

**SONOMA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING**  
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**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
3725 Westwind Boulevard - Carnelian Room  
1:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Lea Black, Brian Gillespie, Sumedha Mona Khanna MD, Margaret Loftus, Joy Lovinger, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Diane Spain

**Absent:** Colleen Campbell, Robert Cortez, Judith Eisen, Terry Kelley, Bonnie Lasky, Alain Serkissian, Don Streeper

**Guests:** Dean Brittingham, Dorothy Fried, Emily Heinzelman, Elece Hempel, Marianne McBride, Michelle Osmon, Nancy Powers-Stone, Ronit Rubinoff, Anita Tanenberg

**Staff:** Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Diane Kaljian, Selena La Rue, Ilene Moran, Tracy Repp, Allegra Wilson

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Robeson): The meeting was opened with a welcome to all and introductions were made.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF ONE-TIME-ONLY FUNDING**
  - Public Hearing opened by Robeson
  - Spain and Coxon presented recommendations – explained CDA allocations are received based on categorical titles of the Older Americans Act: Allocations received for the following titles: Title IIIB – supportive services, Title IIIC – senior nutrition, VIIa – Ombudsman, IIID-Health Promotion, IIIE-Caregiver Support, VIIb-Elder Abuse
  - Public Comment: None
  - Public Hearing closed by Robeson
  - Conflict of Interest read by Robeson
  - Discussion and approval by Advisory Council members – Robeson moved to approve recommendations. Spain/Redding MSC passed with no abstentions or opposition
3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (Robeson): Accepted as submitted
4. CHAIR REPORT (Robeson):
  - Membership Update: Staff submitted 3 applicants to Supervisor Gorin for review, Supervisor Gore's office has been contacted, applications received are on file with AAA
  - Senior Resource Guide (SRG) Inclusion Policy for Home Health Agencies
    - Lovinger volunteered to review agencies listed in this category
    - Request to have a more comprehensive guide, but too late for 2016
    - Gillespie offered to have SSU students help with SRG review for 2017
    - Discussed Inclusion Policy
    - Considerations for new start-ups – policy is 3 years in business
  - Holiday Party at the Windsor Senior Center: Announced date and time: December 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Appetizer/dessert potluck as well.

5. CORRESPONDENCE (Khanna):

- No new correspondence. Announced that Jane Eckels received an award from n4a and c4a. Congratulations card will be available for AC members to sign.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Kaljian/Repp):

- Jane Eckels received a c4a Excellence in Service Award – will invite her to come to January meeting to accept it.
- The Community Foundation, LGBT Giving Circle, presented an award to Adult & Aging in recognition of grant.
- Aging Together: Healthy Brain Event, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at Finley Center.
- Aging Together to start Age-Friendly Cities initiative in Sonoma County.
- Community Health Needs Assessment: Completed by hospitals every 4 years. Senior health was not shown as a top priority. In prior assessment, senior health was a key issue.
- Director of Human Services Department, Jerry Dunn announced retirement in October 2016.
- Human Services Dept. is looking working towards “Neighborhood Services”, opening offices in communities throughout the County

7. **PRESENTATION: Sonoma County Veterans Services Office – Chris Bingham**

8. INFORMATION SHARING

- Dean Brittingham (Sebastopol Senior Center): 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Calendar – requested members to let her know if they have any classic car owners who would be interested in being in 2017 – starts in June 2016.

9. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dorothy Fried introduced herself. Has worked with seniors for over 30 years as a geriatric social worker.

10. PROJECT UPDATES: (Repp/Coxon/Doherty)

- Aging Together Event 12/10/15; Opportunity for a tabling event
- Senior Resource Guide
- Four-Year Area Plan 2016-2020

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

**Advisory Council**

- Executive Committee (Robeson)
  - Senior Resource Guide Inclusion Policy.
  - One-Time-Only Funding.
  - Workgroup updates.
- Legislative Committee (Campbell)
  - No meeting in November or December.
  - Sacramento working on creating a registry of elder abuse offenders.
  - Next meeting 1/13/16.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Spain)
  - Working on Area Plan, monitoring, and RFP for FY 2017-21. Reviewed senior demographics that will be sent to entire Advisory Council.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley)

- Moving meetings to Fridays.
- 5310 Caltrans funding anticipated soon.
- Submitting a proposal for Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant due 12/31/15.
- Sonoma Access website is being updated.

### **Workgroups**

- Housing (Lovinger)
  - May disband due to attendance and lack of project of focus.
  - Next meeting 1/14/16
- Newsletter (Campbell)
  - Looking for articles

### **Community**

- My Care, My Plan (Lasky)
  - No report.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) (Campbell)
  - No report.
- Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA) (Khanna/Saip)
  - Postponed November events. Discussing possibility of event occurring in February.
  - Looking for people to join the group for Planning for Longevity.
- Elder Protection Workgroup (Robeson)
  - No report.
  - Will meet first Thursday of month at 11AM.
- Family Violence Prevention Council (Robeson)
  - Currently no representation by Advisory Council, looking for volunteers. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month at 4:00PM
- Hunger Index (TBD)
  - No report.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Redding)
  - No report.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Lovinger)
  - Presentation from the DMV Ombudsman
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip)
  - SMART train update.
  - Santa Rosa CityBus update on route changes. Implementing “Reimagining CityBus”

12. ADJOURNED at 3:00PM

13. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 1:00PM