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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Carnelian Room
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Absent: Peter Holewinski, Laurie White

Guest: Dean Brittingham (Sebastopol Senior Center), Crista Chelemedos (Senior Advocacy Services), Katie Davis (Vintage House), Emily Heinzelman (West County Community Services), Marrienne McBride (Council on Aging), Donata Mikulik (Senior Advocacy Services), Michele Osmon (Catholic Charities), Laura Pedicini (Legal Aid of Sonoma County), Shelby Rider (Legal Aid of Sonoma County Intern), Jani Sheppard (Cloverdale Senior Center)
Anita Tanenberg (Petaluma People Services Center)

Staff: Ana Bagtas, Diane Kaljian, Gary Fontenot, Tracy Repp, Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Nancy Martin, Irma Ramirez

Minutes: Victoria González-Allen

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (Robeson) – meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m.

- Kaljian – introduced the new Division Director, Ana Bagtas
- Bagtas - greeted the AC members/Public and gave brief bio

2. APPROVAL OF MAY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION): (Robeson) - motion to approve the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes. Fried/Sheppard motion contested by Kornblatt-Idell who advised that staff needed to be added to the minutes as present at the meeting. New motion to approve the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes with correction to the staff present line to include Rhiannon Coxon and Norine Doherty. Picker/Eisen (MSC) to approve as corrected; motion approved unanimously.

3. CHAIR REPORT (Robeson)

- Chair position open for the next two year cycle in Planning and Funding, Transportation and Mobility and Legislative committees. Robeson has volunteered to chair the Legislative committee. Chair has to be a member of the council and chair will sit on the executive committee.
- Robeson/Kaljian – presented Gary Fontenot with a certificate of appreciation and thanked him for serving as interim Division Directed and acknowledged his many years of service to Adult & Aging and the Area Agency on Aging since 1999.

4. CORRESPONDENCE (Khanna) – no correspondence

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bagtas)

- Board of Supervisors (BOS) budget hearings concluded last week. Nutrition program will get an increase in funding.
- New Area Agency on Aging (AAA) logo has been approved and will be used on the Economic Development Board (EDB), Year of the Senior (YOTS) website. AAA will continue using the logo.
- YOTS fall events are being planned by EDB, Aging Together and Age Friendly Cities.
- Kaljian – National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4c) announced President Trump has appointed Lance A. Robertson of Oklahoma to serve as Assistant Secretary on Aging, Department of Health Human Services and ACL Administrator. Other appointments will be emailed to Advisory Council (AC).
- Repp/Eisen – acknowledged AC, chair, Ruth Robeson on her accomplishments and thanked her for serving as AC for the past 2 year. Robeson welcomed Eisen as the new Advisory Council chair.

6. PRESENTATION: JUNE IS ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH. Elder Justice Coordinator – Donata Mikulik, Senior Advocacy Services

- Eisen advised that the Elder Justice Protection workgroup was created by the Advisory Council.
- Fried suggested that Mikulik take this presentation on the road as outreach.
- AARP has a fraud watch; Sonoma County District Attorney has a fraud page.
- Khanna advised the World Health Organization (WHO) has World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) information on their website. The Sonoma County Elder Protection website socoelderprotect.org has the link to the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) #kNOw Abuse Report Abuse tool kit.
- Mikulik is open to ideas for outreach.
 - Suggested cultural relevancy outreach techniques.
 - Discuss protection not abuse as engagement strategy.
 - Partner with county health centers to reach a different audience.
 - Partner with child welfare for outreach ideas.
- Robeson requested that an AC member to attend the Elder Justice Coalition (EJC) quarterly meetings. The next meeting is September 28, at 3pm, location to be announced.

7. INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Osmon – Catholic Charities is renovating the Shaw Center for Memory Care (Alzheimer's Day program); should be open in September. Maureen Shaw passed away; celebration of life was last week. Other events and information can be found in the newsletter.
- McBride – Council on Aging is opening an Adult Day program in Oakmont. License received; expected to open late summer or early fall. Windsor had 51 attendees at the new bistro café (congregate meal site); Windsor looking to renovate kitchen to accommodate the program. Healdsburg congregate meal program is up and running, Cloverdale is next. McBride thanked the Area Agency on Aging for their support to secure additional nutrition funding from the Board of Supervisors
- Tanenberg – Thanked Robeson and Fontenot, welcomed Bagtas. Tanenberg will email program details for Petaluma Market and Bounty. Petaluma People Services Center is looking for an Adult Day Care Program Coordinator, part-time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Davis – Vintage House provided 175 shaded seats and water to seniors for the parade. Carol Patterson is new interim Executive Director.
- Brittingham – Successful car show – over 220 cars. Met with Windsor regarding transportation

program, will reach out to Healdsburg. Has held three transportation trainings at the Cloverdale Senior Center.

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

- Repp – committee meeting agenda's will now include a disclaimer that the printed times on the agenda are approximate.
- Repp – new binder materials will be handed out at August Retreat Day 8/16/17.
- Doherty – discussed LGBTQI Giving Circle grant. Grant is funding LGBT information & assistance line at the Sebastopol Senior Center. Vintage House will have a kickoff LGBT reception on June 23 from 2-4pm.
- Coxon – Fall Prevention Awareness (FPA) month is in September and FPA Day is the first day of fall in September. Will be doing proclamations to Board of Supervisors and cities. Matter of Balance (MOB) program will be promoted during FPA month. Contact Coxon if interested in becoming an MOB coach. Postcards for Senior Art Show were distributed; July 20th is the tea, coffee, and cookie reception.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS

Advisory Council

- Executive Committee (Robeson) – August Training Day is now called August Retreat Day.
- Legislative Committee (Picker) – June was last meeting as chair, was rewarding year; has learned a lot about the legislative process. Thanked Coxon for staff work. Legislative Committee (LC) agreed there should be a Sonoma County representative for the California Senior Legislature (CSL), if interested contact Coxon. The LC will vote on committee priorities at September meeting. Robeson thanked Picker for his time as chair and thanked Coxon for her efforts in putting together meetings with Legislative Aides/Legislators.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Spain) – The Older Americans Act allocation received from the state this year was \$34,000 less than previous year. Contracts may need to be adjusted final determination will be made after local budget hearings and after final State and Federal budgets. Continuing Resolution expires the end of September. Repp advised will try to keep all contracts whole, but may need to make reductions in funding. Repp thanked Spain for her work during the Area Plan and Request For Proposal process.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley) – Year ended in a very positive position with the additional funding from the Caltrans 5310 grant funding. The county was able to provide more rides, recruit more drivers, and develop outreach materials. Materials for recruiting clients and drivers will be available at the Sonoma County Fair Senior Day. The committee meeting date may change. Expanding volunteer driver program services to Cloverdale; Windsor is also interested.

Workgroups

- Advisory Council Annual Retreat Day - Khanna (Chair) - August 16, 2017 – 8:30AM to 2PM. Process will be different than previous training days. Program will highlight getting to know members and discussion on aging. Sheppard would like to be included in this workgroup.
- Housing – Arent (Chair) – met 6/13/17. Group is working on a Senior Homeless Prevention Resource Guide, including a timeline for those who are at risk of losing housing, i.e. now, 30, 60, 90 days. Guide will also including information on home repair, rental and deposit programs, and emergency fund programs. Mirabel Lodge is currently housing two clients from Linkages to Senior Housing referrals. Housing Vouchers and Fair Rent value of \$250-\$1300; Community Development Commission suggested clients include letters of recommendation, and advise landlord that vouchers are direct deposit; if tenant loses job 100% of rent is paid by voucher.

The Linkages to Senior Housing Program has served 23 clients with 40 on waitlist. Legal Aid has assisted with eviction mitigation. They provide mediation services and can go to the clients instead of clients coming to them. Streamlining of housing application process was discussed. Goal is to have a "Universal Application" for clients. Kornblatt-Idell suggested to look at other counties to see if there are similar one application models.

- Newsletter Khanna (Chair) – Newsletter is out copies available for pickup.

Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation

- Aging Together/Age Friendly Cities (Saip) - no meeting
- Elder Justice Coalition (Robeson) – need Advisory Council representation.
- My Care, My Plan (Saip) - July 11 session of Advance Care Planning is at capacity; October 17 session has spaces.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried)-met June 21, Dr. Wynnelena Canio, Geriatrician and Geropsychiatrist from Kaiser presented. Video available on the Section on Aging website.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Fried) – Redwood Caregiver Resource Center presented. Information available on SOA website.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) - meets in August
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip) – nothing to report

Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List

- California Congress of Seniors
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) – **(ACTION)** this item to move to the Advisory Council (AC) Participation list. AC will need a representative for this group
- Family Violence Prevention Council

10. ADJOURN: Robeson passed gavel to Eisen who adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm

NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 1PM*