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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ELDERCARE COALITION

March 7, 2025, 8:30AM

MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89966612080?pwd=Y2s1MU16dzdjbFkraFF4ZFZjcXNPQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6661 2080

Passcode: 471844

1. **Call to Order 8:32am**
2. **Agenda Approval** – Motion to approve by Diane Kyser, seconded by Joan O’Keefe. Approved without changes.
3. **Minutes Approval** – Motion to approve by David Ringle, seconded by Diane Kyser. Minutes approved without changes.
4. **SREC Project Update** – Tonya Muldoon
 - a. Sitka Resource Fair in partnership with Sitka Tribe of Alaska. 95+ seniors came for lunch and participated in the resource Fair in Sitka. We had some vendors from Juneau and Anchorage. We thank everyone for their participation to make the event possible with a special thank you to partners Sitka Tribe of Alaska and City of Sitka Department of Parks and Recreation.
 - b. Business Plan Vitality study, email has been sent to regional providers to seek interest in working with JEDC and SREC on conducting this study.



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- c. Met with Alaska Small Business Development Center, Sandy Hussain regarding establishing Business Plan Tool Kits for DSP agency, Agency based- services, care coordination, and residential supported-living services.
- d. Success: UAS Health Sciences has approved Understanding Dementia (1-credit) to the Course Catalog. This was a SREC supported course in 2024.

5. **SREC Steering Committee Report –**

- a. Sub-Committee Workforce Development - Sharyl Yeisley asked coalition members who have an interest in working on a sub-committee to please reach out to her, Erin Walker-Tolles or Tonya Muldoon. We will maintain the topic on the agenda. The concerns for the workforce are on-going in nature.

6. **Advocacy Sub-committee Wayne Stevens**

- a. Co-chairs have a letter drafted to be sent for the full Coalition to the Legislators.
- b. A letter for members has been drafted and is pending some last adjustments.
- c. If you are interested in participating in a sub-committee for support elder advocacy, please contact Wayne Stevens by email at: wastevens@alaskan.com

7. **Best Practice:**

- a. David Ringle Seniors in Homelessness, slides attached. Some facts identified in the discussion:
 - i. Average age of shelter participants is 50 years old.
 - ii. Of Warming Shelter participants 30% are over 50 years old.
 - iii. Half of the seniors coming into services are in the process of losing housing. They can be helped with services. St. Vincent De Paul will support the elders with assistance with



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cleanup of units, service referral, negotiations with landlords, etc.

- iv. Dave notes that the best thing social service providers can do is to help keep people in housing.
- b. Sharyl Yeisley, Direct Workforce Shortage Topic discussion: Sharyl Yeisley commented that as a care coordinator she has 8 new Medicaid Wavier Clients in Ketchikan that are awaiting staff and do not have services. The topic of Workforce is going to remain on the agenda. She extended an opportunity for anyone interested in starting a new business to reach out to her.

8. Comments from members:

- a. Dr. Emily Kane commented that CBJ has utilized some housing incentives for builders, but the units tend not to be affordable and demographically we need more one-bedroom units.
- b. Dave Ringle, Tax credits helped in the past with building costs, however the biggest challenge is the long-term maintenance of the properties. A new building project can take minimum 2-3 years to construct.
- c. Wayne Stevens, Del Ary is planning some new housing units to be built in Juneau. Per the Zoning and Planning Page through CBJ: 3, 16-unit apartment buildings are planned for building above the Pioneer Home and additional 76 units in the general area. Wayne stronger encourages neighbors and community members to comment on the projects and send letters of support for the projects especially as they become available in the community.
- d. Daine Kyser, CBJ was utilizing a mother-in-law apartment incentive program where they would provide the homeowner with financial compensation for not creating a B+B rental. Incentives were \$6000 for 3 years and \$13,000 for 6 years. She was not aware if the program was still available or renewable. The hope of the incentive was to offer longer-term rentals in the community.
 - i. Program details: <https://juneau.org/community-development/ADUG>



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- ii. Additional housing information (Juneau):
<https://juneau.org/community-development/grants-juneau-affordable-housing-fund>
- iii. <https://juneau.org/community-development/grants-manufactured-home-down-payment-assistance>
- iv. <https://juneau.org/community-development/grants>
- e. Tommie Jimmie had an experience as an elder in the community. He recently displaced or lost his wallet with his debt cards, ID card etc. He has been attempting to locate it over the last several days. He notes that most everything is on-line that that he is struggling.
 - i. SREC suggestions:
 - 1. St. Vincent De Paul has navigators who can assist with making the calls to coordinate getting new cards, id etc. Navigators are available from M-F 9AM-2PM. Their office is located next to the Free Store. They can help from the office or community but are not able to transport seniors to various locations.
 - 2. Catholic Community Services has Elder Case Managers to assist with coordination of services.
 - 3. Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) has advocates available at their Teal St office location to assist with coordination.
 - 4. Additional Note: Many navigators can help from an office location or meet an individual in the community. They often, however, are not able to act as a driver to bring an individual to each location they need to visit. This is not due to the navigator service or the professional but related to the costs associated with insurance and liability.
- f. Wayne Stevens, another point for community navigation is through United Way 211. Their program is as good as the



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providers advocate for their programming. The 211 program requests agencies to provide an annual update of their information in the system. Wayne comments that many providers do not coordinate with 211 when it is simple to do so. He encourages agencies to get on board to ensure that their information is out and available to the community and to other providers.

- i. Service Providers Page for update your listing or be added to the 211 system: <https://alaska211.org/service-providers/>

9. Adjournment 9:30AM

10. Next Meeting

Scheduled April 4, 2025, at 8:30AM

11. Upcoming events

- **Riverview Senior Living** is offering free Support for Memory Care, RSVP Zoom meeting, See flyer for more details: [Riverview Memory Matter Support Group flyer](#)
- **Widow's and Widower's Garden Support Group (WE ARE ALL LIVING IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE)**
Riverview Senior Living
3041 Clinton Dr
Juneau Alaska 99801
First Monday each month 2-4PM
More information contact Diane Kyser at (907) 723-1917



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Next Meeting April 7, 2025, 2PM-4PM

- **Community Resources Connect**

March 12, 2025

11:00am-1:00pm

Mendenhall Valley Library

RSVP Community_Advocacy@tlingitandhaida.gov

- **Seward's Day Pancakes Friend Raiser**

Juneau Senior Center

March 31, 2025, 9:30AM-1PM

They are looking for participants. Volunteers are needed to help with the event, contact JSCO Outreach@ccsak.org

- **Caregiver's Conference at T&H**

March 31, 2025, 11AM-3PM

Tables are available and open for vendors to sign up through Ann Stepetin. Email: astepetin@tlingitandhaida.gov

- **Full Lives Conference for Direct Support Professionals and Care Coordinators: Building Our Shared Future Together**

April 10-11, 2025

Anchorage, Alaska

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/center-for-human-development/alaska-training-cooperative/full-lives-conf.cshtml>

- **Alaska Community Health Fair**

Location: 3254 Hospital Drive Juneau, AK 99801

Saturday April 12, 2025, 8AM-1PM

Registration <https://akhealthfair.org>

Or call (907) 278-0234 or (907) 723-5100



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Also available via Facebook at AK Health Fair, Inc.