

AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
3725 Westwind Boulevard - Carnelian Room
1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Ruth Robeson, Lea Black, Dean Brittingham, Colleen Campbell, Crista Chelemedos, Robert Cortez, Dorothy Fried, Brian Gillespie, Colleen Hale, Emily Heinzelman, Peter Holewinski, Terry Kelley, Sumedha Mona Khanna Bonnie Lasky, Charles Lindner, Margaret Loftus, Joy Lovinger, Michele Osmon, Laura Pettacini, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Rabon Saip, Cynthia Scarborough, Alain Serkissian, Diane Spain, Have Staggs, Don Streeper, Anita Tannenber, Jeannie Wilkes

Staff: Diane Kaljian, Rhiannon Coxon, Victoria Gonzalez-Allen, Tracy Repp, Allegra Wilson

Absent: Judith Eisen

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Robeson): Robeson opened the meeting with a welcome to all and introductions were made.
2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (Robeson) ***ACTION*:**
Lasky/Redding MSC approved as submitted.
3. CHAIR REPORT (Robeson):
 - Membership Update:
 - Welcome Dorothy Fried, District 1 (Gorin): Fried introduced herself to the group
 - Robeson, Repp, and Redding interviewed three potential council members this morning
 - 2 Advisory Council Appointments – Districts 3 (Zane) and 4 (Gore)
 - 1 BoS Appointment - District 4 (Gore): Colleen Hale will be appointed next month
 - New AC Member Orientation Meeting: Friday, March 11th following the Transportation & Mobility Committee meeting. Robeson encourages attendance.
 - BoS Reappointments: (Saip 1/28)
 - Appoint Nominating Committee and Chair
 - Robeson would like to know if anyone is interested in chairing or serving on this committee.
 - Appoint Workgroup Chairs:
 - Older American Month: Eisen will chair
 - August Training Day: Kelley will chair
 - Falls Prevention Week: Campbell will chair
 - AC Committees with members of the public:
 - The public is invited to the Legislative and Transportation & Mobility Committee
 - Legislative Aides for Dodd, Wood, Huffman, Thompson, and other local legislators regularly attend the Legislative Committee
4. CORRESPONDENCE (Khanna): No correspondence
5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Kaljian/Repp)
 - Selena LaRue has resigned as Secretary. Allen is temporarily filling the position.
 - The report from the White House Conference on Aging has been published to the website. The report reviews discussion and decisions that took place at the conference, and serves as a blueprint for the next ten years.
 - Next week the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Legislative Capitol Day. Robeson, Saip, and Eisen will attend with Coxon to represent Sonoma County. They will hear remarks in the morning and meet with legislators in the afternoon, along with colleagues from Napa, Solano, and Marin Counties.
 - The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) Conference will be in San Diego in July. Registration will open soon and information will go out to the council. AAA

- will present sessions on My Care My Plan and Aging with Pride.
 - AAA had fiscal audits from the State of CA over the past two weeks. Reports will be shared when they are released.
 - The Public Authority's labor negotiations with the Provider's Union have been settled and will be reported on in March.
 - AAA has applied for a Federal grant for Victims of Crime Act funding with Council on Aging and Legal Aid for a project focused on elder abuse prevention and elder justice.
 - The new housing project happening at the Palms Motel is for homeless individuals, with a percentage of the rooms set aside for Veterans. Catholic Charities is doing onsite case management, with some funding from Veterans Services.
6. SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Crista Chelemedos presented on Senior Advocacy Services HICAP and Long Term Care Ombudsman programs
7. PRESENTATION: Amy Appleton, SHARE (Shared Housing And Resource Exchange)
8. INFORMATION SHARING (All):
- The Service Providers announced upcoming events and projects.
 - Robeson reported on efforts between Judge Conger and advocates to launch a senior court in Sonoma County.
9. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS (All):
- The Sonoma Speaks newsletters are going to be available at the Adult & Aging office and mailed out soon.
 - Gillespie announced that the Gerontology program at Sonoma State will be discontinued despite his efforts to preserve and enhance the program.
10. PROJECT UPDATES (Repp/Coxon):
- The 2016-2020 Area Plan has been reviewed by Planning & Funding. A Public Hearing will be held to approve the plan in April. The report will be available for members of the council to review at the end of March.
 - Please contact staff if interested in attending the N4A Conference.
 - The Economic Outlook Conference at SSU called the "Economic Age Wave" next Wednesday morning. Contact Coxon if interested in attending.
11. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS (REFER TO ATTACHED MINUTES WHERE APPLICABLE):
- **Advisory Council**
 - Executive Committee (Robeson):
 - Robeson highlighted that Khanna was recognized by her college for her contributions to the World Health Organization. She is also being recognized for represented India at the WHO in honor of the 50th anniversary of independence from Britain.
 - Legislative Committee (Campbell):
 - The committee discussed the Medi-Cal waiver program and potential housing legislation.
 - Please let Campbell know if there is a topic or piece of legislation you would like to discuss or present.
 - A pilot program in San Diego for victims of financial abuse has been highlighted at the committee.
 - Planning and Funding Committee (Spain):
 - The committee is very busy with the Area Plan, the RFP and contracting cycle, funding priorities, and upcoming monitoring. Thanks to committee members and council members who have signed up for monitoring.
 - Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley):
 - This month the meeting will be held on the 3rd Friday instead of the 2nd Friday of the month at 1pm.

- The committee has had speakers from different transportation services in the County. This month someone from SMART will present.
- **Workgroups**
 - Housing (Lovinger):
 - Redding reported on behalf of Lovinger that it is possible that the housing committee will recommend that a member of the council have a member on a larger housing workgroup in the County.
 - Newsletter (Campbell):
 - The newsletter will be distributed as soon as it comes back from the printer.
- **Community**
 - My Care, My Plan (Lasky): No report.
 - California Senior Legislature (CSL) (Campbell):
 - Campbell distributed informational brochures and cards for the CSL. There is a potential for inserts about the checkbox in the newsletter.
 - Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA) (Khanna/Saip):
 - Meeting tomorrow to discuss next steps. New members are joining and Spring Lake Village will likely present some COPA programs.
 - Elder Protection Workgroup (Robeson):
 - Working to contact new opportunities to present on elder abuse prevention. Collaborating with APS and the Family Justice Center on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
 - Family Violence Prevention Council (Lasky):
 - The group discussed creating subcommittees on a variety of different issues such as victim advocacy, health care, and domestic violence.
 - Hunger Index (TBD):
 - Currently in need of a member to represent the AAA at this meeting. Repp plans to attend the meeting this Thursday and will contact interested members.
 - Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Redding):
 - Fried reported that the meeting had a presentation from Healdsburg Retirement who has been working with a group in China on senior housing.
 - Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Lovinger): No report.
 - Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson):
 - Eisen is no longer the TACC representative. Robeson has volunteered to attend quarterly meetings. She will report on the next meeting.
 - Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip): No report.

12. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 3pm.

13. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 16 at 1PM