

SONOMA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
3725 Westwind Boulevard - Carnelian Room, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Members: Jen Arent, Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Brian Gillespie, Colleen Hale, Peter Holewinski, Terry Kelley, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Diane Spain, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper, Laurie White

Absent: Robert Cortez, Dorothy Fried, Sumedha Mona Khanna, Bonnie Lasky, Margaret Loftus, Alain Serkissian

Guests: Elece Hempel, Diana Klein, James Cox, April Grey, Tim Mead, Nancy Powers-Stone, Connie Aust, Cindy Scarborough, Lindsey Hazelwood, Laura Pedicini, June Ditgen, Donna Diminico

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

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Robeson) meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING-PRESENTATION OF AAA AREA PLAN 2016-2020**

- Public Hearing opened by Robeson at 1:10 p.m.
- Presentation of Area Plan Recommendations for FY 2016-20 by Spain and Repp
- Adequate Proportion Percentages discussed by Repp
 - Older Americans Act/IIIB Funding overview
- Program Development and Coordination discussed by Repp
- Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)
 - Cynthia Scarborough, Exec Director of Vintage House had the following comments:
 - Page # IV – requesting to include name of organizations that hosted focus groups
 - Page #4 – First bullets are not aligned

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED at 1:39 p.m.

- Conflict of Interest read by Robeson
- Discussion by Council Members – no changes to Area Plan requested. Positive input received by Spain and Eisen on positive perspective of the report and the future of aging, and how it will be a good resource in the community.
- Motion to Approve Area Plan Recommendations for FY 2016-2020 by Saip/Eisen MSC.

3. **MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 16, 2016 ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES** by Spain/Redding MSC approved as submitted.

4. **CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)

- Membership Update
 - Resignation of Bonnie Lasky and Margaret Loftus – not present. Acknowledged and thanked for their service to the Council.
 - Resignation created one At-large vacancy.
 - Ruth Robeson appointed by Supervisor Rabbitt (District 2).

- Recommendation of Hav Staggs to a member-at-large position – introduced himself and provided background. Motion to approve by the Advisory Council members Redding/Eisen, all in favor MSC. Welcomed Staggs as new member to Advisory Council.
 - Leadership Award
 - Review of Leadership award parameters. The Executive Committee will select the recipient at the 5/4/16 Execs meeting.
 - California Senior Legislature (CSL)
 - Two open positions. Waiting to see if CSL will be funded before Advisory Council holds election.
 - Needs Assessment and Area Plan Presentation at Board of Supervisors on 5/24/16 by Kaljian/Robeson.
 - Senior Rally Day at the Capitol in Sacramento on May 11, 2016 for Older Americans Month.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Khanna) not present, no correspondence received.
6. **NOMINATION SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR FY 2016/17** (Spain)
- The incumbent officers were nominated: Chair, Robeson; Vice-Chair, Eisen; Secretary, Khanna. No additional nominations from the floor.
 - **Social Security for the Next Generation town hall discussion** March 30, 2016 sponsored by Congressmen Huffman and Thompson – Arent provided an overview and handouts received at the event.
7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Kaljian/Repp)
- Older Americans Act Re-Authorization signed by President Obama on April 19, 2016.
 - Attending n4a Policy Briefing in Washington DC April 25 – 28, 2016
 - Kaljian elected to n4a board.
 - Senior Nutrition Proposal; \$5.4 million state-wide passed through California Assembly Budget Committee, on to Senate Budget Committee.
 - Sonoma County AAA Advisory Council and Adult and Aging Services are listed as supporters for the \$5 million budget augmentation to provide training for APS workers.
 - California Senior Legislature; no current funding for this program. Funding requested in 2016/17 State budget.
 - Aging Together presented to Board of Supervisors on 3/29/16 to support the AT initiative and approve submission of World Health Organization's Age Friendly City application. Board support received for 2 years, total \$220,000.
 - Aging Together "Blue Zones" event on 5/20/16 for HSD/DHS community partners from 9:00 – 11:00 and session for public and seniors from 1:00 – 3:00.
 - Kaljian presented to the Section on Aging on the economic impact of aging in Sonoma County.
 - Welcomed the California Department of Aging staff conducting AAA monitoring this week.
8. **INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- Council on Aging fundraising events - May 7, 2016 Derby Day and Tiny House fundraiser raffle at end of June.
 - Jewish Family Community Services – Holding Palliative Care Lecture Series. See website for details.
 - Redwood Caregiver Resource Center receiving grant funding from Parkinson's Association of California to give \$450 respite grants to caregivers caring for

individuals with Parkinson's or Parkinson's-like diagnosis whom provide a doctor's verification of diagnosis.

- World Elder Abuse Awareness event on June 14, 2016 Petaluma Community Center and other locations in the county.
- Senior Advocacy Services fundraiser Pick of the Vine event April 30, 2016 at Luther Burbank Center.

9. **BREAK** 2:17 pm

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

- Area Plan in final stages – draft to Board of Supervisors on 5/24/16 for final approval.
- CDA monitoring being held this week.
- Senior Resource Guide to be ready for distribution mid-May.
- Contract renewals for Older Americans Act funding going to the BoS on 6/14/16 for FY 2016-17.
- 5310 – Caltrans grant for transportation services - standard agreement received but in discussion with Caltrans to negotiate modifications to include travel voucher program.

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

- **Advisory Council**

- Executive Committee (Robeson)
 - Members are encouraged to attend outreach and education events.
- Legislative Committee (Picker)
 - Next meeting rescheduled from 5/11/16 to 5/18/16 due to Senior Rally at Capitol; no meeting in April.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Spain)
 - AAA Program Monitoring to be completed at the end of April
 - Area Plan in final stages
 - Funding policies, procedures and priorities reviewed and approved
 - Planning for FY 2017-21 RFP
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley)
 - Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services (SACTS) meeting on 4/20/2016; Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) presented information on Clipper Cards which soft launched in Feb 2016.
 - Discussed 5310 Caltrans grant – funding to be received soon.
- Nominating Committee (Spain) previously discussed.

- **Workgroups**

- Housing – Arent volunteered to chair workgroup.
- Newsletter (Khanna)
 - Khanna absent. Doherty gave update on progress including collecting biographies from members for newsletter inclusion.
- Older Americans Month (May) – Events include:
 - Aging Together - Blue Zones event on 5/20/16
 - Proclamation from Board of Supervisors 5/24/16
 - Tabling Event at Senior Expo on 5/7/16
 - Article for Board of Supervisors newsletter to be submitted for consideration
- Training Day (Kelley)
 - Planning will occur later in May for August training day
 - Group discussion not related to Training Day regarding homelessness and senior centers. Robeson suggested the possibility of creating a homeless workgroup.
- Fall Prevention Awareness Week (September) – More to come.

- **Community**

- My Care, My Plan (Saip)
 - Event at Vintage House – *It Always Seems Too Early Until It Is Too Late* – promoting Advance Care Directives
 - Free showing of Being Mortal at the Rialto in Sebastopol on 4/21/2016
 - Information can be found at mycaremyplansonoma.org
 - My Care My Plan will present at next Advisory Council meeting.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) (Open) – previously discussed.
- Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA) (Saip)
 - COPA would like to organize event in collaboration with the Aging Together initiative
 - Next meeting TBD
- Elder Protection Workgroup (Robeson)
 - Working in conjunction with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Committee for Elder abuse prevention month in June.
- Family Violence Prevention Council (Open) – No report.
- Hunger Index (Open)
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Redding)
 - Discussed the impact of aging in Sonoma County and county response. Video will be available soon on the Section on Aging website.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper)
 - Meeting tomorrow (4/21/16)
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson)
 - TACC meeting in May - will report at next meeting.
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip)
 - No meeting to report.

13. **ADJOURN:** meeting adjourned 3:13 pm.

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, May 18, 2016