

Meeting Minutes  
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)  
August 9, 2022  
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM. The meeting was chaired by Emily Kane and was conducted via Zoom.

**Board members present:** Emily Kane, Linda Kruger, Kathleen Samalon, Carol Ende, Bobbi Epperly,

**Board members absent:** Ann Stepetin, Jan Beauchamp, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Jennifer Carson

**Others:** Robyn Mesdag, Deborah Craig, Sue Warner

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with unanimous consent.

III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The June meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None.

V. Discussion Items

A) Question of the Month

The question of the month was, "What is your conversation starter about seniors in Juneau?"

B) Assembly Update

There was no report from Alicia. Robyn reported that the sub-committee meetings need to be noticed through the city, and asked that the commission members let her know when the meetings are and where/how they will be conducted, at least a week in advance.

### C) Update on the Southeast Regional Eldercare Coalition

Deborah Craig updated the Commission on the Southeast Eldercare Coalition, including an update on grants. So far the Coalition has received grants from the Juneau Emergency Medical Associates, as well as the Mental Health Trust. Those grants have allowed the Coalition to continue grant writing. The Coalition is well poised to receive grant money both from the Alaska Primary Care Association, as well as the Margaret A. Carghill Foundation. The Coalition is also seeking funding through a Kendall grant and is also pursuing a grant through 100 Women Who Care. The Coalition has taken off quite rapidly and the Commissioners voiced their support and appreciation for all the work that has gone into making that happen.

### E) Subcommittee Reports

- AARP All Ages Friendly Designation – Jan, Linda, Emily

Linda and Emily have been following the Anchorage process. Anchorage was recently awarded the designation. Linda is poised to receive the Anchorage info so the sub-committee will be able to use it as a template. They would like to give a presentation to the assembly in October. Emily will ask Alicia to get on assembly calendar for October. Linda has requested copies of the brochure and will leave them at the JEDC office for Commission members to pick up if they would like one. It would be good to coordinate with the AARP CAT team and let them take a partial lead in bringing groups together. The plan is to identify a key person in different service groups such as Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, etc. Getting the assembly on board is the start of a 5-year process of rallying people in Juneau. There will be letters of support needed as well and Linda asked the Coalition members to think about contacts they have around town who could write letters of support. Deb commented that the sub-committee could consider presenting on this to the Southeast Regional Eldercare Coalition, which might garner many letters of support from partners.

- CBJ 20 Year Comprehensive Plan – Jenn, Emily

Emily reported that she is now on the distribution list for people who would like to comment on revising the 20-year plan. At some point the JCOA should make some formal commentary. It is amazing how much has changed in the last 10 years, especially around the interest in green energy.

- Senior Housing in Juneau – Carol, Kathleen, Bobbi

Carol reported that the sub-committee reached out to Scott Ciambor, who is out of town until August 11<sup>th</sup>. They will follow up and reach out to him again later. They would like to request a list of active developers who are in the starting process of land development for housing. They plan is to reach out to the developers and give them some talking points. Kathleen reported that she learned of a condo complex in the very early stages of development in Auke Bay. She is hoping to learn what developers who want to start a new subdivision – condo or apartments – have to go through for the permitting process. Kathleen is now on the distribution list for public comment. Robert Barr has been very supportive of “aging in place” and quick to provide information requested. Kathleen found out that the City of Juneau does not mandate requirements

that are listed under Federal Law. There are Federal requirements, such as ramps/grab bars, etc, but the city does not enforce them. This will warrant follow-up.

A) Next Meeting Date & Housekeeping

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022 at 10:30 AM via zoom. The JCOA will skip the December meeting this year.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM