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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

3725 Westwind Boulevard - Carnelian Room

1:00 p.m.

Members: Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Colleen Hale, Peter Holewinski, Sumedha Mona Khanna, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Diane Spain, Hav Staggs

Absent: Jen Arent, Robert Cortez, Terry Kelley, Brian Gillespie, Alain Serkissian, Don Streeper, Laurie White

Guests: Christa Chelemedos, Jenay Cottrell, Jane Eckles, Emily Heinzelman, Rose Mankoff, Marianne McBride, Frank Nelson, Nancy Power-Stone, Richard Ruge, Cynthia Scarborough, Anita Tanenberg

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

- **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Eisen) meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. Group was welcomed and introductions were made.
- **APPROVAL OF APRIL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION):** (Robeson) Saip/Redding MSC approved as submitted.
- **ACKNOWLEDGE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**
- **LEADERSHIP AWARD** (Robeson) – The Advisory Council Executive Committee unanimously voted Jim Redding as the recipient of the Marge Ling Leadership Award for 2016. Jim Redding abstained from the vote.
 - Gold Resolution will be heard at the Board of Supervisors on June 16, 2016.
- **CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)
 - Robert Cortez submitted resignation.
 - Currently have two open Members –at-Large positions. Council is actively recruiting.
 - New Member Orientation – Date to be scheduled.
- **CORRESPONDENCE** (Khanna)
 - The 2016 Senior Resource Guide ad was in the Press Democrat on Wednesday, May 18. The guide is available on-line, and the hard copy will be available end of May/early June.
- **DIRECTOR’S REPORT** (Kaljian/Repp)
 - Aging Together “Blue Zones” event on May 20, 2016 for Human Services Department/Department of Health Services community partners from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. and session for the public and seniors from 1:00p.m.to 3:00p.m.
 - Discussed OAA reauthorization through 2019; includes some additions but not the flexibility that was hoped for. California will be receiving less funding even though, California has highest percentage of people over 60. This was the result of the legislative intent to make funding more equitable between states.
 - Federal Legislative Briefing:

Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary of Aging with Health and Human Services and Administrator of Administration for Community Living spoke at briefing; (her last year), discussed future of ACL/OAA and discussed if age 60 should remain the age to qualify for OAA funded services.

Legislative visits with Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo and Los Angeles counties. Visited with Thompson, Pelosi, Feinstein, Boxer and Huffman offices.

- Proposed \$5.4 million nutrition augmentation passed California Assembly and Senate budget committees. Will be considered to be included in the FY 16-17 California budget. Kaljian distributed letters of support for AC members to sign in support of proposal.
- **SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT**
 - Russian River Senior Resource Center – Emily Heinzelman, Director of Senior Services, program highlight of Older Americans Act funded case management program and programs run by other funding.
- **PRESENTATION:** My Care, My Plan Speak Up Sonoma
 - Advance Health Care Directive – Jane Eckels and Jenay Cottrell
- **INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - Dorothy Fried, AC member:
 - Petaluma Partners in Protection on June 14, 4 – 7 pm at the Petaluma Community Center. Topics will be financial fraud and medical issues.
 - Jewish Family and Children Services (JFCS) Seniors-At-Home, palliative care training on Monday June 13. Every 3rd Wednesday of each month is a caregivers support group meeting.
 - Depression Forum at Congregation Shomrei Torah, May 22, 2-5pm. Shirlee Zane will be on the panel.
 - Richard Ruge, Chairperson for Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations (DP4VP):
 - Would like a representative to attend the May 24, 12:00 – 2:00 pm meeting at the Disability Services & Legal Center (DSLCL) – regarding emergency preparedness.
 - Marianne McBride, Council in Aging:
 - Derby Day will be held next year at Chateau St. Jean.
 - Tiny house raffle will be on June 1, tickets will be sold through May 27, at COA, in celebration of their 50th anniversary.
 - Juliana Balistreri is the Coordinator for the Age Friendly Community and will be putting together task forces in each respective city.
 - Frank Nelson, Senior Advocacy Services: HICAP web site updated; functionality to include ability to schedule appointments, gather information on Medi-Cal, and view seminar calendar.
- **BREAK;** back in session: 2:25p.m.
- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** for FY 2016-17 (**ACTION**): (Robeson)
 - AC members asked to complete ballot and return in AC folder. Write-in candidates accepted from the floor. Members not in attendance will be mailed a ballot. Announcement of results at 6/15/16 meeting.
- **WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY UPDATE** (Robeson)
 - Coordination with Senior Centers include:
 - Panel presentations – On 5/22/16 Press Democrat to print a ½ page ad with dates, time and location for panel presentations at local senior centers.
 - Posting purple lawn flags to indicate the number of abuse cases reported in each senior center's area

- Sunday, June 13, the Press Democrat to print full page WEAAD ad.
- Flyers distributed by Robeson for June 14 Petaluma Partners in Protection presentation at the Petaluma Community Center from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.
- Resolution to be issued by the Board of Supervisors proclaiming June 15 as the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day at 6/16/16 board meeting.
- C4A launched a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) campaign; copy of tool kit available for viewing and email link will be sent to attendees of meeting to promote WEAAD through social media (Face Book, Twitter, etc.)
- **SENIOR RALLY DAY 5/11/16** (Robeson)
 - Senior advocate speakers scheduled – organized by Gary Passmore, Vice President of the Congress of California Seniors.
 - Cheryl Brown, Chair of Aging and Long Term Care Services Committee; organized Assemblymembers and Senators to attend rally day and speak
 - Advocacy visits to elected officials scheduled-Robeson met with Jim Wood and Bill Dodd's legislative aides
 - Robeson advised that the rally is a good time to promote the AC Committee and programs. Committee should arrange meetings in advance with the legislative aides. Robeson encourages more Sonoma County participation.
- **SENIOR EXPO 5/7/16** (Khanna, Robeson, Saip, Holewinski)
 - Holewinski advised that all agencies were well represented; Advance Health Care Directives and other flyers brought to event were handed out.
 - Khanna stated that there were a lot more visitors at the AAA table, received a lot of interest, and stated this was a worthwhile event.
 - Fried commented that there was not much advertisement for this event; there were other community events on the same day and event coordinator should be advised for future events
 - Robeson encouraged more participation by AC members.
- **AUGUST TRAINING DAY WORKGROUP** (Robeson) August Training Day scheduled for 3rd Wednesday of August – 8/17/16
 - Robeson will discuss with Kelley about including Art of Aging as part of the training day.
- **PROJECT UPDATES:** (Repp/Coxon/Doherty)
 - Coxon reported that the Senior Resource Guide has been finalized and electronic link will be added to the AAA website this week; final version with the printer and expect to have hard copies by end of May/early June.
 - Spanish version currently being translated. To be ready by mid-end of July.
 - Electronic version on the website has hyperlinks to access agencies' websites as well as Index and Table of Contents to access pages within the document.
 - Doherty
 - Caltrans Transportation Grant Standard Agreement still in negotiations
 - Outreach:
 1. Senior Day at the Fair, July 28; 11:00 – 3:00 – requesting AC members to volunteer to staff table.
 2. Alzheimer's Association - Alzheimer's Disease Continuum of Care scheduled on June 23, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel. requesting AC members to volunteer to staff table from 8:30 – 4:00
 - Repp stated that the Area Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2016 for approval.

- Fried advised that Section on Aging meeting was taped and is available to listen to on their website.
- **SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS (REFER TO ATTACHED MINUTES WHERE APPLICABLE):**
 - Executive Committee (Robeson)
 - Fall prevention program will be folded into the Matter of Balance (MOB) program
 - Legislative Committee (Picker)
 - The committee is in a period of transition.
 - Tax revenue was down \$2 billion, the governor is talking about cutting programs.
 - Picker was elected chair of the Legislative committee; to serve for FY 2016-17.
 - Planning and Funding Committee (Spain)
 - Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.
 - The committee is working on Request for Proposal for 2017-2021 cycle funding recommendations.
 - Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley)
 - Caltrans grant - working on clarification of the contract definition for mobility management, to help to navigate the Caltrans negotiations
 - Committee is exploring the idea of using interactive GIS maps to promote services/service areas similar to the maps in Portrait of Sonoma.
 - Workgroups
 - Housing (Arent) – nothing to report
 - Newsletter (Khanna) – The new title of the newsletter will be Aging Well in Sonoma County. The newsletter will be published in a different format; will be published twice a year in July and January. The committee is in the process of collecting information, bios, and service provider stories are being collected
 - Community – No update.
 - My Care, My Plan (Saip) – presented earlier during this meeting
 - California Senior Legislature (CSL) (TBD) - Robeson advised the need to wait until future of CSL is determined. May have more information for 6/15/16 meeting.
 - Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA) (Khanna) – currently collaborating with Aging Together Sonoma County.
 - Elder Protection Workgroup (Robeson) – No update.
 - Family Violence Prevention Council (Open) – No update.
 - Hunger Index (Open) – Doherty attended meeting and discussed next Hunger Forum. Looking at CalFresh redemption rates.
 - Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Redding) – No update.
 - Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – not present, no update.
 - Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) met prior to Senior Rally Capitol Day on 5/11/16 in Sacramento; TACC group attended the Senior Rally Day.
 - Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip)
 - Emily Betz presented for Petaluma Transit - Paratransit, ridership is down. Made observation/assumption due to cost of living, people leaving area, or not spending money on transit (instead on food, medicine etc.) .

- Steve Schmitt from Sonoma County Transit is working to find feeder buses will buy a 30 foot electric bus, operated between SMART train station and the Sonoma County Airport.
 - Dean Brittingham attended as service provider representative and discussed the volunteer driver program which provided 26,000 rides since inception.
 - Santa Rosa CityBus new planner attended
- Closing announcement - Robeson advised that Khanna was recognized by the Government of Guyana. Award was for her contribution to health development in Guyana during 1970-1973 when she served as the head of Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization's country office in Guyana. She was the first head of the country office and also the first woman appointed as head of a PAHO/WHO Country Office in the world.
 - **ADJOURN** 3:05 p.m.