



Latino Elder Outreach Network

Our mission is to recognize and meet the needs of the elder Latinos in Santa Barbara County

Meeting Agenda

Thursday October 22, 2020

9:00 AM -10:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

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- Welcome
- Introduction of attendees
- Equalitech –
 - Danny Fitzgibbons, Executive Director
805-722-8233
www.equalitech.org
 - Original mission was to provide internet and computer access to families but they quickly realized, having access to a computer was not the only hurdle but also device literacy. They began teaching folks basic computer literacy skills and language programs and now have 3 bilingual teachers. They operate out of the Goleta Community Center Room 13B. Although with COVID, they have been closed for the exception of Census count and have pivoted all programs to online where folks can schedule 1:1 virtual appointments with the teachers. Due to virtual reach, they can now serve anyone in the county and beyond, as long as there is availability; they serve all ages although their demographic tends to be adults. Currently they are developing a self-paced distance learning program to learn basic computer and language skills and be able to reach out for support. They will also begin to collaborate with existing colleges. Hoping to partner with LEON to help spread the word about their free services.
- Member Announcements and Updates
 - Mary - SB Foundation
 - Nov 20 is the deadline for the SB Foundation grants
 - Ana – IVYP
 - Food distribution has moved to the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
 - Rosa Lopez / Jacob – ILRC
 - CTAP - CA phones are now back to taking in person appointments in the office. These are free phones for folks with hearing or vision loss. Representatives are available every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month
 - Still looking for artwork submission for “Disability Truth” a magazine spotlighting artist with disabilities from the Central Coast. For more info or to submit a piece,

contact jakeoaktown@gmail.com. Submissions must be received by November 20th , 2020.

- De & Megan Yong – FSA
 - Continuing to serve seniors countywide with frauds, contact Megan – myoung@fsacares.org – for more information
 - FSA has currently hired interns from various schools to help meet the needs of senior services (over 60 year old) and caregiver support (anyone caring for a senior). They have availability to take on new patients.
- Dina – COAST
 - They are available for caregiver services in English and Spanish.
- Ahmad – Eastside Library
 - Homebound service was approved. This will be a service for homebound patrons of the library who reside in SB – homebound is defined as permanently or temporarily unable to leave their home. Through this program, they will be able to receive up to 2 different deliveries per month with up to 10 items per trip. Folks are responsible to return items on their own.
 - There is a ballot drop box in front of the Eastside Library, and its been neat to see how many families utilize it.
- Jackie & Jareli Jimenez – Foodbank
 - Educational video on MyPlate available in English and Spanish on website
 - Home delivery service to seniors will sunset in December. For north county, the last meal will be delivered during the 1st week of Dec., for South county the 2nd week of Dec. Participants have been notified via mail, they will have the option to select one of the following: 1) attend one of the current food distributions to pick up food 2) send someone to pick up food for them 3) can apply for home delivery – this is a two-page application that consists of basic information as well as verification by a medical professional (doctor, nurse, social worker) attesting that they are unable to leave their home to pick up food
 - Covid meal deliveries are budgeted until mid-Dec, they will continue to monitor the situation. Currently requests for this program are low
- Erick McCurdy – American Red Cross
 - Central Coast chapter includes Ventura/SB/SLO. Creek fire has kept them busy but thankfully it is winding down. They have also been working with Foodbank doing food deliveries, largely moving food to distribution sites.
- Manvir – Jodi House
 - All Jodi house services are now held daily via zoom virtual classes. These are open to anyone with a brain injury. To be added to the email list email info@jodihouse.org. Classes are in English and intended to serve the tri county area.
- Ana Rico, CEC/CAUSE
 - CAUSE is holding pods after school at Harding School to learn bike safety 10/28 & 10/29. These have been well received by community.
 - CEC – applications for 20% off of gas bill can be found at St. George, Casa De La Raza, Hope Immigration – if anyone qualifies for low income programs that SoCal has you can go there for more information. For Ventura county only, discounts for solar panel ends 12/9, there are also rebates for electric cars, lease or purchase
- Jeanne West, HSB
 - Illuminate speaker series, Roshi Joan will be tonight, pre- register and attend for FREE. Translation will be available in Spanish.
 - Learn @ Lunch will end on November 20 from 12-1pm via zoom presentation (Mtg ID: 6107231831 Pwd: Hospice)
- Adriana Marroquin, Mi Vida, Mi Voz
 - CAREs funding is ending in November and there is still money left to be distributed. United Way has \$1Million dollars left in rental assistance for unincorporated areas

of the county and relief payments for COVID positive folks who did not receive any financial help. Help us spread the word.

- Marco Quintanar
 - Ombudsmen staff is preparing to return to facilities safely.
- No updates
 - Vicki Johnson – DA Office
 - Ervin Loeza - Cencal
 - Olga – Adult Protective Services
 - Yolanda Perez – Dept. of Social Services



Next Meeting
December 3, 2020
9:00-10:30
Hospice of Santa Barbara