



## **AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017  
Topaz Room  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

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

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Gary Fontenot, Tracy Repp

**Minutes:** Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME:** (Robeson) meeting called to order 10:04 am
  - Welcome back Judith Eisen
2. **APPROVAL OF APRIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:** (Robeson) (**ACTION**) a motion to approve the April 5, 2017, Executive committee minutes. Spain/Kelley (MSC) to approve minutes with addition of statement from Khanna to item 5 – Committee Reports, Legislative Committee. *Khanna will reach out to Latino community to assess their needs and report back to the committee.* Motion approved unanimously with correction.
3. **CHAIR REPORT:** (Robeson)
  - No Planning and Funding meeting 5/3/17, next regular meeting 6/7/17
  - Membership Update
    - One At-Large Advisory Council position vacated by Brian Gillespie.
    - Repp received inquiry from a potential applicant. Application and Advisory Council information sheet sent.
    - Supervisor Gore may have additional applicants for Advisory Council.
    - Khanna advised the committee of her findings on Latino community and provided the committee with a report.
    - In the process of scheduling Eisen and Khanna to appear on Univision, Spanish speaking television program to promote the AAA.
  - Advisory Council Leadership Award at May 17 Advisory Committee Meeting – Redding recommended Amy Appleton, SHARE, Program Director. Motion to award Amy Appleton the Marge Ling Leadership Award. Kelley/Redding (MSC). Motion approved unanimously.
  - Advisory Council (AC) Binder Workgroup (for updated binders to be ready for August Training Day) – Robeson Eisen and Redding volunteered for workgroup. Suggestion to include AC member bios in binders and to update the glossary of terms. Additional workgroup members will be requested at the May AC meeting.
  - Spring Economic Forecast Breakfast: (Robeson) focus topics: Workforce development and education, facilitate investment and entrepreneurship, and housing affordability. Speakers from North Coast Builders Exchange, Keith Wood, Keysight Technologies, General Manager. Steve

Cochrane of Moody's Analytics discussed the growing elder populations; Sonoma County can't fill jobs in the trade, because there is no place to live, low/no income, and the positive solution to this problem is to have trade schools. Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) and California Teachers Association (CTA) were also in attendance at the breakfast.

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

- Human Services Department announced staff reductions necessitated due to flat state funding, increase in cost and revenue down.
- Services and supplies will be reduced, training and outreach, Purchase of Services (POS) and community contracts.
- Realignment reductions of \$120,000 distributed among, West County Community Services (WCCS), Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC), and Council on Aging (COA)
- Reducing, contracts, positions and purchases will go to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in June during budget hearing.
- Continuing Resolution has been extend and will now expire the end of September.
- N4A announced a minor increase in Older Americans Act (OAA) funding for current year. Department on Aging report next state fiscal year there may be some reductions to OAA, however reduction may not include one-time only funds. Reduction to OAA may be transparent if grant funds are available to redistribute.
- Gold Resolution for Older Americans Month to the Board of Supervisors on 5/16/17. Andrea Krout, District Director from Supervisor Rabbitt's office will make the presentation at the Advisory Council on May 17 in Petaluma.
- The Human Services South County Center has been open for one week. Open house on May 31. Details of event will be emailed.
- June is Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. On June 8, the Elder Justice Coalition will present the Gold Resolution from the Board of Supervisors. Fontenot to provide further details.
- LGBTQI Giving Circle Grant - Information & Assistance Program for LGBTQI older adults subcontracted to Sebastopol Area Senior Center is up and running. Outreach flyer distributed.
- Year of the Senior – Ben Stone, Executive Director of the Economic Development Board (EDB) and AAA staff are planning an event and looking to partner with the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and Aging Together/Age-Friendly Cities initiatives. May be held in August as part of WIB meeting. Stone suggested talking with PASCO (Professional Association of Sonoma County) a group of human resources directors, to be included in their meeting in September. Spain is working on an article; will be ready after the May 18 "Age Out Loud, Age Outside" event. EDB has been provided content from Repp to update the EDB website. AAA staff working on creating an AAA logo.
- Jewish Family Community Services (JFCS) – Henry Lasky video link to be emailed from Repp.

#### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Legislative (Picker) – Will complete review of topics on 5-13-17; two topics from the six presented will be selected as recommendation to the council for study next year.
- Planning and Funding (Spain) – no meeting this month
- Transportation and Mobility (Kelley) – nothing to report

#### **6. WORKGROUP REPORTS:**

- Newsletter (Khanna) – Meeting 5/3/17 to finalize for Advisory Council (AC) approval.
- Nominating (Redding) – nominations announced at AC, voting to be held at 5/17/17 AC meeting.

- Training Day (workgroup: Khanna, Robeson, Saip, Spain) – distributed a draft agenda for Training Day. Suggestions: BridgesTogether.org as possible theme of intergenerational programs; getting to know the Advisory Council as part of the day; disaster preparedness.
- Housing (Repp) – Workgroup met 4/11/17. Next meeting scheduled 5/9/17. As first short-term outcome, working on creating a “quick” homeless prevention reference guide.

**7. REVIEW MAY 17, 2017 DRAFT ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA:** (Repp)  
Agenda approved as presented.

**8. ADJOURN:** meeting adjourned at 11:32 am

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2017**