.



"Leaders establish the vision for the future and set the strategy for getting there; they cause change. They motivate and inspire others to go in the right direction and they, along with everyone else, sacrifice to get there!"

— John Kotter

Community Liaisons & Advocates: Veteran's Affairs

Older veterans living in Riverside County served in conflicts around the world including World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and even in the Persian Gulf War. As Veterans age, they face a variety of health issues, as well as the challenges of accessing services through the Veterans Administration.

The Office on Aging and the Advisory Council on Aging have been long time partners with the Riverside County Department of Veterans Services. Two Advisory Council members are instrumental in maintaining this vital link and ensuring that older veterans are allowed to age with the honor and dignity that they deserve.



Alice B. Chandler is second district Board of Supervisor John Tavaglione's appointed representative on the Council and is also Supervisor Tavaglione's representative on the County Veterans Service Department Veterans Advisory Council. As a member of the Veterans Advisory Council, Ms. Chandler organizes monthly breakfasts with different elected officials and rides on the float in the annual July 4th Parade. Congressman Mark Takano also recognized Ms. Chandler's dedication to veterans and appointed her to serve on his newly convened Veterans Advisory Council. Ms. Chandler arranged for the Color Guard presentation at the November Council Meeting (in recognition of Veteran's Day) and is involved with the selection of Girls State through the California American Legion's Auxiliary.



Vee Maiden served as the appointed Advisory Council Representative of fifth district Board of Supervisor Marion Ashley. Ms. Maiden is very active in the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) activities and was elected as secretary at the state level of the organization. Ms. Maiden provided outreach at events, planning for holiday programs at the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, and attends the VFW routine meetings.

Advisory Council Commitment to Service



The members of the Advisory Council on Aging commit thousands of volunteer hours to the Council and in the service of older adults. Those volunteer hours make it possible for the Office on Aging to extend its reach into the community.

In 2012-2013, the Advisory Council on Aging members **dedicated 3,632 hours** specifically to the Advisory Council and related issues. This time equated to approximately \$89,892 worth of volunteer service over the course of the year.

Council members routinely visit senior and community centers, senior living complexes, legislative offices, churches, and other partners of the Advisory Council and Office on Aging distributing materials and building partnerships.



Alice B. Chandler,

participated in many of the Country Village Senior Living activities. Ms. Chandler also represented veterans and the Council at her Veterans Services booth at the Country Village Annual Senior Health Fair.

Diana Lamba, representative of

second district Board of Supervisor Jeff Stone, purchased and delivered several food baskets to seniors for the holidays, helped several organizations obtain funding, assisted the Office on Aging with coordinating the Senior Employment Job Fair in Hemet, gave presentations on diabetes at several locations in southwest county, assisted the Office on Aging with produce distribution to the San Jacinto Senior Center and attended the Annual Senior Inspiration Awards.



Advisory Council Commitment to Service



Jerry Corrales routinely visited local senior centers and senior living communities providing outreach and enhancing partnerships. Mr. Corrales became a trained CarFit coordinator and organized the event at OASIS in Menifee. Mr. Corrales assisted the Foundation on Aging with the Golf Tournament



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"
— Mahatma Gandhi

Bev Greer is the Executive Director of the Stroke Recovery Center in Palm Springs. Ms. Greer was active in the PACE initiative for Riverside County and the Clinton Foundation Health Initiative's ongoing efforts as an educator on managing chronic illness for healthy living. Ms. Greer also visited FIND Food Program, Desert Hot Springs Senior Center, and Cathedral City Senior Center distributing brochures and building partnerships.



Erwin Fromm routinely visited local senior centers providing outreach and enhancing partnerships. Mr. Fromm attended a legislative breakfast with Manuel Perez, assisted at the Palm Springs PRIDE event, shared the 2012 Veterans Resource Guide with the Council, and attended the Annual Senior Inspiration Awards.

Gary Kelley representative of first district Board of Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, was involved in several activities, including coordination of Hospice of the Valley's "Ask the Doc" seminars, renovation of blighted neighborhoods in Lake Elsinore, participation at the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren table at the "Day of the Child" event in Corona and underwent training as a CarFit Event Coordinator.



Advisory Council Commitment to Service



Ann Kasper, in addition to her role on the Telisman Award Committee and Community Connection Committee, routinely attends the Moreno Valley C.A.R.E. Team meetings, Inland Empire Disability Collaborative Meetings and the In Home Support Services (IHSS) Advisory Council Meetings. Mrs. Kasper volunteered at the Palm Springs PRIDE Festival to distribute Office on Aging materials and visited local senior centers to provide outreach and enhance partnerships



Dianne Lewis, was active in her rural Blythe community assisting individuals with accessing services, raising funds for cancer, and visiting the Blythe Community Center and the Colorado River Community Center to distribute outreach materials and to enhance partnerships.



Vee Maiden, visited many local organizations, such as her church, Perris City Hall, Perris and Moreno Valley Community Centers, and local senior living communities to provide outreach on Office on Aging programs and services. Ms. Maiden was also instrumental with organizing the CarFit registration at all of the CarFit events throughout the County.



Advisory Council Commitment to Service



Sonja Martin was appointed by fourth district Supervisor Benoit to serve on the Advisory Council as his representative after Leo Sullivan retired.

Ms. Martin is very busy in her community and especially with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, serving on the Task Force and attending the Task Force functions. Ms. Martin was also elected as a member of the California Senior Legislature and participated in the Desert Samaritan for Seniors Fundraiser, Department of Mental Health Summit, Curtailing Abuse Related to the Elderly (C.A.R.E) Team meetings, RSVP Advisory Council and the annual Senior Inspiration Awards Ceremony/Luncheon.

Barbara Mitchell was reappointed to the California Commission on Aging for a second term. The Commission serves as state advocates on behalf of older individuals. The Commissioners serve as advisors in the consideration of all legislation and regulations made by state and federal departments relating to programs and services that affect older individuals.



Ms. Mitchell also served on the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force and the Transportation Reimbursement Information Project (T.R.I.P.) eligibility committee and attended the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Coalition Meeting and the Riverside County Department of Mental Health, Mental Health Summit.



Doris Morgan-Hayes is a 21 year veteran of the Advisory Council and very respected and active in the rural community of Blythe. Ms. Morgan-Hayes was appointed to the Blythe Cemetery Board by fourth district Board of Supervisor John Benoit where she has been instrumental with auditing the books, implementing procedures and policies, recruiting volunteers and assisting the District Attorney. Ms. Morgan-Hayes also coordinated a 55 and

Alive driving program, attended the Annual Senior Inspiration Awards and the Blythe Economic Outlook Conference.

Advisory Council Commitment to Service



Gloria Sanchez is actively involved in her community and across the county. Ms. Sanchez was involved volunteering at an ice cream social at the Kay Cinecero's Senior Center, attending a Suicide Task Force Conference and the grand opening of The Vineyards at Menifee, assisting the Office on Aging with the distribution of information at the Palm Springs PRIDE Festival, serving as emcee at the Office on Aging Caregiver Conference, organizing an identity theft informational program for seniors at the Menifee OASIS senior living, serving as liaison to the Department of Mental Health Older Adults System of Care and participating in a legislative day in Sacramento.



Patricia Smith is a new member to the Council. Mrs. Smith was appointed to the Disability Awareness Committee for the State of California. Mrs. Smith regularly visited senior centers and is committed to acknowledging the dedicated service provided by Riverside County Senior Centers.



Luella Thornton is active in her community and across Riverside County, especially in the Native American communities. She reports that a lot of her time is consumed with phone calls from community members, neighbors, and friends seeking assistance. Mrs. Thornton visited senior centers and tribal reservations providing information and developing partnerships. Mrs. Thornton also coordinated a disaster preparation seminar in her Poppet Flats neighborhood.

Thank You Riverside County Office on Aging Leadership

A special thank you to all of the Office on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Connection staff. The Council is very proud of this organization and it is with great respect and admiration that the Council would like to thank all of the Office on Aging staff for their care and compassion in serving Riverside County's seniors and older adults with disabilities.



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Congratulations to Hilary Clarke, Office on Aging Deputy Director on his retirement after many years of public service, support with the budget and fiscal reports at the monthly Council meetings.



Congratulations to Michele Haddock (Wilham), on her appointment to Office on Aging Director and for her leadership and guidance with the Strategic Plan on Aging activities while she served as Deputy Director of Senior Programs.



Congratulations to Ronald A. Stewart, Ph.D. on his appointment to Office on Aging Deputy Director of Senior Programs.

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