

# 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, February 3, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Attendees:** Colleen Campbell, Judith Eisen, Terry Kelley, Sumedha Mona Khanna, M.D., Ruth Robeson, Diane Spain, Rabon Saip (Guest)

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

**Absent:** Jim Redding

1. Welcome: The meeting was opened with a welcome and introductions were made.
2. Approve January Executive Committee Minutes (Robeson): Eisen/Khanna MSC. Minutes approved as submitted.
3. Chair Report (Robeson):
  - Membership Update – 4 Vacancies – 2 Board of Supervisors and 2 Advisory Council Appointments  
Applications received from several interested members, however, at this time no vacant slots to accommodate all based on districts where they live. Looked to move AC appointments to At-Large members but was not a successful solution. Applications will be kept on file.
    - 2 Advisory Council Appointments – Districts 3 (Zane) and 4 (Gore)  
Interviews scheduled for 2 applicants on 2/17/16 before the Advisory Council Meeting
    - 2 BoS Appointment - District 4 (Gore), District 1(Gorin)  
Supervisors Gore and Gorin have identified appointees and both will be confirmed by 3/1/16
    - New AC Member Orientation Meeting – Difficult to schedule, proposed meeting at SSU to accommodate Brian Gillespie's schedule; staff to contact AC member Brian Gillespie
  - BoS Reappointments (Saip 1/28 and Campbell 2/10) – Saip in contact with Supervisor Zane and will be reappointed. Correction to Campbell, reappointment due in June 2017.
  - Appoint Nominating Committee and Chair – Action to be taken at March meeting. Robeson requested suggestion for committee members. Eisen suggests encouraging existing officers to continue for 2<sup>nd</sup> term due to increased knowledge after 1<sup>st</sup> year and helps with succession to higher level officer positions.
  - Appointment of Workgroup Chairs
    - Older American Month – Eisen – Theme for 2016 “Blaze a Trail” – Ideas include:
      - Proclamation from Board of Supervisors
      - Recognize AC members, AAA, and service providers', senior volunteers (RSVP) accomplishments; “perennial contributions”.
    - August Training Day – Kelley – Potential theme to highlight Senior Center innovations and fold into September being “Senior Center Month”
    - Falls Prevention Week – Campbell – Ideas include:
      - Proclamation from Board of Supervisors
      - Other events to be determined
  - Approval of Action items regarding AC Committees with members of the public
    - Public members may vote to approve committee business. Approval of minutes must be a vote of Advisory members or be approved by the Executive Committee if no quorum of Advisory

members are present at the subcommittee.

- Approval of Transportation & Mobility minutes of 12/8/15 due to no quorum
    - Kelley/Robeson MSC – approved as submitted
  - Suggestion to include the requirement to participate in program monitoring in the bylaws. The decision was to not include in bylaws – remain in Advisory Council Duties document.
4. Staff Report: (Kaljian/Repp)
- Thanks to all for attending Commission on Aging event
  - White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) released report, available on website [whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov/2015-WHCOA-Final-Report.pdf](http://whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov/2015-WHCOA-Final-Report.pdf)
  - c4a Capitol Day on 2/25/16 –Robeson,Campbell, Eisen, Saip and Khanna attending
  - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEADD) 6/15/16 – c4a (California Association of Area Agencies on Aging) is launching a statewide campaign to include AAA, Elder Justice Coalition, APS Association, Ombudsman Association
  - Using social media for outreach and advocacy. Staff to bring ideas to next meeting
  - State of the County breakfast – Kaljian provided report for review which includes a page on Seniors; available on Economic Development Board (EDB) website [sonomacounty.ca.gov/EDB/State-of-the-County-2015](http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/EDB/State-of-the-County-2015)
5. Workgroup Reports:
- Housing (Redding) – Redding absent – Repp reported workgroup on hold until new project identified
  - Elder Protection (Robeson) – Meets on 2/4/16 and looking for members/attendees
  - Newsletter (Campbell) – March, April, May quarterly newsletter reviewed and approved with changes
7. Committee Reports:
- Legislative (Campbell) – meets 2/10/16
  - Planning and Funding (Spain) – meets after this meeting 2/3/16
  - Transportation and Mobility (Kelley) – meets 2/19/16 – good attendance after changing to Friday
8. Review February Draft Advisory Council Agenda: (Repp)
- Service Provider of the Month: Senior Advocacy Services
  - Presentation: Amy Appleton – SHARE program (Senior Housing And Resource Exchange)
9. Information Sharing/Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)
- Question about hiring replacement for fiscal staff retirees; Ilene Moran and Becky Weislow. Kaljian advised interviews for both positions are scheduled
  - Saip saw the movie “Youth” and felt it had moments of ageism
  - Khanna is being recognized Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi, India, on its Centennial Celebration in 2016, as one of its students who has made outstanding contribution in the health field, especially through her work in the developing countries with the World Health Organization. She is also being recognized by Guyana, on the 50th Anniversary of Her independence from England in 2016, as the First woman Country Representative of the World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization for her contribution to the development of Guyana’s National Health Plan and of Public Health Services in its remote and rural areas, during 1970-1973” and has been invited to attend both these events later this year.
  - reported that she is being recognized by the World Health Organization and her college professor who is turning 100 as making a contribution in Delhi as well as by another colleague celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for work in Ghana; was asked by committee to provide press releases
  - Saip expressed growing issue of pharmaceutical abuses by seniors and is preparing a presentation on the subject – referenced book called “Drug Induced Addiction”.
10. Adjourn at 11:40AM