

Meeting Minutes
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
December 21, 2021
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 AM. The meeting was chaired by Emily Kane and was conducted via Zoom.

Board members present: Emily Kane, Linda Kruger, Kathleen Samalon, Carol Ende, Jennifer Carson, Jan Beauchamp, Bobbi Epperly, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

Board members absent: Ann Stepetin

Others: Robyn Mesdag, Brenda Taylor, Deborah Craig

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with unanimous consent.

III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The December meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None.

V. Discussion Items

A) Welcome to Bobbi Epperly

The board welcomed Bobbi Epperly. Bobbi introduced herself, she is a third generation Juneauite and is currently employed by CCS.

B) Question of the Month

The question of the month was, "What services are you grateful for in our community for Elders?"

C) Assembly Update - Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

The assembly had their retreat, and new goals and objectives came out of that. They are similar to prior years with the objectives tweaked a bit. The assembly listened to a State healthcare team at the meeting this week, received some updates on Omicron and how the state is shifting focus. An assembly working group sent tweaked measures to the full assembly, which Alicia expects to be passed at the next assembly meeting. These include a change to the number of

people allowed indoors from an absolute number to being based on capacity. For example, 50 people inside Coppa is much different than 50 people inside the Centennial Hall.

Emily asked if there is a formula/regulation on how many senior/disability friendly units are required when new construction is done. Alicia was not sure and will check and get back to the JCOA.

D) Senior Community Resource List – Linda Kruger

AARP is putting together a Senior Community Resource list for Juneau. AARP Anchorage has agreed to print the list, and JEDC will host the list online on their website.

E) AARP 2022 Community Challenge Grant

Linda presented on the AARP 2022 Community Challenge Grant. The JCOA is planning to partner with Parks and Recreation and adding physical fitness equipment to Sandy Beach. The tricky part about the grant is that the funds must be used quickly once granted, so the JCOA will need to be ready to implement quickly if they receive a grant. Emily would like to set up a sub-committee at the next meeting to work on this grant.

F) Discussion on the Good Jobs Challenge Grant status & next steps

The JCOA will support the Good Jobs Challenge grant going forward with a letter of support and other support as requested.

G) Board Seats

There is currently one open seat on the JCOA. The open seat needs to be filled by a person who is 65 or older. Officers will be elected at the next meeting.

H) Next Meeting Date

January 18, 2022 at 10:30 AM.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM