



AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Carnelian Room

1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Jen Arent, Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Brian Gillespie, Peter Holewinski, Terry Kelley, Sumedha Khanna MD, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper, Laurie White

Absent: Bob Picker, Diane Spain,

Guests: Michele Alba, Julianna Balistreri, Dean Brittingham, Crista Chelemedos, Jane Eckels, Lindsey Hazelwood, Emily Heinzelman, Lori Holaday, Redwing Keysaar, Diana Klein, Bonnie Laskey, Marrianna McBride, Bud Metzger, Nancy Powers-Stone, Robin Shaeff, Jani Sheppard, Anita Tanenberg, Ronit Rubinoff

Staff: Diane Kaljian, Gary Fontenot, Tracy Repp, Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Victoria Gonzalez-Allen, Nancy Martin, Irma Ramirez

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Robeson) meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm, all were welcomed and introductions were made.

2. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, MEETING MINUTES** (Robeson) (ACTION) Motion to approve the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Saip/Fried, (MSC) to approve as presented; motion passed unanimously.

3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)

- Celebration for Diane Kaljian's promotion to Human Services Assistant Director.
- Recruitments
 - One member At-large position open (council appointed)
 - 2 Board appointments – Gore/Rabbitt.
 - Interviews for At-large to be scheduled.
- Senior Rally Day and Advisory Council Meeting both on 5/17/17-Robeson encourages participation for Senior Rally Day.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Khanna)

- Matter of Balance – thank you and donation
- Senior Resource Guide – helped connect a client with services
- Press Democrat article on Homelessness
- Economic Development Board article on Turning Grey

5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Kaljian/Fontenot)

- Kaljian introduced Gary Fontenot, Interim Division Director who is currently an Adult & Aging Section Manager and has worked as an analyst for AAA.
- Kaljian advised the open recruitment for the permanent Adult & Aging Division Director will likely open in March with a decision to be made in May.
- Fontenot reported that the current IHSS Section Manager, Eric Glentzer will oversee APS, MSSP, Linkages, and Senior Homeless Prevention program.
- Federal Budget-Continuing Resolution for federal funding will end in April.

- State Budget-Governor Brown presented his budget proposal last week. Proposal included eliminating the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) which could affect funding for IHSS.
- Senior Homeless Prevention Program – Received supplemental County funds to implement an 18 month pilot program to stabilize housing for vulnerable seniors through a comprehensive case management model including direct and contracted services with partners including the Community Development Commission (CDC) for HUD vouchers and short term rental assistance, Council on Aging for money management, Mirabel Lodge for assisted living beds, Legal Aid, and CDC/PPSC for SHARE Housing coordination.
- On January 24, 2017 the Human Services Department will seek board authorization to contract with Senior Advocacy Services for an Elder Justice Coordinator.
- The Economic Development Board (EDB) has declared 2017 as Year of the Senior and will be added to their website (Goals: 1) to support local senior entrepreneurship 2) senior tourist designation, 3) encourage age friendly business practices, 4) raise awareness.
- Older Americans Month (May) theme this year is “Aging Out Loud”.

6. **PRESENTATION: Jewish Family & Children Services, Palliative Care Program** (Diana Klein, Executive Director and Redwing Keysaar, Palliative Care RN)

7. **INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dean Brittingham – provided Sebastopol Area Senior Center calendars, and advised there was an article in Times West about the volunteer driver program in Sebastopol.
- Doherty distributed the January edition of the AAA newsletter.
- McBride advised they have implemented a new Meals on Wheels “choice menu”, giving participants a choice of 4 meal options.

8. **BREAK**

9. **REVIEW AND APPROVE AREA PLAN ADEQUATE PROPORTIONS** (Repp) (**ACTION**) motion to approve Adequate Proportions. Saip/Kelley,(MSC) to approve as presented; motion passed with request from Khanna for further discussion at Planning & Funding.

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

- AAA Service Provider monitoring schedules were distributed in the committee packets; contact Coxon or Gonzalez-Allen if interested in participating.
- Susan Kornblatt-Idell proposed having Advisory Council meetings at senior centers or other facilities throughout the county.
- Eisen recommended that each Advisory Council member participate in the monitoring process.
- Senior Resource Guide in both English and Spanish will be available 1/23/2017.
- Robeson would like feedback on agenda and brainstorming ideas.

11. **SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS**

Advisory Council

- Executive Committee (Robeson) – deferred time to other committee reports.
- Legislative Committee (Picker) – Identified 8 areas of focus for discussion with local and state policy makers.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Spain) – Major focus is the Request for Proposals process for Older Americans Act services.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley) – The February Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services (SACTS) meeting will include presentation from

Santa Rosa Transit on their “Reimagining CityBus” project. The Caltrans 5310 grant proposal for next funding cycle is due in March. Continuing to expand the voucher program with Cloverdale to be next to implement. The “Driving Safely As We Age” Program will begin soon, facilitated by Saip with help of Black and Fried.

Workgroups

- Housing (Arent) – Arent and Repp will be meeting to create the agenda for the first Housing Workgroup meeting to be convened in February. Will look at Senior Homeless Prevention project program deliverables of AAA advocacy written into the board item.
- Newsletter (Khanna) – January AAA Newsletter available. Focus is on Advisory Council. Copies are available to take and distribute to increase awareness of AAA. Newsletter is available in January and July.

Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation

- Aging Together/Age Friendly Cities (Khanna/Saip) – Saip/Khanna resigned from the committee. White is interested in joining. Arent is on Age Friendly steering committee and they are in the planning process.
- My Care, My Plan (Saip) – National Healthcare Decisions Day is April 16, 2017. Advance Healthcare Planning Presentation/Workshop on January 31, 1:30 – 3:30 registration through Eventbrite.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried, Holewinski) Fried advised that Nancy Hoffman, PsyD spoke on January 18 on Undue Influences on the Senior Population. The video will be up on the website www.sonomacountysoa.org.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – no meeting
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) Feb 7/8 will be coordinating for Senior Rally Day.
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip) – not attended.

Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List

- California Senior Legislature (CSL) – nothing to report
- Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA) – nothing to report committee has absorbed by Aging Together
- Elder Protection Workgroup – absorbed into the Elder Justice Coalition, would be good to get AAA/AC representation and a voice.
- Family Violence Prevention Council – nothing to report

12. **OTHER** – Advisory Council dinner gathering in Oakmont, January 28, 4 – 7 PM organized by Khanna. More information to come.

13. **ADJOURN** the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 1PM

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