



**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Topaz Room

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Judith Eisen, Terry Kelley, Sumedha Khanna, MD, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Diane Spain

Absent: none

Staff: Diane Kaljian, Gary Fontenot, Tracy Repp, Victoria Gonzalez-Allen

1. **Welcome** (Robeson) the meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m., all were welcomed. Introductions were made
2. **Approve November Executive Committee Minutes:** (Robeson)(**ACTION**) Motion to approve November 2, 2016 meeting minutes Spain/Redding, (MSC) to approve as presented, motion passed unanimously.
3. **Chair Report** (Robeson)
 - State of the County Breakfast 1/12/17, starts at 7:15 a.m.; the county will adopt 2017 as Year of the Senior at the 1/10/17 Board of Supervisors meeting.
 - Year of Senior – Participation and Advocacy
 - Membership Update
 - Review AC Applications
 - Applicant list was distributed and reviewed
 - The committee decided to call in applicants for interviews to start the interview process again. Motion to call all applicants for interviews Kelley/Picker MSC motion carried forward, no one abstained
 - Three open positions
 - One Member-at-large position
 - One Supervisor Gore appointment (District 4)
 - One Supervisor Rabbitt appointment (District 2)
4. **Staff Report:** (Kaljian/Repp)
 - Personnel Changes (Kaljian)
 - Kaljian advised this is the last executive committee meeting she will attend. Kaljian will attend the Advisory Council meeting.
 - Gary Fontenot is the interim AAA and Adult and Aging Division Director; Eric Glentzer will be the divisions' section manager.
 - Karen Fies will be asked to attend either an Executive Committee meeting and/or an Advisory Council meeting.
 - Kaljian reported on funding at the federal level
 - The 2017 Federal budget Continuing Resolution ends in April. It is unknown if there will be changes for this federal fiscal year. Appropriation amounts may change for the Older Americans Act.
 - No movement on Administration of Aging Director hiring
 - At the state level; the Governors budget comes out January 11, 2017

- The Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee did not re-appoint Cheryl Brown. Ash Kalra from San Jose is the appointed chair, Marc Levine is on this committee
- Year of the Senior – Presentation at Board of Supervisors on 1/10/17
 - Kaljian advised that Supervisor Zane will be sworn in on Tuesday, 1/10/2017 as the Board of Supervisors Chair.
 - Kaljian and Ben Stone, from Economic Development will present the Year of the Senior Plan
 - A video on the Year of the Senior plan will be shown at the State of the County Breakfast
- Senior Homeless Prevention Project
 - Fontenot gave an overview of the project. Repp distributed the board summary report; 2 positions will be funded: Lead Case Manager and Social Worker III. POS funding is included to allow purchases for clients with eminent risk. Council on Aging will provide Money management services as is required for this program. The 18 month pilot will serve 100 clients. Mirabel Lodge will reserve two beds for clients at risk of becoming homeless. Community Development Commission has 10 HUD vouchers for this program. Public Health Nurses as well as Behavioral Health staff are available to support this pilot program.
 - AAA Advisory Council Housing workgroup is part of the proposal; Repp is staff for this workgroup and Arent is the chair. The workgroup will meet in January.
- Diabetes Prevention Program – Bay Area Initiative
 - Repp advised Sonoma County was invited by Shireen McSpadden, Director of San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services, to look into Diabetes Prevention Program starting 2018. This program would allow for Medi-Cal money to be used, for preventative measures.
- c4a Conference November 15-17 Recap
 - Fontenot attended the Poverty panel, with Elece Hempel, Petaluma People Services Center, as a panelist; San Diego has vast programs addressing poverty.
 - Fontenot met Social Work professors from Chico State; they did extensive work in Tehema County, through the District Attorney's office. Findings were that in rural counties, Elder Abuse data was difficult to obtain.
 - Repp reported that Bob Blancarto presented on aging issues among females; Women are under paid, especially Latino women, and the state loses \$39 billion in taxes due to inequality of pay women vs. men.
- Advisory Council Presentation Calendar
 - Repp distributed the calendar and asked when the Council would like to bring in Supervisor Lynda Hopkins. The committee agreed that it will make accommodations to fit with Supervisor Hopkins schedule.
 - Khanna recommended presentation on Latino Community
 - Saip would like to see a presentation on Opioid abuse, the hidden epidemic
- Senior Resource Guide
 - Repp advised that the Senior Resource guide in both English and Spanish is due out in January; copies will be available at the Advisory Council meeting on January 18, 2017
- Upcoming for Executive Committee needed appointments (Repp)
 - Older Americans month- committee/workgroup needs to be formed; no volunteer to chair the workgroup. Item will be brought to next meeting. Redding willing to help but not chair.
 - Nomination Committee
 - August Training Day

5. Workgroup Reports:

- Newsletter (Khanna) Kelley advised the workgroup will convene after this meeting, the Executive committee needs to sign off on the newsletter. Kelley advised there is room for housing in the newsletter. Age Friendly Community, Doherty/Kaljian to provide content. Villages Article to be

reviewed, Kaljian requested that Year of the Senior be added. Newsletter approval will be requested via email next week.

- Housing (Repp) reported previously

6. **Committee Reports:**

- Legislative (Picker) – The committee has completed their planning for the coming year; each member of committee will speak on a specific topic and legislative requirements. At the next Legislative committee meeting there will be a discussion on older adult mental health issues.
- Planning and Funding (Spain) – Eisen reported that at the next meeting the committee will review the RFP committee/process.
- Transportation and Mobility (Kelley) – Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services (SACTS) meeting is moved to February for Santa Rosa Transit “Reimagining CityBus” training. Waiting on approval for travel vouchers to be used through the end of this fiscal year; AC Transit in Santa Rosa is going out of business. The committee is still awaiting approval on Caltrans contracts from the state.

7. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

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