



## **AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Carnelian Room

1:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Jen Arent, Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Brian Gillespie, Sumedha Khanna, MD, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Diane Spain, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper, Laurie White

**Absent:** Terry Kelley, Peter Holewinski

**Guests:** Ann Colichidas (public), Laurie Gallian (Mayor City of Sonoma), Dean Brittingham (Sebastopol Area Senior Center), Nancy Powers-Stone (Redwood Caregiver Resource Center), Anita Tanenberg (Petaluma People Services Center), Yuli Jacobson (Legal Aid of Sonoma County), Lindsey Hazelwood (Catholic Charities), Marriane McBride (Council on Aging), Crista Chelemedos (Senior Advocacy Services)

**Staff:** Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Diane Kaljian, Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Robeson) The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. All were welcomed and introductions were made. The chair Robeson welcomed new advisory council member Susan Kornblatt Idell representing District 1.
2. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (\*ACTION\*):** (Robeson) A motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2016, Gillespie/Black, MSC all in favor, motion carried forward.
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)
  - Review results of Advisory Council Survey
    - 25 Surveys were distributed; 14 responses were received.
    - The Committee chair read each survey item and the responses associated with the questions. The committee discussed the answers.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Khanna)
  - None
5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Kaljian)
  - California Association of Area Agency on Aging (c4a) Conference 11/15 to 11/17
    - Repp is attending the c4a Conference.
    - Elece Hempel (Petaluma People Services Center) attending as a presenter on a Senior Poverty Panel representing Sonoma County activities.
    - Kaljian elected as President of c4a for 2017.
  - Kaljian discussed impact of the election on Federal funding sources. The Federal budget for 2017 has been approved as a Continuing Resolution. Appropriation amounts may change for Older Americans Act, Affordable Care Act, Medi-Cal funded programs such as IHSS, and SNAP (formerly known as CalFresh or Food Stamps) Kaljian will advise when formal notification is given.
  - Appointment of Assistant Secretary for Aging will occur after the appointment of

Secretary of the U.S. Department Health & Human Services.

- AAA has been asked by the BOS to present a proposal to address seniors who are at risk of losing their housing. AAA will be presenting the proposal at the December 6, 2016 BOS meeting.
  - The proposal is for a case management program run through Adult and Aging Contracts will include: Council on Aging money management and Mirabel Lodge The Community Development Commission will be enhancing the SHARE program (share housing) as well.
    - The proposal is a pilot to serve 100 people in Sonoma County in one year.
    - Advisory Council is requested to support this proposal by attending the 12-6-16 BOS meeting.
- The Board of Supervisors will be declaring 2017 as the Year of the Senior at the December 6, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting.
  - The Economic Development Board has written a report: The Year of the Senior. A video will be shown at the State of the County Breakfast. The breakfast will be on January 12, 2017 beginning at 7:15 a.m.
- A lease will be approved by the Board of Supervisors to expand the Adult & Aging Division into the space vacated by Alta Pacific Bank. The Veterans Services Office and other A&A services will be occupying the space which will include a large meeting room.
- Human Services Department will be opening a new office in Petaluma. The office is planned to open in March 2017.

## 6. ONE TIME ONLY FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- One-Time-Only Funding Recommendations (Spain/Coxon)
  - Spain and Coxon reviewed the Older Americans Act funding recommendations with the committee and explained funding is received by categorical title and program.
- Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)
  - COA and PPSC thanked the committee for recommendations
- Conflict of Interest Statement (Robeson) – read by Robeson and members signed and returned document. Advisory Council member White reported a conflict.
- Discussion by Council Members
  - Kornblatt Idell asked what SNF Q&A Ombudsman is – Chelemedos advised it is Skilled Nursing Facility Quality & Accountability
  - Approval of Funding Recommendations **\*ACTION\*** (Spain) motion to accept One-Time-Only funding recommendations Spain/Saip MSC, all in favor, no one abstained, motion carried forward.

## 7. INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brittingham advised the release of the 2017 classic car calendar has been delayed and will be distributed in January. The Sebastopol Area Senior Center is hiring an Executive Director; an ad will run in the Press Democrat. Resumes can be mailed/emailed to the attention of Brian Ledig.
- Gallian (City of Sonoma Mayor) commented she is impressed with the AAA Advisory Council and programs supported by AAA and will continue to create a more elder friendly community in the city of Sonoma.
- McBride (COA) Age Friendly Cities kick-off event on December 9, 2016; formal announcement to follow.
- Gillespie acknowledged Nancy Powers-Stone for speaking at Sonoma State University regarding family caregiving.
- Tanenberg (PPSC) 1000 Petaluma Bowls fundraiser on November 25, 2016, 11:00 a.m. –

3:00 p.m. Hotel Petaluma, Goldman Ballroom, flyer to follow.

- Chelemedos (SAS) SantaLand Diaries fundraiser on November 30. Details and ticket information available in the events tab of senioradvocacyservices.org
- Redding- Face-To-Face: Home for the Holidays fundraiser on Sunday, November 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Center, \$50 per person. For further details f2f.org

8. **BREAK** 2:08 p.m., meeting called to order 2:17p.m.

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

- RFP released 10/26/16, bidder's conference was on 11/4/16, review committee will meet in January. Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. on December 15, 2016.
- Finalizing data for Senior Resource Guide, both English and Spanish will be printed and available in January 2017.
- Doherty, Eisen and Khanna attended Latino Health Forum.
- Doherty advised that Santa Rosa Community Health Center gained an additional doctor that specializes in transgender healthcare. The second round of funding has been received from LGBTQI Giving Circle and AAA will be working with 3 senior centers.
- Doherty reported the travel voucher program continues to be successful. The next Caltrans 5310 funding cycle schedule has been released and AAA will be applying.

10. **SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS:**

#### **Advisory Council**

- Executive Committee (Robeson) - Restructuring of the Council meetings was discussed. Committee chair reports received.
- Legislative Committee (Picker) – committee in process of establishing the agenda and developing strategy for next year. Picker advised that Assemblymember Marc Levine will be at the meeting today at 2:45 p.m.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Spain) – RFP process is now completed electronically through the County Purchasing Department. Proposals are due on December 15, 2016. Planning and Funding will review all proposals. Monitoring will be scheduled beginning January through May. Encouraged AC members attend visits to learn about the service providers.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Doherty) – Discussed new Caltrans 5310 call for projects, successes/challenges with the travel vouchers and serving geographically isolated areas. Lyft will present at the next T & M meeting via webinar.
  - Saip has Spanish and English “We Need to Talk” booklets, a tool for seniors and their families for planning for the transition from driving to using alternative modes of transportation.

#### **Workgroups**

- Housing (Arent) – Arent and Coxon are attending Housing for All Summit on 11/17/2016. Workgroup will start to meet in January. Arent has done some outreach to Habitat for Humanity and Lillypad Homes.
- Newsletter (Khanna) – moving ahead to collect everything needed for the newsletter, will be reviewed by Execs 1/4/17 and distributed at AC meeting on 1/18/17.

#### **Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation**

- Aging Together/Age Friendly Cities (Khanna/Saip) – December 9, Age Friendly Cities Kick-off – Sub-committees are being formed; interested parties to contact Diane Kaljian.
- My Care, My Plan (Saip) – Cinnabar event successful. Committee will have 4 presentations in 2017. First is on January 31 in the Carnelian room.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried, Holewinski, Redding) – “Rock Steady Boxing” air

- boxing for Parkinson's patients; guest speakers scheduled for Petaluma meetings.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – Section on Aging, Connections Group, information sharing.
  - Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) – Meeting December 6 – 7. Dr Laura Mosqueda, MD will be speaking about person centered care.
  - Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC) (Saip) – City of Santa Rosa working on Re-Imagining City Bus project, rollout late February. Sonoma County Transit is redesigning their website for increased accessibility; ridership has increased steadily; going to BOS for extension of free rides to college students and veterans. Petaluma Transit is beginning construction to expand their yard to accommodate new fleet. Fixed route ridership is going up. TPCC and Sonoma County Transportation Authority to review applications for 5310 funding.

**Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List**

- California Senior Legislature (CSL)
- Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA)
- Elder Protection Workgroup
- Family Violence Prevention Council

11: **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned 2:54pm

**Town Hall discussion with Assemblymember Marc Levine**

**NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, January 18 at 1PM***

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