



# SONOMA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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## AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3725 Westwind Blvd., Suite 101 (Topaz Room), Santa Rosa  
Wednesday, January 6, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Attendees:** Colleen Campbell, Judith Eisen, Terry Kelley, Sumedha Mona Khanna, M.D., Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson

**Staff:** Diane Kaljian, Selena La Rue, Tracy Repp

**Absent:** Rabon Saip, Diane Spain

1. Welcome: The meeting was opened with a welcome and introductions were made.
2. Approve November Executive Committee Minutes (No December meeting) (Robeson): Redding/Robeson MSC. Minutes approved as submitted.
3. Chair Report (Robeson):
  - Membership Update – 4 Vacancies
    - Discussion regarding the make-up of the council. Need to be mindful to keep a balance in membership as many applications received have been from service providers and senior center directors. Also need to ensure no conflict of interest.

### Status of Advisory Council Appointments

- District 2 (Zane) - Jen Arent, Senior Resource Director at Episcopal Senior Communities application reviewed by committee and interview will be scheduled with Robeson, Redding, Repp.
- District not known - Lorie White by recommended by Jane Eckels – application sent but not yet returned
- District 4 (Gore) - Peter Holewinski – Owner, Home Care Assistance Sonoma County – application returned, interview will be scheduled with Robeson, Redding, Repp
- District 2 (Zane) – Supv Zane office recommended Diane Test, application not received.

### Status of Board of Supervisor Appointments – Districts 3 (Zane) and 4 (Gore)

- District 1 (Gorin) Appointing Dorothy Fried
- District 4 (Gore) Supv Gore's office contacted Colleen Hale, Director of Cloverdale Senior Center
- AAA Program Monitoring/AC Member Responsibilities
  - Discussion of the importance of AC member participation in attending monitoring visits; should AC members be assigned based on interest or location. Decision is to have sign-up sheet provided at next AC meeting.
  - Discussion of AC member attendance at Advisory Council meetings followed. Reviewed Bylaws regarding absences.
  - Suggestion made to review AC member obligations/time commitment, etc. at a future AC meeting and how important it is to be involved to have perspective, build excitement.
  - Suggestion made to have new members attend each standing committee before they commit to becoming a member.
  - Suggestion made to have members visit service providers, create a monthly schedule of "Service Provider of the Month" giving providers advanced notice.
  - Suggestion made to create a list of county initiatives for AC members to get involved with and provide advocacy.

- New AC Member Orientation Meeting
  - Dates were provided based on room availability at Adult & Aging and no dates worked for Redding and Eisen who volunteered to do orientations. More dates will be provided by staff; to be scheduled in February.
- c4a Conference update – November 17-19 (Robeson)
  - Discussion regarding workshops and events that Robeson attended.
  - Eisen requested Robeson to email notes from c4a conference.

#### 4. Staff Report (Kaljian/Repp):

- California Commission on Aging Visit on January 21, 2016 at Vintage House Senior Center at 2 p.m., luncheon at Retired Judge Julie Conger's home. All AC members invited. Agenda discussed. AAA, Adult and Aging and Ruth Robeson will have speaking parts.
- Aging Together event December 10 update:
  - Approximately 100 people attended.
  - Presenters were Nancy Hoffman and Lucy Andrews presented about dementia brain health.
- World Health Organization "Age Friendly Cities" and local participation. More details to come.
- Supervisor Carrillo is the new chair of the Board of Supervisors and Supervisor Zane will be the Human Services Department liaison.
- Federal Budget passed, additional funding to be allocated.
  - Elder Justice Act: Increased to \$8 million from \$4 million.
  - Older Americans Act funding increases to nutrition, family caregiving, and Alzheimer's Day programs
  - HUD funding increased.
  - Decrease in SNAP funding
- CDA program Monitoring postponed until April 2016
  - CDA fiscal monitoring in two weeks February; first week AAA, second week MSSP.
- Kaljian provided hand-out on homeless census – will send out copy to committee members
- Area Plan 2016-2020 Update:
  - Draft of Area Plan 2016-2020 to be ready by end of January.
  - Dedication to Lou Funk
  - Highlighting Judith's paintings on the cover.
- Senior Resource Guide Update:
  - 2-1-1 managing data.
  - Projected release date is late February/March.
- Advisory Council FY 15-16 Presentation Schedule
  - Reviewed and made revisions to order of presentations
- Holiday Party:
  - Discussed the future of the event. AC member attendance low due to sickness and conflicting events for members.
  - Council suggested having it at a different time of year such as Spring

#### 5. Workgroup Reports:

- Housing (Redding):
  - Next Meeting: 1/14/16
- Elder Protection (Robeson):
  - Meeting 1/8/16
- Newsletter (Campbell):
  - Working on next edition and has the main article complete.
  - Would like to add hospitals to distribution list.
  - Kelley offered to forward PDF his distribution list.
  - Campbell would like to have AC Members distribute to different locales.

#### 6. TACC Report: (Eisen)

- Was not able to attend December meeting.
- Advised she will no longer be able to do the representation for TACC any longer.
- Next meeting is in February.

- Robeson volunteered to take her place.

7. Committee Reports:

- Legislative (Campbell):
  - Next meeting 1/13/16.
- Planning and Funding (Repp for Spain):
  - Next meeting 1/6/16, after Execs today
- Transportation and Mobility (Kelley):
  - Bringing in speakers/presenters about Transportation. Last month was representative from Santa Rosa City Bus discussing their "Reimagining City Bus" project.
  - Meeting on 1/8/16 will have presentation from Planeteria, website designer of the Sonoma Access website.
  - Meeting on 12/10/15 was first meeting of change of date from Tuesday to Friday and was very well attended.

8. Review January Draft Advisory Council Agenda (Repp):

- The agenda was reviewed and approved with the addition of Advisory Council attendance.

9. Information Sharing/Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

- Khanna announced her "Conscious Aging" group she facilitates in the Sea Ranch. Will meet 4 times a year. Has 16 people have signed up so far.
- Campbell is doing a Fall Prevention presentation at Sebastopol Area Senior Center on 1/13/16.
- Kelley would to begin Senior Center Director's meetings as they have had in the past, and have Robeson attend.

10. Adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

11. Next Meeting: February 3, 2016