



AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Carnelian Room

1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Jen Arent, Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Peter Holewinski, Terry Kelley, Sumedha Khanna MD, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Diane Spain, Don Streeper, Laurie White

Absent: Brian Gillespie, Alain Serkissian, Hav Staggs

Guests: Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, District 5, Crista Chelemedos (Senior Advocacy Services), Katie Davis (Vintage House), Emily Heinzelman (West County Community Services), Bonnie Koagedal (Home Watch Caregivers), Marrienne McBride (Council on Aging), Nancy Powers-Stone (Redwood Caregiver Resource Center), Cynthia Scarborough (Vintage House), Anita Tannenburg (Petaluma People Services Center),

Staff: Gary Fontenot, Tracy Repp, Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Victoria Gonzalez-Allen

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Robeson) meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m. all were welcomed and introductions were made
2. **MEET SUPERVISOR LYNDA HOPKINS – DISTRICT 5**
 - Supervisor Hopkins introduced herself, gave bio and perspective, opened up for questions
 - Each Advisory Council Chair gave a brief description of their program
 - Arent spoke about the Housing Workgroup
3. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION):** (Robeson) motion to approve the January 18, 2017 meeting minutes. Fried/Redding (MSC) to approve as presented; motion passed unanimously.
4. **CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)
 - Year of the Senior 2017
 - Economic Development Board Video Presentation.
 - Year of the Senior link to be sent to committee members
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IHg1Ho0b8I>
 - Brainstorm Activities and Advocacy in 2017.
 - Robeson asked the committee members to share ideas at the next Advisory Council meeting.
 - The 2017 Senior Resource Guide is now available in both English and Spanish.
 - AAA Advisory Council Newsletter–Khanna requested content for newsletter from the providers and committee members; the next issue is due out in July.
 - Nomination of Officers – Solicitation of Interest for March Election.
 - Robeson, Eisen, and Khanna will be terming out. If you are interested in the upcoming vacancies let Repp know.
 - Triple A Council of California (TACC) – Robeson attended. The morning session

was devoted to advocacy day for Alzheimer's Association and the afternoon session discussed the future of long term care services in California as it relates to Older Americans Act expected funding.

5. CORRESPONDENCE (Khanna)

- None

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Fontenot)

- Supervisor Hopkins attended the Human Services Executive meeting.
- Fontenot attended the first c4a meeting with Diane Kaljian as president.
 - Renewal of the elder justice campaign for June, #kNOwAbuseReportAbuse, with increased funding, more c4a sponsored information, including increased social media strategies.
 - The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved Senior Advocacy Services contract for an Elder Justice Coordinator and is working with Adult Protective Services. June is Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. An Elder Justice summit is being planned for 2018.
- n4a policy advocacy email and policy brief were sent. The policy brief discusses "*What Would ACA Repeal Mean for Older Adults, Caregivers and the Aging Network?*"
- n4A National conference is in Savannah, Georgia in July; Adult & Aging has been notified they were selected for two workshops, Tracy Repp will present on Transportation initiatives, Gary Fontenot along with Petaluma Health Center will present with Dr. Todd Finnemore, and Dr. Teresa Huft from the University of Washington on the Collaborative Care initiative in Sonoma County.
- Fontenot advised there is an open Request for Proposal for the RSVP program (retired senior volunteer program). Was provided by the Sonoma County Volunteer Center who is has not continued with the contract. Advises this is a good opportunity for a non-profit.
- Senior Homeless Prevention program has been renamed to Linkages to Senior Housing. The program has enrolled their first client. There are two more clients who will be enrolled on 2/15/17 and 10 are in queue. This is an 18-month pilot program to work with 100 clients who are at risk homelessness.

7. INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS (All)

- Scarborough advised Vintage House is taking part in LGBT Cultural Competency training. Scarborough introduced Katie Davis as the new Transportation Coordinator.
- Powers-Stone reported Redwood Caregiver Resource Center has hired a bicultural and bilingual Social Worker Assistant.
- McBride advised congregate café model has been running in Sebastopol and is now open at the Rohnert Park Senior Center. Next will be at the Healdsburg Senior Center in March. The choice menu for the Meals on Wheels program offers clients four meal choices per day; Chef Joseph Keller has returned as chef.
- Chelemedos reported April 1 is the annual Pick of the Vine event; marking their 30th anniversary additional information is available on-line.

8. PROJECT UPDATES: (Repp/Coxon/Doherty)

- Coxon reported on c4a Capitol day on Thursday, February 23. The group will be meeting with Senator Dodd, Assemblymember Wood, Assemblymember Curry and offices of Assemblymember Levine and Senator McGuire.
- Coxon advised of joint town hall meeting regarding the Affordable Care Act at Piner High School at 9am on 2/25/17. Sponsored by Assemblymember Dodd, Senator

McGuire, Assemblymember Thompson, Assemblymember Wood, and Chair for the Senate Committee on Health, Senator Hernandez.

- Doherty advised the travel voucher program was extended from December 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017. To date 573 vouchers were used for 671 rides for 402 people. Approval of the 5310 Caltrans contract has been received, currently there are 5 agencies participating.
- Doherty advised activities of the Giving Circle grant is moving forward with implementation of the LGBT Cultural Competency trainings. First training to be at the Finley Center, next two at Vintage House Senior Center and Sebastopol Area Senior Center.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS

Advisory Council

- Executive Committee (Robeson) reported Karen Fies, Director of Sonoma County Human Services Department attended the Executive Committee Meeting.
- Legislative Committee (Picker) at the committee meeting of 1/11/2017 Picker presented his topic; Senior Mental Health. The topic to be presented on at the next committee meeting is Hidden Epidemic – Opioid Misuse.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Spain) Encourages participation from members of the Advisory Council. Spain reminded all to attend the monitoring they have signed up to attend.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley) Doherty and Kelley presented last week to Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) Board of Directors. The presentation was well received.

Workgroups

- Housing (Arent) Arent and staff are working to schedule the first Housing Workgroup within the next month. Workgroup will invite community members/agencies/AAA Advisory Council members to discuss housing and homeless issues, as well as report to Board of Sups and Human Services Director on advocacy done on the Linkages to Housing effort. Arent attended the Housing Summit on 1/31/2017, sponsored by the Community Development Commission (CDC), and the goal of CDC is to end homelessness in Sonoma County in 10 years. Group discussion on homelessness, impact on health.
- Newsletter (Khanna) – would like more content contribution. Additionally would like any information related to work being done for the Year of the Senior to be included.

Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation

- Robeson proposed the Advisory Council to create Intergenerational Workgroup. Group discussion continued; a suggestion was made to discuss during the annual Advisory Council training day.
- Robeson will email the committee members tips on what to say when meeting legislators.
- Aging Together/Age Friendly Cities (Open)
 - Saip (Aging Together) announced the May Older Americans Month theme is Age Out Loud
 - White (Age Friendly Cities) Year of The Senior was reviewed. Age Friendly Cities is an initiative of Aging Together. Age Friendly Cities has been forming partnerships with all cities in Sonoma County. Supervisor Zane stated she is supporting Measure A.
- My Care, My Plan (Saip) – Committee work continues. National Healthcare Decisions Day is today, February 15. Webinar happening at 1PM. Week-long event in April.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried/Holewinski) – Zane spoke at the Section on Aging (SOA) meeting. Zane advocated for SOA to become more proactive in working with legislature, taking a stand, and reinforced for everyone to get involved; a call to action

moment. The meeting was recorded and will be available on the Section on Aging website within 10 days.

- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – holistic presentation on powers of healing.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) – reported previously.
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip) no meeting this month.

Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List

- California Congress of Seniors
- California Senior Legislature (CSL)
- Collaborative on Positive Aging (COPA)
- Elder Justice Coalition
- Family Violence Prevention Council

11. **ADJOURN** (Robeson) the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 1PM

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