

Meeting Minutes  
Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)  
January 18, 2022  
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 AM. The meeting was chaired by Emily Kane and was conducted via Zoom.

**Board members present:** Emily Kane, Linda Kruger, Kathleen Samalon, Carol Ende, Jennifer Carson, Jan Beauchamp, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

**Board members absent:** Ann Stepetin, Bobbi Epperly

**Others:** Robyn Mesdag, Deborah Craig, Sue Nielson, Wayne Stevens, United Way, Sue Brogan, United Way

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with unanimous consent.

III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The December 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 have you learned from reaching out to others over the past few months?"

B) United Way – 211 Presentation and Questions

Wayne Stevens introduced Sue Brogan, who runs the 211 program for United Way. Sue Brogan thanked the commission for inviting her. The 211 program is a nationwide program, 100% of the nation has access to a 211 system. You can dial, text or send an email to 211. About 3% of the total calls for Alaska come from the Southeast region. Most of those calls are for basic needs such as rental, utility and food assistance. Being part of the 211 directory is not mandatory for providers, it is a relationship-based directory. Callers are directed to resources from the directory. The 211 staff may be able to make a subset directory for eldercare with direction from the JCOA. Beyond the

directory, they also have healthcare navigators. Sue Brogan noted that she would be happy to join a subcommittee of the JCOA to lend her expertise and knowledge.

C) Assembly Update - Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

The assembly passed an extension of the covid mitigation measures. The assembly also passed finding further study/plans of transforming the Centennial Hall into a larger capital civic center.

D) Senior Community Resource List – Linda Kruger

AARP is putting together a Senior Community Resource list for Juneau. AARP Anchorage has agreed to print the list, and JEDC will host the list online on their website.

E) Elect JCOA officers for 2022

Emily Kane was elected chair and Carole Ende was elected co-chair by unanimous consent.

F) AARP 2022 Community Challenge Grant

Linda presented on the AARP 2022 Community Challenge Grant. The grant application opens sometime in February. It is open for about a month then the grants are given in early May and then projects must be completed by the end of summer. The link to the grant is: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>. The JCOA brainstormed some ideas other than the senior playground equipment at Savikko Park, including partnering with Eaglecrest for a flat trail/benches, or a wellness trail with Bartlett. The grant will likely involve Trail Mix in some way. Linda is planning to meet with Parks and Rec.

G) Discussion on Building an Elder Coalition / update on the GJC

JEDC is supporting the forming of an Eldercare Coalition, along with many active volunteers. The draft mission statement for the collation is: Bringing eldercare providers together to problem solve mutual issues, share program information and be a collaborative force for change. The inaugural meeting is January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM.

JEDC will likely, but not for sure, submit a Good Jobs Challenge that will include eldercare.

H) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2022 at 10:30 AM via zoom.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM