



**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
Topaz Room  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

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

**Absent:** Rabon Saip

**Guest:** none

**Staff:** Gary Fontenot, Tracy Repp, Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME:** (Robeson) meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. all were welcomed.
2. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:** (Robeson) (**ACTION**) a motion to approve the February 1, 2017 Executive Committee Minutes. Redding/Picker (MSC) to approve as presented; motion approved unanimously.
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Robeson)
  - Nominating Committee for Officers (term FY 17-18 through FY 18-19) – Executive Committee to select a member
    - Robeson appointed Redding as Nominating Committee Chair
    - A motion to appoint Robeson to the Nominating Committee. Eisen/Kelley (MSC) motion approved unanimously
    - Repp will email the Advisory Council regarding Nominating Committee responsibilities
  - Appoint Chairs to Older Americans Month Workgroup and August Training Day Workgroup
    - Older Americans Act Workgroup  
Spain will Chair and work with staff on identifying activities. Spain volunteered to write an article and will work with Kris Montgomery, Public Information Officer for the Human Services Department for a press release for publication in all local newspapers from Press Democrat to senior center newsletters, and others as identified.
    - Training Day Workgroup  
Khanna will chair; Robeson and Picker will be on the committee.
  - Triple A Council of California (TACC) Update – Robeson
    - Robeson attended the Alzheimer's Conference held before TACC. The Alzheimer's Association presentation prepared all attendees for visits with the Legislators; how to advocate with social media, and other advocacy tips. Robeson will email the tips to the Legislative committee chair.
    - Robeson advised other counties don't have support like Sonoma County

Advisory Council has with the Board of Supervisors and the Area Agency on Aging

- Robeson brought copies of the Area Plan, Newsletter and Senior Resource Guide; all were well received.
- Robeson attended a presentation from budget consultants. Governor Brown will be addressing funding for senior social services, wants to push back costs to the counties; in particular the proposed elimination of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and Maintenance of Effort (MOE) which will cause an increase in cost to Sonoma County IHSS.
  - IHSS is funded with a combination of Federal, State, and Local money
- Capitol Day 2/23/17 – Robeson
  - Fontenot, Coxon, Kaljian and Robeson met with Assemblymember Jim Wood, Senator Bill Dodd, Assemblymember Marc Levine Aides. The Sonoma County members shared meeting times with Susan Era of Lake/Mendocino, Leanne Martinsen, of Napa/Solano, and Lee Pullen of Marin for the meetings with the Legislators/Aides.
    - Nutrition program is requesting \$12.5 million for the next year as on-going funding. The program requested \$5 million last year and was awarded \$2.5 million as a one-time-only.
    - Alzheimer's is asking for funding of \$3.3 million, approximately \$100,000 per AAA.
    - Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) was discussed; funding is being requested for an Information and Assistance Specialist/Expert as a single hub for services and information. If implemented Sonoma County, partnership with AAA and DSLC will be created.
  - Robeson's take away from the policy discussions is at the moment things are vague in terms of state funding; continue to expect short fall based on Governor Browns proposed budget.
  - Shirley Krohn previously with California Senior Legislature, is working to organize 3 buses to caravan to the Senior Rally Day in Sacramento. Repp proposed the Advisory Council could participate in the Senior Rally day to show support for Older Americans Month.
  - Ash Kalra, Assemblyperson from San Jose, will be speaking at Rally Day.
- Membership Update
  - One Member-at-Large position open – interview has been scheduled; candidate will be advised of decision within next few months. Fontenot, Eisen and Robeson will participate in the interview
    - Picker would like to make a priority for Advisory Council to nominate a Latino Community representative for the Advisory Council. Kelley to reach out to Supervisor Hopkins, Eisen to reach out to previous District 5 Supervisor Carrillo
  - Supervisor Rabbitt appointment at BoS on 2/21/17 – Bonnie Koagedal
  - Supervisor Gore appointment at BoS on 2/21/17 – L. Jani Sheppard

#### 4. **STAFF REPORT:** (Fontenot/Repp)

- Repp reminded the committee that Senior Rally Day is the same day as the Advisory council meeting on May 17; should the meeting be rescheduled to allow for participation in Senior Rally Day
- Fontenot:
  - Attended a meeting with Ben Stone from the Economic Development Board

(EDB), also in attendance were Diane Kaljian, Tracy Repp, Jenay Cottrell and EDB intern Evan Haynes. The topic discussed was Year of the Senior (YOTS) and how the departments can come together with promoting the entrepreneurial, social side. Stone advised the EDB will be updating their website to be the hub to promote YOTS to highlight all the great things going on. Stone would like to see AAA facilitate a fall senior conference for the business community, volunteerism and tourist sector

- Kelley asked about current activities of Experience Works. Fontenot stated Sonoma Works may no longer hold the contract for Title V Senior Employment program. Staff to research.
- Kelley asked for an update from the previous meeting regarding the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program recent RFP Release. Fontenot advises there are two service providers who are going to be applying.
- California Welfare Director's Association (CWDA) discussed APS Home Safe, which is seeking \$10 million to fund housing programs in 10 demonstration counties. Diane Kaljian will be in Sacramento on 3/2/2017 to testify on this topic and discuss the "Linkages to Senior Housing" model.
- The South County Office is scheduled to open on 4/24/17. The location is 5350 Old Redwood Highway N. The temporary office manager is John Doherty from Human Services Department (HSD). 20 Adult & Aging staff will be moving along with other HSD division staff.
- AAA is in the process of submitting a new Archstone grant application to further the work with Petaluma Health Center; would like to expand to other centers.
- The 5310 Caltrans Transportation Grant Deadline is 3/1/2017 at 5pm. Two separate applications submitted; 1 specific to the Large Urbanized Area of Santa Rosa for volunteer driver programs and vouchers funding and another for a statewide competition for the Small Urbanized Area of West County to provide a "feeder bus program" run by West County Community Services agency.
- Repp
  - Aging Together committee is doing event on May 18, titled "Age Out Loud, Age Outside" celebrating seniors and Older Americans Month (May). It will promote healthy aging and connecting to regional parks' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - Employment & Training division holds employer job fairs and suggested having discussions to include hiring seniors.
  - The 3/15/17 Advisory Council agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

## 5. WORKGROUP REPORTS:

- Newsletter (Khanna) – meeting on 3/1 immediately after the Executive Committee meeting. Robeson stated she will submit an article from an Estate Planner Attorney.
- Housing Workgroup (Repp) – Workgroup will be meeting this month.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Legislative (Picker) – committee continues to make presentations on the 8 topics committee has agreed to research and report on with the goal to select the top 1 or 2 to present to full Advisory Council for support and then present to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. The Legislative Committee has met with Legislative Representative locally. The legislative aides have not been able to provide specifics of the funding bills, but will have an update at the next meeting.
- Planning and Funding (Spain) – On the final stages of the Request for Proposal process. Committee will meet on 3/1/2017 to review and approve funding recommendations from staff.

- Transportation and Mobility (Kelley) – the 2014 Caltrans funding has been received. The committee will meet on 3/13/2017.

**7. OTHER:**

- Khanna suggested the committee view a free online seminar: Transforming Aging Summit, March 7-9, 2017, Khanna will email the information.
- Khanna has a website [sumedhakhanna.com](http://sumedhakhanna.com).
- Repp suggested adding reading resources to AAA website.

8. **ADJOURN:** (Robeson) meeting was adjourned at 11:32am

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

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