

Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging

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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

3725 Westwind Boulevard - Carnelian Room

1:00 p.m.

Members: Jen Arent, Lea Black, Colleen Campbell, Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Colleen Hale, Peter Holewinski, Sumedha Mona Khanna, Bonnie Lasky, Margaret Loftus, Joy Lovinger, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Diane Spain, Laurie White

Absent: Robert Cortez, Brian Gillespie, Terry Kelley, Don Streeper

Guests: Crista Chelemedos, Nancy Flaxman, Buz Hermes, Ilene Hislan, Rose Mankoff, Nancy Martin, Marianne McBride, Michele Osman, Anita Tannenber

Staff: Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Victoria Gonzalez-Allen, Diane Kaljian, Tracy Repp

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Robeson) Robeson opened the meeting with a welcome to all and introductions were made. Introduced Nancy Martin as recently hired Adult & Aging Finance Manager.
2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (Robeson) **ACTION:** Motion approved by Spain/Campbell MSC approved as submitted.
3. CHAIR REPORT (Robeson)
 - Welcome Colleen Hale – New Member introduced, member introduced herself to council.
 - Recognition of Joy Lovinger and Colleen Campbell who have resigned from the Advisory Council. Lovinger advised she will remain member of Legislative Committee. Campbell advised she remains available to speak on Fall Prevention.
 - Advisory Council reappointment of Judith Eisen, District 5 Member-at-Large. **ACTION:** Motion approved by Redding/Black MSC. Reappointment approved.
 - Membership Update – 3 applicants interviewed for 3 Advisory Council appointment vacancies; brought forward for Advisory Council approval.
 - Robeson introduced Peter Holewinski, District 4, Jen Arent, District 3, and Laurie White, Member At-Large; all applicants introduced themselves. **ACTION:** Motion approved by Robeson/Campbell MSC; all applicants appointed.
 - Appoint Nominating Committee and Chair:
 - Nominating Committee: Spain appointed as Chair by Robeson, Redding as Executive Committee appointment, Picker as Advisory Council appointment. Will convene to present slate of nominees at April Advisory Council meeting.
 - Upcoming Committee/Workgroup Chair vacancies
 - Legislative Committee Chair vacancy with Campbell's departure – Picker accepted chair position at Robeson's request.
 - *Sonoma Speaks* Newsletter Workgroup Chair with Campbell's departure. Robeson acknowledged Campbell's work and the newsletter as an outreach and marketing tool to raise awareness of Advisory Council. Khanna volunteered to become chair, Spain, Saip, and Kelley volunteered to be members.
4. CORRESPONDENCE (Khanna) no correspondence.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Kaljian/Repp) –
 - Lovinger and Campbell were thanked for their service to the Advisory Council. Welcomed new members.
 - Introduced new Adult & Aging Fiscal Manager Nancy Martin. Account Technician position has also been filled; new staff person will start at the end of March.
 - Board of Supervisors (BoS) approved new contract terms for IHSS providers – current wage is \$11.65 per hour. Will increase to \$12.50/hour in June and \$13.00/hour in March 2017.
 - 2017 Older Americans Act (OAA) funding – President Obama proposed a 3% increase; Senator Sanders proposed a 12% increase; the House echoes the President's recommendation.
 - N4A (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging) call for letters of support for OAA Reauthorization. AAA staff will email information to Advisory Council members and AAA service providers.
 - Aging Together - Community education event: May 20, Nick Buettner, Blue Zones focus initially on international communities of longevity and the health habits that contribute to longer, healthier lives. More information to follow.
 - Report to the Board of Supervisors on Aging Together on April 5th. Presentation will focus on age friendly communities and are requesting that Sonoma County be designated as a World Health Organization "Age-Friendly Community". The town of Windsor is interested in being the first community to obtain age-friendly status. Sausalito, Fairfax and Corte Madera have been designated in Marin County.
 - Elder Abuse Awareness Month: California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4a) is launching a statewide campaign and logo. Requested service providers promote and include information in May/June Newsletters and social media. Information packet will be provided.
 - Budget Proposal at State Level; California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), C4a, Commission on Aging sponsoring a \$5 million budget request for APS social worker training. Sonoma County AAA Advisory Council and Adult and Aging Services are included on the list of supporters.
 - C4a is sponsoring a request to increase senior nutrition funding by \$5.4 million. Currently no state funding for senior nutrition.
6. SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT - *CANCELLED*; Nancy Powers-Stone, Executive Director of the Redwood Caregiver Resource Center
7. PRESENTATION: Community Foundation of Sonoma County Giving Circle LGBTQI Grant
 - Nancy Flaxman – Providing Cultural Competency classes for senior services providers (Human Services, Council on Aging, Petaluma People Services Center)
 - Buz Hermes – "Aging Together with Pride" Providing Support Groups/Workshops in various locations throughout the county.
8. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE
9. INFORMATION SHARING
 - Osmon from Catholic Charities announced they have renamed Catholic Charities Adult Day Respite program to the Shaw Center for Memory Care after Maureen Shaw who was executive director of Catholic Charities for 28 years and is now a guest in the day program.
 - Tannenberg from Petaluma People Services Center thanked Campbell and Lovinger for all they do county-wide and in Petaluma.

- McBride from Council on Aging announced Derby Day is May 7 at Chateau St. Jean and are raffling a “tiny house” on June 1. Cost is \$200 per ticket. Closure of Bennett Valley congregate meal program; guests will be advised to attend other sites such as Silvercrest which is in close proximity.
- Serkissian thanked Osmon for work with Shaw Center for Memory Care program.
- Redding attended monitoring at Legal Aid of Sonoma County – a new AAA service provider in 2015/16. Appreciates that provider only provides legal services. Executive Director Ronit Rubinoff offered to give any council member a tour of the facility.

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

- Coxon - Senior Resource Guide – In final stages, printer to be providing proof soon. Will be translated to Spanish when English version is completed. Contact Coxon if interested in reviewing the proof.
- Repp - Area Plan will be presented at April meeting; meeting will be a public hearing.
- Coxon/Doherty – attended SSU “Economic wave, age wave” conference with keynote speaker Dr. Ken Dychtwald on February 26. Discussion regarding the lifestyle, marketing, health care, and workforce implications of living longer.

11. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS

- Advisory Council
 - Executive Committee (Robeson)
 - Older Americans Month Workgroup: Eisen resigned as chair; looking for a new chair.
 - August Training Day Workgroup: Kelley is chair, will convene workgroup.
 - Fall Prevention Workgroup: Past chair Campbell advised short term planning is missing for Fall Prevention Awareness week in September. Need chair to plan before July/August break
 - Legislative Committee (Campbell)
 - Topic Presentation: Senior Health Promotion by Sumedha Mona-Khanna.
 - On-going discussion with Legislative Aides regarding Assisted Living Waiver.
 - Planning and Funding Committee (Spain)
 - AAA 4-Year Area Plan will be ready to be reviewed at next meeting; program monitoring with AAA service provider visits continue; working on RFP for 2017-2021 cycle.
 - Requested new AC members to come to a P&F meeting to understand funding decisions and experience what service providers do.
 - Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley)
 - Doherty, moving forward with grant funded travel voucher and volunteer driver programs. Expect to receive Caltrans standard agreement in the coming weeks; allows movement with expansion of program.
 - April 8 is next Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportations Services (SACTS) Consortium meeting. Presentation on CLIPPER card program.
 - Brittingham nominated for MTC’s Excellence In Motion; results will be announced in October.
 - Sonoma Access website enhancement continues.

12. WORKGROUPS

- Housing (Lovinger) – Workgroup on-hold – will remain on agenda for future updates.

- Newsletter (Campbell)-Discussion on changing workgroup to include outreach, marketing and public relations.

13. COMMUNITY

- My Care, My Plan (Lasky) – events continue with less frequency. Coalition for Compassionate Care California is updating webinars and website and will be holding a seminar. Lasky is doing a presentation in Petaluma in June. Lasky advised she is turning in her resignation.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) (Campbell) – donations are equal to last year at this point. CSL has spent the last of the donations to contract with an agency to do a targeted mass mailing to past donors.
- Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA) (Khanna/Saip) – having luncheon/house warming 3/17/16 at Khanna’s house. Committee is in process of redirecting focus. Khanna advised there is a lot of media out right now regarding being older and aging; group will be discussing the identity crisis.
- Elder Protection Workgroup (Robeson) – cancelled March meeting. World Elder Abuse Awareness Committee meets next month.
- Family Violence Prevention Council (Lasky) – No report.
- Hunger Index (Lasky, Picker) – No report.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Redding/ Fried) – No report – minutes are available online.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Lovinger) - meets next month. Advised Parkinson’s disease is on the rise and speaker on Parkinson’s at next meeting. Robeson advised we will need representation due to Lovinger’s departure. Redding/Fried volunteered.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) Robeson attended state-wide meeting in February. 50% of total membership attended. Roundtable discussion of each Planning & Service Area (PSA). Current president is stepping down and VP will be new president. Legislator came in and discussed pending bills. Ed Long spoke about format of how to present Area Plan.
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC) (Saip) Sonoma County transit authority is establishing additional bus routes.

14. ADJOURNED: 3:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Enclosures: Draft Executive Committee Minutes of 3/2/16
 Draft Planning & Funding Committee Minutes of 3/2/16
 Draft Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of 2/17/16
 Draft Transportation & Mobility Committee Minutes of 2/19/16
 Draft Legislative Committee Minutes of 3/9/16