



## **AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

\*\*Sonoma County Center, 5350 Old Redwood Highway, Petaluma, CA 94952

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Jen Arent, Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Jenny Helman, Peter Holewinski, Sumedha Khanna MD, Bonnie Koagedal, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Jani Sheppard, Diane Spain, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper, Laurie White

**Absent:** Terry Kelley, Brian Gillespie, Alain Serkissian

**Guests:** Amy Appleton (SHARE-Petaluma People Services Center), Emily Heinzelman (West County Community Services), Michelle Osmon (Catholic Charities), Elece Hempel (Petaluma People Services Center), Judy Kaloyeros (SHARE-Petaluma People Services Center), Marianne McBride (Council on Aging), Michele Osmon (Catholic Charities), Laura Pedicini (Legal Aid), Marie Perry (public for Laura Pedicini), Ronit Rubinoff (Legal Aid), Holly Rylance (Alzheimer's Association), Linda Wright (public for Laura Pedicini)

**Staff:** Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Gary Fontenot, Diane Kaljian, Tracy Repp

**Minutes:** Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Robeson) - meeting called to order at 1:03 pm all were welcomed and introductions were made.
2. **APPROVAL OF APRIL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION):** (Robeson) – motion to approve the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes. Spain/Fried (MSC) to approve as presented; motion approved by members present with exception of Eisen & Robeson who abstained.
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)
  - Membership Update
    - Welcome Jenny Helman – Member At-Large from District 4 (Gore)
    - One Advisory Council position open – At-Large District 2 (Rabbitt)

*Ronit Rubinoff joined the meeting*

- Advisory Council Marge Ling Leadership Award – presented to Amy Appleton SHARE-Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC), acceptance of award by Appleton. Appleton provided a SHARE program update.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Khanna) – no correspondence
  5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Fontenot)  
Budget
    - Federal: Continuing Resolution extended until September 30, 2017; Older Americans Act (OAA) will remain stable through this fiscal year; there are proposed reductions for following fiscal year.
    - State: May revise released May 11, 2017. In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) original proposal of \$625 million to shift cost from state to counties has been reduced; the May

revise proposed cost shifting of \$141 million dollars; a four year plan which increases cost to counties each year. Local impact is unknown.

- Local: County budget shortfall. County Departments staff reductions. Human Services Department reducing 69 positions and reducing County General Fund contracts. Senior nutrition program will see a reduction of \$120,000. Impact to Adult & Aging is 8 positions; 3 social workers and 5 Public Health Nurses. With existing vacancies/retirements, 1 position being displaced, Public Health Nurses returning to Health Department, no lay-offs at this time.
- Gold Resolution declaring June as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month to be presented on 6/8/17 at the Elder Justice Coalition meeting by Supervisor Zane and Supervisor Rabbitt. Donata Mikulik, Sonoma County Elder Justice Coordinator will also be presenting.
- Human Services Department new Adult & Aging Services Division Director has been selected and will be announced in a few weeks.
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBTQI) Giving Circle grant is funding an Information & Assistance line for LGBTQI older adults run by the Sebastopol Area Senior Center. Flyer to be distributed.
- Planning started for 2018 Senior Resource Guide. Looking at potential sponsorships from local hospitals and healthcare partners and creating a website. Arent suggested reaching out to Wine Country Weekend, Community Foundation and SCAN.

#### **6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS for FY 2017-18 (ACTION): (Robeson)**

- Nominations from the floor:
  - Chairperson: no nominations from the floor
  - Vice-Chair: no nominations from the floor
  - Secretary: no nominations from the floor
- Motion by Staggs to award nominees for Advisory Council officers as stated on the May 17, 2017 ballot. Staggs/Black (MSC) motion approved unanimously. Judith Eisen, Advisory Council Chairperson, Sumedha Mona Khanna, Advisory Council Vice-Chair and Diane Spain, Advisory Council Secretary.

#### **7. PRESENTATION: Legal Aid of Sonoma County Ronit Rubinoff, Executive Director**

- PowerPoint presentation
- Clients, Wright and Perry spoke of help they received from Legal Aid of Sonoma County.

#### **8. INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Hempel - Aging Together event on May 18, 2017 - Age Out Loud, Age Outside.
- McBride – New bistro style café congregate site service began at Silvercrest. Derby Day event low attendance. Next fundraiser is Tiny House raffle on July 11, \$100 per ticket proceeds support Meals on Wheels.
- Osmon – Honored Joe Mendoza volunteer coordinator for Senior Transportation.
- Rylance - Alzheimer's Association annual conference on Friday June 16. Office has moved to a larger space on Neotomas Avenue in Santa Rosa.
- Perry – Lives in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing is grateful, and thanked all the Advisory Council and service providers for the work to help seniors.

#### **9. SENIOR RALLY DAY 5/11/17 UPDATE (Robeson/Saip)**

- Robeson, Saip, Repp, Coxon, Doherty attended. About 400 attended. Many legislators across the state spoke. Great opportunity to hear from and meet with elected officials. Coxon arranged for 5 meetings with legislators/aides. Encouraging Advisory Council members to attend in 2018.

**10. SENIOR EXPO 5/6/17** (Black, Holewinski, White)

- Larger crowd than previous year. Will need more Senior Resource Guides next year.

**11. PRESENTATION: OLDER AMERICANS MONTH GOLD RESOLUTION**

Andrea Krout, District Director for Supervisor David Rabbitt (District 2) presented; Robeson accepted the Gold Resolution and thanked Board of Supervisors for their support.

**12. BREAK** meeting recess at 2:04 p.m. reconvened at 2:23 p.m.

**13. AUGUST TRAINING DAY WORKGROUP** (Khanna)

- Training Day is Wednesday, Aug 16, 2017 from 8:30 – 2p.m.
- Theme is “The New Paradigm of Aging”
- Program for the day will be finalized next month.
- Sheppard to be invited to the next workgroup meeting on June 14.

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

- Repp - Year of the Senior (YOTS) Activities – website collaboration with Economic Development Board (EDB). EDB looking to engage seniors in entrepreneurship, employment and tourism. Logo for Area Agency on Aging being created to use for the YOTS website. Workshop on 5/24 1-4pm, What is Your Second Act. Repp to mail out details of event.
- Coxon - 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Senior Art Show, theme YOTS, reception July 20, flyer with details will be sent. Emailing invitation for visit with Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry.
- Doherty – Advisory Council needs support to table at Alzheimer’s Association Conference and Senior Day at Sonoma County Fair. Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services (SACTS) Consortium meeting June 2, presentation by Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART).
- Alzheimer’s Association Conference on June 11, advise Repp if interested in attending.

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

- Executive Committee (Robeson) – Khanna spearheaded a campaign to increase Hispanic/ethnic/Native American members; AC binder workgroup will be meeting to update binders for distribution at August Training Day. Spring Economic forecast breakfast, focus on Workforce Development Program, Keith Wood of North Coast Builders Exchange, Keysite, Stephen Cochran are running a program that helps students who are not planning on a 4 year college to learn a trade.
- Legislative Committee (Picker) – will be recommending a representative to AC for the California Senior Legislature (CSL). CSL presented at the last Legislative committee meeting.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Spain) – no meeting this month.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Doherty) – 5310 Caltrans funding received and working on subcontracts. 6/2/17 Transportation & Mobility Committee is a Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services (SACTS) consortium. Presentation by SMART train scheduled.

**Workgroups**

- Housing (Arent) – Working on a quick reference resource guide to assist seniors at risk of losing housing. Che Casul from Habitat for Humanity discussed program to assist seniors with home repairs where house may be red-tagged ¼ of the cost through donated labor and materials. Jenny Abramson, Community Development Commission

(CDC) announced homeless survey almost complete. Housing voucher wait list about 3 years for people 55-65 depending on program. Dorothy Reagan, MSSP/Linkages Supervisor suggested workgroup could focus on developing a "Universal Application" to streamlining application process for housing. Housing Workgroup meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1 – 2:30 at 3725 Westwind Blvd Santa Rosa.

- Newsletter (Khanna) – Will be available for June Advisory Council Meeting.

#### Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation

- Aging Together/Age Friendly Cities (Saip) – Aging Together Update presented at 5/2/17 Board of Supervisors meeting. Three priorities for 2017 - Support 5 year plan of Age Friendly cities effort 2016/2019, Advance YOTS campaign, sponsor educational opportunities for issues of importance. 150 expected at the Age Out Loud, Age Outside event on 5/18/17. Aging Together/Age Friendly Cities Initiative will join with Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to organize an event in August. Additional Age Friendly Cities Initiative event is scheduled in October.
- My Care, My Plan (Saip) – meeting next week
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried/Holewinski/Redding/Koagedal) – 1<sup>st</sup> presenter, Crista Chelemados, Senior Advocacy Services highlighted elder justice multidisciplinary team. Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) hot topics rising cost of care, referrals for placement. Elder Abuse: 85% of crimes are committed by people known to them. 2<sup>nd</sup> presenter – Michèle Bennet – spoke about the documentary "Alive Inside".
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – networking presentation by HICAP
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) – Discussed reports and budget and attended Senior Rally Day. New officers nominated. Robeson will distribute minutes upon request.
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Doherty) – Sonoma County Transit, was able to increase paratransit vehicles with 5310 Caltrans funds. Greyhound now providing service from Santa Rosa Transit Mall. Clipper cards now available for purchase at Transit Mall.

#### Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List

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

**16. ADJOURN** meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm

NEXT MEETING  
**Wednesday, June 21 at 1PM**

*Supplemental materials related to an item on this agenda are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Adult and Aging Office, 3725 Westwind Blvd., Suite 101, Santa Rosa.*