**SHASTA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

**Minutes for May17, 2024**

Shasta County Administration Center

1450 Court Street, Room 311

10:00 AM

**Call to order 9:57 am**

**Commissioners Present: Kristie Mathews, Bonnie Simmons, Bonnie Giles, Jean Blankenship**

**Commissioners Absent: Carolyn Gomes, Patty Plumb**

**Others present: Kathy Penoli, Natalie McAuliffe, Cheryl Clifford.**

**Approve the minutes**: April 19, 2024-Motion to approve, Jean Blankenship, seconded by Bonnie Giles, Approved

**Introduction of Cheryl Clifford:** Applicant for District 4 COA seat.

**Elder Abuse Awareness Month:** We are trying to get things together to participate in the event at the Sundial Bridge. We will probably be going with pop up and some literature. Carolyn was trying to get a banner donated but was unable to make that happen. Bonnie Giles will talk to Copy Cats printing in Anderson. She will talk to her about getting a good price on it. Kristie will check the price on Signs.com. We will work via email to set up a schedule. In Anderson the purple flag planting will be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 8:30 am. The City of Shasta Lake has request that the DA come and participate in the Boom Town Festival on June 1, 2024.

**Chair Updates**: Kristie attempted to make a presentation via the BOS agenda item last month regarding the Mayor of Shasta Lake. She got a call from the Shasta County Attorney and Kevin Crye to say they did not want her presentation in that forum in that way. She was invited instead to come on May 14 to piggyback on the DA’s presentation.

**Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Updates:** Work continues revising the Bylaw’s and creating Policy and Procedures.

**Reports from Commissioners:**

**Jean Blankenship:** California for All Ages and Abilities Day of Action Conference is being held in Sacramento on October 8th, 2024. Registration information coming soon. This is a chance for input on the Master Plan on Aging.

**Jean Blankenship:** Attended the webinar onElder Strangulation and Abuse. It was superb. I forwarded the link with slides. There were about 1500 people in attendance. It is an under reported issue or “inviable’ issue. Some reasons are agism, lack of resources, lack of screening. Many times, it is unnoticed because of many factors including dementia, Alzheimer’s, no autopsy, etc. The signs are bruising on the neck, scratches on the neck, etc. They are trying to educate more people including law enforcement on the hidden signs of strangulation and abuse.

**Adjournment**: 11:54 am  **Next meeting date:** June 21, 2024, at 10:00 am