

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ELDERCARE COALITION

MONTHLY MEETING Minutes

July 7, 2023 8:30-9:30 Alaska Time

ATTACHMENTS: Updated SREC Org Chart, AARP Age Friendly Community Powerpoint, JCOA Annual Report to the CBJ, Teal Street Center Powerpoint (to follow at next meeting)

SC Members: Sharyl Yeisley (KIC), Deb Craig (JCOA), Linda Kruger (AARP and JCOA), Glenn Mitchell (AKDOLWD), Joan O'Keefe (SAIL), Brian Holst (JEDC).

Coalition Members: Marianne Mills (CCS), Emily Kane (JCOA), Carole Ende (JCOA), Margaret Haube (CCTHITA), Emily Palmer (DHSS), Melinda Otieno (AKDOLWD), Zayla Asquith (UMN), Aaron Morrison, Amber Smith, Ellen Hackenmueller (SOA), Lisa Morley (SOA), Margaret Minmaugh (SAIL), Tyler McNeil (Community Connections), Wayne Stevens (United Way).

AGENDA

Opening comments and welcome: Co-Chair: Sharyl Yeisley

ITEM 1: SREC Project Director Report – Hiring Update – Glenn Mitchell (AKDOLWD & SREC Hiring Committee) Tonya Muldoon was hired as the Program Director for the SREC Project and will be asked to introduce herself at the next full Coalition Meeting. Tonya has years of experience in eldercare and good connectivity to the SE region. She will be starting work at JEDC (Grant Recipient) July 24, 2023.

ITEM 2: Best Practices Presentation – AARP Age Friendly Communities – Linda Kruger (AARP. JCOA and SREC Member) Please see the attached PowerPoint. While this is Juneau centric, it is an encouragement for other communities to become AARP Age Friendly Communities. Check the Livable Communities video.

ITEM 3: SREC Member Highlight – Teal Street Center – Joan O'Keefe (SAIL, Teal Street Center Committee and SREC Member) SAIL's mission is to inspire independence and that collaboration is the best mechanism for enhanced social service delivery. The Teal Street Center has been in the works for 20 years with the help of Wayne Stevens (United Way) with a project start up in 2009. Sioux Douglas was the Capital Committee Chair and helped raised \$10.3 million to complete the Teal Street Center with CBJ contributing sidewalks and other amenities to make access more accessible. *Slide Show will follow displaying the Center and the history of the formation of Teal Street Center.*

ITEM 4: Event Reports

- a. Elder Abuse Forum June 15, 2023 National Elder Abuse Awareness Day (Margaret Haube, CCTHITA) – CCTHITA held a hearing for community members that would help develop a Task Force to deal with Elder related issues, the most common of which is elder fraud. Margaret has been reaching out to other providers to help with the Task Force. If interested, please contact Margaret at: mhaube@ccthita-nsn.gov
- b. AARP May 2023 Listening Sessions outcomes (Linda Kruger, AARP) Held three listening forums at the three libraries in Juneau. Outcomes that were very relevant was the issue of having a Senior Center that is more robust and inclusive. The AARP will issue a report after compiling information and is looking for more inclusion in terms of gleaning information. Emily suggested that the questioning strategy be forwarded to Teal Street Center to gain more information from the diverse population of elders in our community.

- c. JCOA Annual Report to the CBJ FY23 (Emily Kane, JCOA) *See attached report* that was created by the nine members of the JCOA, a volunteer entity that advises the CBJ and the Assembly regarding elder issues. The shining star of the report is the creation of the SREC (as per the 2017 CBJ JCOA resolution), as well as multiple documents related to housing and community development and accessibility for seniors. These efforts serve not only seniors but allow people to age out in their homes. Emily also discussed the well identified need for a Juneau Senior Center that is more inclusive, as well as the continuation of the Navigator position ongoing. The JCOA Report will be presented to the CBJ Human Resources Committee on July 10th. Zoom Link for meeting: [Zoom link for HRC: https://juneau.zoom.us/j/95241164899](https://juneau.zoom.us/j/95241164899) or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 952 4116 4899

Clarification: Wayne Stevens (United Way) asked if SREC is 'under' JEDC. SREC SC members responded that SREC is and always has been a separate business entity from JEDC, managed by a Steering Committee of which JEDC is a member as the grant recipient of SREC project funding via MACP. SREC SC members reinforced our excitement in moving the SREC Project forward with JEDC, the grant recipient for the project.

ITEM 5: Upcoming Events - Sharyl Yeisley- invite participants to provide info for upcoming events of interest.

** Marianne Mills commented that AARP used to organize an accessibility fair each year in Juneau. SAIL and Southeast Senior Services also offered fall prevention workshops there. These are items for future consideration.

Note: JEDC is the recipient of the MACP \$2.5 million SREC Grant that states the:
"purpose of the [SREC] project is to support a coalition of eldercare providers across Southeast Alaska who have joined together to problem solve mutual issues, share program information and be a collaborative catalyst for change in the realm of eldercare services to support older adults in maintaining their independence at home for as long as possible."

Email deborahlc11@gmail.com Deborah Craig to include upcoming events for your organization on our outreach.

Email lindalaska2003@gmail.com Linda Kruger to submit Best Practices concepts for upcoming full Coalition meetings. 907-957-0335

NEXT FULL COALITION MEETING: AUGUST 4, 2023 8:30-9:30 via Zoom