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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Topaz Room
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Judith Eisen, Terry Kelley, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Diane Spain

Absent: none

Staff: Ana Bagtas, Tracy Repp

Minutes: Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME** (Eisen) meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. all welcomed

2. **APPROVAL OF JUNE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:** (Eisen) (**ACTION**) - motion to approve the June 7, 2017, Executive committee minutes, Redding/Robeson (MSC) to approve minutes as presented; motion approved unanimously.

3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Eisen)

- **Vision Document from Judith Eisen for FY 2017-18 and Recap of Retreat Day**

Feedback on 5 items provided by Executive Committee members included:

1. Have each Advisory Council Member meet with their respective Supervisor at least once per year.

Have prepared specific topics, Ana to be included in meetings, meetings will be group meetings not individual; including each member of the respective supervisor district. Robeson advised Legislative committee (LC) has goals to present to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for advocacy and focus. Repp suggested each committee to come up with talking points. Bagtas recommends providing a packet to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for consistent message and alignment with legislative priorities. Be prepared for specific asks to individual Supervisor. Suggested inviting BOS District Directors to LC meetings.

2. Have the Advisory Council Chair make at least one presentation to a community organization each month and encourage each council member to do the same.

Community outreach subject should address senior needs by demographics/region. Eisen requested committee members to provide feedback/ideas for topics. Presentations should focus on the positive, such as Age Friendly. Kelley volunteered to be part of this group. Robeson suggested convening a speaker's bureau.

3. Incorporate the 'six generations' information learned at Retreat Day on 8-16-17 to inform the work of the council from this point forward.

Eisen would like feedback from each member.

4. Obtain sustainable funding for Senior Services

Eisen would like to inquire about funding from Board of Supervisors (BOS), county general funds dedicated to Senior Services; such as a ¼% tax. Eisen stated additional funding needed due to senior population growth. Staff to identify grants and funding available. Staff advised county is in cost reduction mode, need a plan before outreaching to BOS.

5. Encourage each Advisory Council member to use the expertise each has to identify current 'holes' in services, and what the council can do to 'fill' them.

Finding gaps in services and figuring out how to fill them can be a pilot project for committee this year.

Discussed ways for AC members to get to know each other. Perhaps at break; more discussion needed.

- **2017-18 Vice-Chair position – motion by Redding to appoint Lea Black, as Advisory Council (AC) Vice-Chair. AYES – 6, NOES – 0, no abstentions. Lea Black was appointed AC Vice-Chair**
- **Planning & Funding and Transportation & Mobility – Open Chair Positions**
Committee agreed Diane Spain to continue as Chair Pro Tem for the Planning & Funding committee. And Terry Kelley continues as T&M Chair. Spain is currently also the AC Secretary. Further discussion of this in October or November. Group discussion on educating members to take on chair/vice-chair positions.
- **Advisory Council Accomplishments** – Document the accomplishments pilot programs started at AAA. Bring list to AC meeting in September for information only.
- **Membership Update** – Review membership list by district and category and reappointment of Sumedha Mona Khanna at September AC meeting. Further review of vacancy at next meeting.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Legislative (Robeson as new chair and member in June) – Rabon Saip continues to work on Mental Health and Opioids misuse “Hidden Epidemic”; is going to approach narcotics anonymous to serve victims of the hidden epidemic for rehabilitation. Long Term services most needed. Some goals for Legislative Committee: more frequent visits to Board of Supervisors; increase participation to events in Sacramento, Senior Rally Day and C4A Capitol day. Robeson will not be at first LC meeting; Bob Picker will chair the meeting.
- Planning & Funding (Spain) – looking at the coming year funding needs.
- Transportation & Mobility (Kelley) – meeting September 14, 2017. Stayed in contact with volunteer driver agencies during the summer. Expect autonomous vehicles within the next 10 years; Kelley will try to get presentation for this.

5. WORKGROUP REPORTS:

- Newsletter (Kelley) – gathering content for newsletter, scheduled for distribution in December
- Housing (Repp) – meeting on September 12 from 1-2:30 p.m.; agenda will go out before end of week. Linkages to Senior Housing – creating resource guide. Working on plan to move forward.

6. REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 DRAFT ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA (Repp) – approve with some changes: only include final minutes, eliminate draft minutes. AC Accomplishments provided detail and discussed at a future meeting. Add bullet point about sharing at future AC meetings.

7. STAFF REPORT (Bagtas/Repp)

- n4a Conference in Savannah – will report at Advisory Council (AC) meeting
- Year of the Senior Activities – will report at AC meeting.
- LGBTQI Giving Circle Grant – in the past has received funding from Sonoma Community Foundation; Area Agency on Aging (AAA) with AAA administrative funding. Nancy Flaxman will consult and will create community coalition for training. Grant requests were not awarded to Vintage House nor Sebastopol Area Senior Center for Information & Assistance line.
- Archstone Grant – for senior depression screening, expanding from Petaluma Health Center (PHC) to Rohnert Park Health Center (RPHC), a University of Washington collaborative team model.
- Senior Resource Guide (SRG) – will report at AC meeting.
- AAA Website – changes are being made to work in line with the Sonoma County website to be more use friendly and searchable within the Sonoma County website.
- Advisory Council Agenda Attachments – only final minutes will be included in the Advisory Council agenda packets. All agendas and final minutes are available for viewing and printing from the AAA website.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) – Robeson will call in as a member of the public at 11/2/17 meeting; the committee will find another representative to join the CSL. Add to Sept AC meeting.
- Elder Justice Coalition – Jani Sheppard is interested in joining this committee, looking for one additional AC member.

8. ADJOURN (Eisen): meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**