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Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
12:00PM – 1:30PM
JEDC Conference Room, 612 W. Willoughby Ave., Suite A

Board Members Present: Eileen Hosey, Paul Douglas, Andy Hughes, Tisket Seslar, Joann Flora, Carol Trebian, Sue Warren

Board Members Absent: Emily Kane, Katrina Lee

Others Present: Robyn Mesdag, Sharon McCauley, Marie Darlin, Sue Nielsen, Barb Potter, Marianne Mills

Call to order at 12:00PM

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

No public participation on non-agenda items

New Business

- **JCOA 2018 Goal Setting Strategy**
 - **Juneau Economic Development Plan** - The board went through the JCOA assigned topics and discussed their findings on their assigned topics.
 - **Joann** – 2.2A, 2.3B – hearing repeatedly that there are not adequate transportation options for seniors, also not enough access to a cardiologist or a neurologist in town. Would be nice if the senior tax exemption could be based on need.
 - **Eileen** – 2.1A, 2.1B, 2.1C, 2.1D, 2.4C – Sioux Douglas is working on the assisted living facility. The board will request an update from Sioux at a future meeting. Finding CNAs, RNs, etc. in Juneau has been a challenge. There has been some talk with the University about having a larger CNA program. In a nutshell, housing is critical in Juneau, especially for seniors, with long waits at the current housing facilities. There is also a need for grocery store delivery and pharmacy delivery services.
 - **Susan** – 2.4A, 2.4B – spent quite some time researching. There is a need for one place where all the information on services for seniors can be compiled. There is model being used in Bellingham through a non-profit that brings together volunteers and seniors, Juneau could benefit from a program like this.
 - **Tisket** – 2.4D, 2.4D.1 – meals on wheels has a vetting program for volunteers so some people are not able to help that would like to. Some of the seniors have stockpiles of food such as spoiled milk in their fridges, someone to help them clean out their fridges periodically would be helpful. There are currently about 60 people a day getting home delivery and 45-50 who congregate for meals at noon. For some seniors this is their only meal of the day.

- **Andy** - 2.5A – Seniors could go to the job center or any other areas that other people go to look for jobs. Joann included that some industries, including seasonal industries are happy to employ seniors.
- It was decided that the 3 topics for the JCOA to work on will be as follows:
 - Housing & especially assisted living
 - Health care & medical facilities
 - Cost of living & financial concerns
- The JCOA Board will work on narrowing down the scope of each of these subjects at the next meeting, to define what specific work the JCOA can accomplish to address each of these concerns.
- **Planning for the next 10-year Senior Survey** – Planning for the next 10-year survey will continue to be an agenda item.

Adjournment