

# Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging

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## AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday February 10, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

3725 Westwind Blvd, Suite 101, Santa Rosa - Carnelian Room

**Attendees:** Chris Rogers (for Senator Mike McGuire); Colleen Campbell; Don Streeper; Ed Sheffield (Assembly Member Jim Wood); Joan Lubamersky (for Assembly Member Marc Levine); Joy Lovinger; Rabon Saip; Ruth Robeson; Sumedha Mona Khanna; Tracy Krumpen (for Senator Lois Wolk)

**Absent:** Bonnie Laskey, Jim Redding, Bob Picker

**Staff:** Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions (Campbell): The meeting was opened with a welcome to all and introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2016 (Campbell): Lovinger/Saip MSC to accept minutes
3. Chair Report (Campbell): Reviewed aspects of SB527- Long Term Care Coordination Program; Discussion was held on FDA and lack of drug regulations; Saip shared related information on SB954
4. Topic Presentation: Fall Prevention (Campbell):
  - SR 77 designated National Falls Prevention Awareness day
  - Two demonstration projects that CDC recommends;
    - AFP3 includes safety rails/grab bars in senior housing and in home supportive structures; AFP2-building standards both for HUD housing only.
    - Lovinger will look into senior housing regulations; group needs to look at building regulations
  - Campbell shared that CDC is offering Continuing Education Credit's for doctors and nurses for STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths and Injuries) education course for fall prevention assessments for patients.
  - Requested ideas of how to get physicians interested in including fall risk screenings in their appointments
  - Discussed history of decline of geriatric specialization in medicine;
  - Rogers shared only way to get done is through California Medical Association and to work with their lobbyist, will provide Campbell with contact number.
5. Other Legislation or Topic Updates (Committee Members):
  - Campbell provided California Senior Legislator (CSL) materials to committee members to share with networks;
    - Discussed lack of funding at State Level; Funding in the past has been through donors; many are not currently contributing, due to attrition in donor population and method for contributing funds is cumbersome and associated with tax forms; at risk of not meeting minimum requirement of \$250,000 to be able to stay on donor list
    - Campbell provided a copy of a letter of support for CSL. Sen. McGuire has signed the letter and Campbell requested other Legislative Representatives to commit to signing as well.
  - Saip shared information on Senate Bills:

- SB1134 Demo grant for first responders trained in use of drug that counterbalances overdose on opioids and other prescription drugs;
- Shared SB1431-Pres. Obama's Drug Abuse Prevention amendment to SSA to include drug management program.
- Lovinger shared information Assisted Living Waiver program (only 17 counties in CA);
  - No Sonoma County legislators picked it up; CSL listed it on their top 10 list;
  - Encouraged advocacy for a state wide mandate and reform of system; involves managed care program;
  - Advisory Council member Alain Serkissian's facility is only facility that applied for waiver in county and has had a negative experience with reimbursement and overload in cases.
- Robeson shared information on Elder Abuse Prevention Legislation: ACR71 (Dodd) recognizing June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month; AB1754 (Walden) increase compensation for crime victims; AB1718 (Kim) added penalty of felony.
- Coxon shared that C4A Capitol Day is Feb 25<sup>th</sup>:
  - Meetings on books with some Leg Aides, meeting with other PSA's (Marin, Napa/Solano), requested topics to discuss

6. Legislative Field Representative Updates (Legislation Aides):

- Krupmen (Wolk) – This is Wolk's last year in office and she has been honored by AARP for her service to senior legislation. ABX2-15, End of Life Act, won't go into effect until 90 days after special session ends.
- Sheffield (Wood)- intend to have a full bill package that will introduce all new bills by end of the month-currently have 5 bills ready, other 2-3 bills in process:
  - Cleanup bill along with Marijuana Bill;
  - Gov. Brown increased funding for mental health and homelessness;
  - New speaker in April which will coincide with new committee assignments; new bill re: opioid legislation;
  - AARP contacted office on seminar on March 2 @ Hyatt Vineyard Creek will forward info re: free mobile device workshop in Santa Rosa
- Rogers (McGuire)-finalizing what bill package will be:
  - Poverty busting programs- No Place Like Home initiative, bond for long term housing infrastructure housing costs and services;
  - School Aged youth-Free Reduced Meal Program (FRMP) to expanded by 32%;
  - Involved in Sonoma Dev. Center that is slated for closure by Gov. Brown, focused on closure program is adequate for placement.
- Lumbamersky (Levine) - End of life Act panel last week:
  - Aging and Long Term Care committee-restoring the SSI and SSP COLA, restoring caregiver COLA,
  - Senior nutrition funding, APS training and Alzheimer's Resource Day Care centers
- Committee: members discussed the older adult homeless/housing crisis and older adult drug addiction crisis, and the need for more affordable housing options with sustainable model to address homelessness.

7. Adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting:  
Wednesday March 9, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.