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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

3725 Westwind Boulevard - Carnelian Room

1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Lea Black, Colleen Campbell, Robert Cortez, Judith Eisen, Brian Gillespie, Terry Kelley, Sumedha Mona Khanna, Bonnie Lasky, Margaret Loftus, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Diane Spain

Guests: Dorothy Fried, Emily Heinzelman, Rose Mankoff, Marianne McBride, Michele Osmon, Laura Pedicini, Mary Powers-Stone, Anita Tanenberg, Linda Adrain, Ronit Rubinoff, Lucian Segura

Staff: Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Diane Kaljian, Ilene Moran, Tracy Repp, Susan Sudduth, Becky Weislow

Absent: Joy Lovinger, Don Streeper

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Robeson): The meeting was opened with a welcome to all and introductions were made.
2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (Robeson): Lasky/Saip MSC minutes accepted as submitted.
3. CHAIR REPORT (Robeson)
 - (1) Membership Update – 4 Vacancies
 - 2 Advisory Council Appointments – Districts 3 (Zane) and 4 (Gore)
 - 2 BoS Appointments – District 4 (Gore) and District 1 (Gorin)
 - New AC Member Orientation Meeting: Redding reported that the meeting will be scheduled, and he also invited any members interested in an update to attend.
 - (2) Holiday Party – Wednesday, December 16, 2015: Repp advised that the party will be at the Windsor Senior Center.
 - (3) Advisory Council Meeting Changes
 - Cancel and Reschedule November 18, 2015 Advisory Council Meeting to Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
 - Cancel Executive Committee of December 2, 2015
 - Reschedule time of Planning & Funding Committee Meeting on December 2, 2015 to 10:00 a.m.
4. CORRESPONDENCE (Khanna): Former AC Member Jane Eckels was featured in The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) booklet, *50 Fabulous Older People*, as the California representative.
5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (Kaljian/Repp)
 - Kaljian attended the C4A annual meeting last month and participated in the Elder Justice Workgroup which focused on elder abuse, justice and prevention and how we can work together to strengthen the safety net for elders. There is an effort at the federal level to standardize data collection nation-wide.

- Adult & Aging received a grant from the Community Foundation of Sonoma County LGBTQI Giving Circle to provide outreach and training. Buz Hermes will be conducting an eight-week support group for LGBTQI seniors entitled *Aging Together with Pride*. Nancy Flaxman will provide cultural competency training for the Advisory Council, the Council on Aging and Petaluma People Services Center.
- A grant has been received from the Archstone Foundation for an evidence-based, collaborative care model with Petaluma Health Clinic to provide home visits for older adults suffering from depression.
- The Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) is a group of volunteers with financial knowledge who will be working with Adult Protective Services social workers.
- The Senior Art Show at the Finley Center opened on September 12th and closes November 12th. All are encouraged to visit.
- Norine Doherty has been hired as a Program Planning & Evaluation Analyst for the area Agency on Aging. She will be working with transportation and SNAP Ed.
- A new department secretary has been hired and will be starting in Mid-November.
- The California Commission on Aging is scheduled to visit January 21-21. The meeting will be at Vintage House in Sonoma. Their focus will be on *Gauging Aging* from the Frameworks Institute.

6. SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Anita Tanenberg, Director of Senior Services, Petaluma People Services Center

The center primarily serves individuals in southern Sonoma County although they do have programs that are county-wide. Their services for seniors include case management, meals on wheels, congregate meals, adult day care, caregivers support group, iRide Petaluma, SHARE (housing) and friendly visitors. All programs are non-fee based. Funding is received from the Area Agency on Aging, grants, program donations and fund-raisers.

7. PRESENTATION: Legal Aid of Sonoma County: Ronit Rubinoff, Executive Director, and Laura Pedicini

Legal services for seniors include elder abuse concerns, housing issues, guardianships, estate planning and limited family law. They are a full-scope law office and also provide bankruptcy clinics. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Legal Aid hotline. They are non-fee based and receive funding from grants, private donations and government contracts. Ronit can be reached at rrubinoff@legalaidsc.com.

8. INFORMATION SHARING

- Campbell reminded service providers that the deadline has been extended to Oct. 28th for submitting information about their events for the Dec. /Jan. /Feb. newsletter.
- Lasky is working with a palliative care program with UCSF and is participating in "Aging and Mental Health" with UCSF. She added that it's been fun and insightful.

9. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: None to report.

10. PROJECT UPDATES: (Repp/Coxon)

- The Needs Assessment for the 2016-20 Area Plan is wrapping up. There have been surveys, focus groups and literature review. The analysis will be completed by the end of this month.
- The first quarter results for service providers are due the end of this month.
- Adult and Aging will have a table at the California Human Development organization's End of

Harvest Fiesta on Saturday, November 7th from 10:00 – 3:00 at the Wells Fargo Center. Volunteers are needed to help at the table.

- Program monitoring will start in late January. Advisory Council members are encouraged to participate in the monitoring visits.
- Moran explained that fiscal monitoring of how monies are spent consists of on-site and desk reviews in alternating years.

11. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS (REFER TO ATTACHED MINUTES WHERE APPLICABLE):

Advisory Council

- **Executive Committee (Robeson):** Refer to the minutes.
- **Legislative Committee (Campbell):** There will be a lot of competition for sharing any potential revenue from the legalization of recreational marijuana. Legislators are currently looking for proposals to submit for the next legislative cycle.
- **Planning and Funding Committee (Spain):** Council members are encouraged to sign up for monitoring visits even as alternates. The visits are a great way to learn more about the service providers who are funded by the Area Agency on Aging.
- **Transportation and Mobility (Kelley):** Robeson commended Brian Gillespie for his presentation to the committee giving an overview of the challenges facing Sonoma County. Kelley reported that the Transportation Consortium met. The pending CalTrans grants will help the transportation programs grow. The committee is working to determine deliverables and is moving in a positive direction. Robeson suggested that a possible research project for the committee might be looking at transportation systems in other communities.

Workgroups

- Housing (Lovinger): Redding reported that the next meeting is November 12th.
- Newsletter (Campbell): The next meeting will be November 4th from 11:30 – 12:30, and all are invited.

Community

- My Care, My Plan (Lasky): The steering committee meets Oct. 27th. Jane Eckels and Jenay Cottrell will participate in a panel discussion at a one day conference in Napa.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) (Campbell): The End of Life Options Act recently signed by the governor originated in CSL. They are now reading proposals and will vote on the top ten for this year.
- Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA) (Khanna/Saip): The workbook is complete, and in January they will be training facilitators.
- Elder Protection Workgroup (Robeson): Henry Lasky and the Deputy District Attorney made a well-received presentation. The workgroup meets the first Thursday of the month at the Family Justice Center. They are focusing on fraud and identity theft and are looking for volunteers. She encourages all to attend.
- Family Violence Prevention Council (Robeson): A volunteer is needed to get involved. Their bylaws are complete, and they are having a summit on family violence prevention.
- Hunger Index (TBD): No report.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Redding): They have moved their location to the Finley Center's Senior Center.

- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Lovinger): Redding reported that the discussion focused on the marijuana legislation and the End of Life Options Act.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Eisen): The next meeting is in December.
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC) (Saip): No report.
- Values Survey (Rabon): Completing the survey is optional and not intended to be time consuming. He will come back to the Council with the scores.

12. ADJOURNED at 3:00pm.

13. NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.