

## **SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ELDERCARE COALITION**

**December 1, 2023 ~ 8:30am Alaska Time**

### **Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89966612080?pwd=Y2s1MU16dzdbFkraFF4ZFZjcXNPQT09>

### **MEETING MINUTES**

1. 8:35am Call to Order – Welcome, presented by Erin Walker-Tolles, Cochair. Sharyl Yeisley Cochair is out of town.
2. Agenda Approval:  
A motion was made by Linda Kruger to approve the agenda and was seconded by Dr. Emily Kane. There were no changes or additions, and the agenda was unanimously approved.
3. Minutes Approval - Nov. 3, 2023 (attached)  
A motion was made by Dr. Emily Kane to approve the Minutes from the November 3, 2023, meeting, and seconded by Glenn Mitchell. There were no changes, and the Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. SREC Project Director Report- Tonya Muldoon
  - a. Tonya Muldoon gave a report to the Coalition on the history, research, and project design with updates on the progress of the SREC project, which included a power point presentation.
  - b. At this time, it is estimated that the Summit will be held Fall 2024 depending on availability at Centennial Hall and any conflicting factors.
  - c. SREC Coalition participants who are interested in working with a work group of members on the Summit and the Navi Tool are welcome to contact Tonya Muldoon at [tmuldoon@jedc.org](mailto:tmuldoon@jedc.org) or by phone at (907) 523-2331.
  - d. Slides from this presentation will be posted online at the SREC website <https://www.jedc.org/eldercare/>.
  - e. A special request was made asking all Coalition members to “spread the word” that SREC is actively seeking to fill positions, which are posted on the JEDC website. <https://www.jedc.org/eldercare/>
  - f. There is now a SREC office located on the ground floor at Teal Street Center, which will be open by appointment upon contacting Tonya until such time the new positions are filled.

#### **Member Questions and Comments:**

- Prisila Sellers, Northstar Senior Living, representing Riverview Senior Living in Juneau, commented that they are looking to be a community support to assist elders with resources that may or may not lead them to placement in the Riverview community. She also invited SREC to participate in a caregiver support group conducted nationwide by Northstar Senior Living. They have professional counseling support

available at the meeting. Prisila will provide the link, and this will be shared with the Coalition for those who would like to participate.

- Ann Stepetin, T&H Elder Supports, made a good point for Summit planning that in October T&H will be taking several elders to Anchorage the third week of month. In addition, there are four significant holidays in November and the month is celebrated in honor of Native Heritage Month, thus it is a very active month for the community. She will attempt to work with Tonya Muldoon on participating in the Summit.
- Cameron Young explained that SERRC PATH Academy will provide the PATH Academy schedule to the Coalition and that they will come to communities that can't attend in Juneau.
- Tyler McNeil, Community Connections, asked if the SREC Coalition is registered to lobby. Marianne Mills, Program Director for Southeast Senior Services presented briefly on AGENet, which is a statewide group of providers and policy makers working together to lobby for additional funding for eldercare. Some of the partners include the Alaska Commission on Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office, and AARP. They are continuing to work to educate our legislative leadership regarding elder needs. AGENet's current lobbyist is Kevin Jardell, who lobbies the legislature in support of eldercare system needs. For more information, please contact Marianne Mills at [marianne.mills@ccsjuneau.org](mailto:marianne.mills@ccsjuneau.org) or go online to their website at [AGENetAk.net](http://AGENetAk.net). The SREC Coalition can offer support in lobbying efforts, and this will be stronger once the Charter is completed with signed agreements by agencies.

#### 5. Steering Committee Report – Erin Walker-Tolles

- a. The SREC Steering Committee held a working retreat on November 15, 2023, at which time they started a review of the Coalition Charter documents. The Charter is a document that describes the SREC Coalition purpose, structure, goals, and support agencies.
- b. When the Charter update is completed, it will be shared with Coalition members with a request to agree with the Charter by email or sign form. Having documentation of agreement and access to business logos helps to support actions by the SREC Coalition through the forms of letters and support for changes in the system.
- c. The annual election of the SREC Steering Committee leadership team was held during the retreat. Erin Walker-Tolles and Sharyl Yeisley will remain as cochairs. Sioux Douglas was elected as the Secretary.
- d. Special thanks to Deb Craig for all her hard work and wonderful organization skills while acting as Secretary for the last year and half. We all thank you!
- e. The Steering Committee supports the Summit and strongly encourages others to become involved. The event will have a regional focus as each SE community varies so greatly. It is important to have information and

feedback from all Southeast communities at the Summit and participation will be encouraged.

6. Best Practices Presentation

Today's meeting did not have a Best Practices Presentation to provide time for the extended SREC Project update. Emily Palmer, Juneau Pioneer Home and Maddy Stokes, Rural Cap (Senior Companion Program) will present during the next SREC meeting on January 5, 2024.

7. SREC Member Highlight

- a. SERRC, Path Academy next class offering in Juneau will be January 29-February 9, 2024. There are PATH Academies planned for Ketchikan in February 26-March 8, 2024, and in Yakutat in April 29-May10, 2024.
- b. If you have potential students with interest and/or your community would like to have the training, please contact the Juneau SERRC office at (907) 586-6806.

8. Sub-Committee Reports - None

9. Old Business - None

10. New Business –

Request for volunteers interested in participating in a work group to plan the Summit and the Navi Tool, please contact Tonya Muldoon, SREC Program Director at [tmuldoon@jedc.org](mailto:tmuldoon@jedc.org) or by phone at (907) 523-2331.

11. Event Reports -None

12. Other - None

13. Member Comments - See above under section 4. Also, Sioux Douglas is updating the SREC membership list and requested that members send her an email with their names, titles, affiliations and contact information. [siouxinak@gmail.com](mailto:siouxinak@gmail.com)

14. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

**Adopt-a-Family Christmas Gift** – posted on St. Vincent De Paul website <https://svdpjuneau.org/>

**January 5, 2024, Best Practices Presentation:** Maddy Stokes from Rural Cap presenting on the Senior Companion Program and Emily Palmer from the Juneau Pioneer Home.

**\*\* FALL AND WINTER (Sep – Jan) AARP Brain Health Series:**

Links to the remaining 2 videos: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAsez50Fib-Rf0s2qiQnJeVBdteAt3H-7>

Links to specific lectures:

12/15: <https://www.youtube.com/live/cvFZsm1dShI?si=VAlyw20jCrMSSvSC>  
1/12: [https://www.youtube.com/live/ktHSmBNwElQ?si=1A\\_CMQ8OrFPFpbR](https://www.youtube.com/live/ktHSmBNwElQ?si=1A_CMQ8OrFPFpbR)



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Email [siouxinak@gmail.com](mailto:siouxinak@gmail.com), Sioux Douglas to include upcoming events for your organization on our outreach.

Email [lindalaska2003@gmail.com](mailto:lindalaska2003@gmail.com) Linda Kruger to submit Best Practices concepts for upcoming full Coalition meetings. 907-957-0335

Email [tmuldoon@jedc.org](mailto:tmuldoon@jedc.org) to be added to the Coalition meeting member list.

**NEXT FULL COALITION MEETING: January 5, 2024, First Friday 8:30-9:30 via Zoom**