



# SONOMA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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## AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

3725 Westwind Blvd., Suite 101 (Topaz Room), Santa Rosa  
Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Members:** Judith Eisen, Sumedha Mona Khanna, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Diane Spain

**Absent:** Terry Kelley

**Guest:** Rabon Saip

**Staff:** Diane Kaljian, Tracy Repp, Victoria Gonzalez-Allen

1. **Welcome:** (Robeson) meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. **Approve April Executive Committee Minutes:** (Robeson) **Motion** to approve Redding/Spain MSC.
3. **Chair Report** (Robeson)
  - o Leadership Award Recipient
    - Robeson recommended Jim Redding to receive the 2015/2016 Leadership award. Unanimous approval by committee. Motion to approve by Robeson/Spain MSC. Redding abstained.
  - o Older Americans Month at May Meeting
    - Will be recognized at May meeting. Staff to bring refreshments.
  - o AC Meeting Presentation Calendar for FY 2016-17
    - Calendar reviewed – Repp to update per committee feedback.
  - o Training Day – Kelley (chair) absent but previously informed committee planning would begin end of May. Committee discussed including “The Art of Aging”, with possible art related activities. Kaljian reminded committee Training Day is to focus on enhancing knowledge to inform advocacy activities.
  - o Advisory Council Gathering Event (Robeson)
    - All in agreement to continue event but not necessarily at Christmas. Eisen suggested surveying AC members at 5/18/16 meeting to provide feedback. Will add to agenda.
  - o Membership Update
    - Resignation of Robert Cortez – Committee expressed regret at Cortez resignation. Opens an additional at-large position.
    - Three open Member-at-large positions
      - Interviewed one candidate before Execs meeting; from Supv Gorin’s district and is a service provider. Committee would like additional candidates interviewed before decision made. Future outreach campaign to solicit applications.
      - Group discussion on recruitment and vacancies - Committee members agreed to reach out to past members to gain information on reasons for resigning from Advisory Committee. Suggested interview questions include

asking candidates about their expectations of the advisory council. Discussed the need to have more varied community representation.

- New Member Orientation to be scheduled for Jen Arent, Peter Holewinski, Laurie White, Hav Staggs (TBD)
- Continuation of Advisory Council Member Fall Prevention Presentations (Robeson)
  - Discussion of AC members conduct fall prevention program started by Colleen Campbell. Kaljian requested staff to research absorbing program into A Matter of Balance if AC member not assigned.
- Senior Rally Day Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at State Capitol
  - Attendees, Eisen, Saip Robeson – outdoor rally, tents, booths, an opportunity to meet representatives. Coxon will be driving carpool to event.

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

- N4A Policy Briefing visit in DC
  - Distributed n4a Policy Priority, focus on IIB, funding levels currently same as 2004.
  - OAA increase in funding is needed.
  - Kaljian elected to n4a Board and attended first Board meeting.
  - Discussed managed care including nationally AAAs are creating “for-profit” agencies and contracting with managed care organizations.
  - 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.
  - “Neighborhood Services” was presented to the Board of Supervisors (BoS) on 5/3/16. The Board was very enthusiastic. First satellite office will open in December in Petaluma. Gary Fontenot will manage the office. Office will include all Human Services Divisions with about half of the staff from Adult & Aging, creating a regional Human Services Department office. Other regional offices are being planned (Cloverdale, Sonoma, Guerneville). Barrier has been lack of available real estate.
  - 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 acknowledged the many hours of work by AAA staff creating “The Art of Aging”– AAA Area Plan for 2016-2020.
- CDA Monitoring
  - Repp advised the California Department of Aging monitoring occurred last week; overall positive feedback received. Will need to add language to contracts, policies and procedures, and Request for Proposals.
- Area Plan 2016-2020 scheduled for Board of Supervisors approval on 5/24/16, time TBA but will be after 8:30 a.m. Requesting AC member’s presence.

#### 5. **Workgroup Reports:**

- Nominating Committee (Spain) – Officers for FY 2016/17 – incumbents being nominated
  - Housing (Robeson) Jen Arent volunteered to chair.
  - Elder Protection (Robeson) World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) meeting on 5/5/2016. Cynthia Scarborough of Vintage House and Emily Heinzelman of the Russian River Senior Resource Center are working with senior centers, and the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) is also helping. Ads will be placed in The Press Democrat.
  - Newsletter (Khanna) Committee met and agreed the newsletter will be published twice a year in July and January. There will be several sections for information about the AC, service providers, projects of the council, and a section on the lighter side of aging. Name of newsletter changed to “Aging Well in Sonoma County”.
  - Older Americans Month (May) Repp reported activities include: Senior Expo on 5/7, Aging Together event 5/19, Gold Resolution requested at BoS on 5/24, and submission of article for consideration for BoS weekly newsletter.
- 6. Fall Prevention Awareness Week (September)** If no chair from Advisory, staff will organize activities.
- 7. Committee Reports:**
- Legislative (Picker) AC members were asked to make suggestions of how this committee can be improved. Kaljian recommends committee members discuss the impact of senior legislation personally. Next meeting off calendar on 5/18/16 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. due to Senior Rally at Capitol scheduled on 5/11/16.
  - Planning and Funding (Spain) Meeting following this meeting at 1PM.
  - Transportation and Mobility (Kelley) Absent. Meeting scheduled 5/13/16.
  - Nominating Committee (Spain) previously discussed.
- 8. Review May 18, 2016 Draft Advisory Council Agenda:** (Repp)
- Robeson to report on WEAAD
  - Discussion on Senior Rally Day
  - Include “Advisory Council Feedback” in Chair Report section.
- 9. Adjourn:** 11:36 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2016**