



**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, February 1, 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:** Karen Fies, Gary Fontenot, Tracy Repp, Victoria Gonzalez-Allen

1. **WELCOME** (Robeson) Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. all were welcomed and introductions were made.
2. **MEET KAREN FIES, DIRECTOR OF SONOMA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:** Fies gave a bio and overview of the Divisions within the Human Services Department. Committee discussed senior advocacy and needs, areas of importance to the Advisory Council including intergenerational connections and researching existing inter-generational programs with focus on millennials. To be added to 2/15/17 Advisory Council Agenda.
3. **APPROVE JANUARY 4, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES** (Robeson) **(ACTION)** Motion to approve January 4, 2017 meeting minutes. Khanna/Redding (MSC) to approve as presented; motion passed unanimously.
4. **CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)
  - State of the County breakfast recap. Group discussion regarding continuing the momentum in the promotion of the Year of the Senior.
  - “Year of the Senior” established by the Economic Development Board and the Human Services Department was approved by the Board of Supervisors on 1/10/17. This initiative identifies collaborative new strategies, programs, and resources to promote healthy senior citizenship and to seize the economic opportunities brought on by an aging population. Activities and Advocacy in 2017, Khanna advised that the newsletter will focus on YOTS. Eisen suggested an adhoc committee to plan a YOTS specific event to engage seniors and offered to assist in coordination of this event. Saip suggested a catch phrase such as HIREpower. YOTS to be added to 2/15/17 Advisory Council Agenda.
    - Spain suggested reaching out to senior centers to learn what they are doing to engage seniors.
    - Robeson suggested a job fair for seniors. Kelley advised to coordinate with Sonoma County JobLink program for seniors, “Experience Works”.
  - AC Member Get-Together - Kelley advised that he and Don Streeper are in discussion on coordinating an upcoming event. The committee asked if Brown Act protocol needs to be followed. Repp to advise on Brown Act.
  - Membership Update
    - One Member-at-Large position open – Interviews to be scheduled
    - Supervisor Rabbitt appointment - Bonnie Koagedal has been selected; Supervisor Gore

appointment - Jani Sheppard has been selected. Both to be appointed at upcoming February Board of Supervisors meeting.

## 5. STAFF REPORT (Fontenot)

- C4A Meeting Highlights
  - c4a will be making a statement regarding the proposed elimination of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and how it would affect In-Home Supportive Services.
  - Lora Connolly, Director of the California Department of Aging spoke about funding and advised not to act on proposals.
  - OAA funded by Continuing Resolution with termination date of 4/30/17. Fontenot advises that Sonoma County will likely remain status quo through June.
  - Rulemaking to put in effect a national data collection on LGBT seniors has been stopped federally, California has continued with the data collection.
  - Action at c4a to renew the elder justice campaign for June, #kNOwAbuseReportAbuse, with increased funding, more c4a sponsored information, including increased social media strategies.
  - Barry Brewer, consultant, with the Senate Committee on Aging gave his perspectives on strategies to get legislators to pay attention to senior issues.
- The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved Senior Advocacy Services contract for an Elder Justice Coordinator and is working with Adult Protective Services.
- Affordable Care Act repeal advocacy letter emailed to Advisory Council on 1/31/2017.
- Fontenot advised there is an intergenerational program in Massachusetts "Bridges Together". A suggestion was made for AAA to join forces with school districts. Saip will gather information on the Bridges Together concept and report back.
- 2017 Senior Resource Guide is available in both English and Spanish versions.
- Nominating Committee Appointments - Robeson appointed Redding to Chair the Nominating Committee, other appointments to be made.
- Supervisor Lynda Hopkins will be at the Advisory Council meeting of February 15; Robeson requested that Khanna put together an AAA packet for Supervisor Hopkins and to include in the packet an Area Plan and Senior Resource Guides.
- Capitol Day updates; Coxon is collaborating with Marin, Napa/Solano, and Lake/Mendocino agencies, to coordinate meetings. Picker suggested to keep the meeting groups small to reach more representatives.

## 6. WORKGROUP REPORTS:

- Newsletter (Khanna) – would appreciate feedback from the committee; the committee needs more content. A suggestion was made to include the Economic Development Boards initiative, 2017 the Year of the Senior in the newsletter.
- Housing (Repp) – Repp/Arent met last week to strategize and formulate an agenda. Arent has been attending housing meetings, Homes for All Summit; 5 groups broke out from the summit and Arent has been attending the group meetings. Repp and Arent attended the Summit for Homeless on January 30 & 31, 2017.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Legislative (Picker) –Picker presented at the Legislative Committee meeting on one of the 8 topics selected by the committee – Mental Health. Picker advises more advocacy is needed surrounding mental health issues such as loneliness or depression. The state 3-year plan has been released and Picker will speak to it at the next Legislative committee meeting; committee will continue their work on the 8 topics selected.

- Planning and Funding (Spain) the Proposal Review Committee has completed reviewing and scoring proposals. During the 2/1/2017 meeting, the Planning & Funding committee will focus on the Area Plan Update due in May.
- Transportation and Mobility (Kelley) – on 2/6/2017 both Doherty and Kelley will present to the SCTA Board of Directors, sharing accomplishments and challenges. On 2/10/2017 the T&M/SACTS; focus will be on Santa Rosa CityBus “ReImagining CityBus” program, which will go into effect on March 24. The travel voucher extension was approved and travel voucher funds can be used until June, 2017.

8. **PRESENTATION OF 2017 YEAR OF THE SENIOR** video

9. **ADJOURN** the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

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