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MAG

Plumas County

Mid-Management Advisory Group

MINUTES

Of Meeting Held on January 19, 2005, at the Plumas County Library

VISION STATEMENT

“To promote excellence in the performance of mid-managers in Plumas County government”

MISSION STATEMENT

“To promote training, education and communications of mid-managers serving Plumas County through net-working, planning and problem-solving”

Call to Order: Bianca Harrison, Chair

Bianca Harrison called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Joani Duncan made a motion to accept the minutes and Barbara Palmerton seconded, and the minutes were approved as presented.

Reports and Presentations

New Laws for 2005 – Judge Garrett Olney and Attorney George Zube

Judge Olney and Mr. Zube made a presentation discussing new laws that take effect in 2005. Some of the new laws in California include the following:

Bedroom privacy: It is a misdemeanor to film someone in a bedroom without their knowledge.

Credit reports: Consumers are entitled to received one free credit report each year from each of the three national credit reporting companies. Information is available at www.annualcreditreportinfo.com.

Child abuse: Caregivers who work for the state-run, county-administered program called In-Home Supportive Services are required to report suspected child abuse.

Domestic partners: Healthcare providers must offer gay and lesbian domestic partners the same insurance benefits offered to the spouses of subscribers.

Headlights: Drivers must use headlights in weather that makes it difficult to see another person or car at 1,000 feet or when the windshield wipers must be used.

March primary: California's primary election returns to June after an eight-year experiment with holding it in March.

Old cars: Starting in April, all vehicles made in model year 1976 or later must pass a smog check for valid registration. Previously, all cars were exempt from emissions test requirements when they reached 30 years of age.

Scooters: It is illegal to operate a motor scooter without a valid driver's license or learner's permit. Non-electric motor scooters must have mufflers that meet specifications.

Sex offenders: Californians can use the Internet to view the state's registry of high-risk sex offenders — <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov> — including home addresses for those who committed the most serious crimes.

Sierra: A new law creates the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, covering 25 million acres from Modoc County to the Owens Valley. The agency will have no regulatory power but will help local governments and nonprofit groups buy land and easements to prevent development.

Spyware: It is illegal to intentionally install computer software known as spyware, which can collect personal information, disable anti-virus shields and otherwise disrupt a computer's function.

Judge Olney also reported that the state judiciary approved construction of a new courthouse in Portola, which will hopefully be completed in early 2007. The new court will be operated jointly by Plumas and Sierra Counties.

Management Council

There was no representative from Management Council to deliver a report.

Old & Standing Business

Health & Wellness - Bianca noted that the pedometers had been distributed to the employees who ordered them and raised a question about how their use could be encouraged through a coordinated activity or campaign. Susie suggested that the winter weather could be an obstacle, and it was the consensus of the group to revisit the matter in April.

Bianca announced that Janell Gehrman from the Mental Health Department would make a presentation at the February meeting on the topic of stress management. Bianca also suggested a yoga presentation for the April meeting, and received a positive response from the group.

Workers Comp Training - In response to a question about the workers' compensation training that was cancelled because of the snow storm, Brian stated that he would reschedule the training to coincide with a future MAG meeting.

New Business:

There was brief discussion about the MAG pages on the County website, and Barbara Palmerton offered to work with Lorrie Bennett to update and expand the content.

Attendance:

Mid managers attending this meeting were:

Betty Cortez	Social Services
Joani Duncan	CAO
Bianca Harrison	Mental Health
William Kelly	Planning Department
Susie Grant	Treasurer-Tax Collector
Barbara Biddle	Public Health
Orie Carden	Public Guardian
Brian Morris	County Counsel
Barbara Palmerton	District Attorney
Matthew Kelley	Alcohol & Drug

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held February 16, 2005, in the Library meeting room

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.