



**Human Services Department**  
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**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
Emerald Room  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Bob Picker, Peter Holewinski, Sumedha Mona Khanna MD, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Don Streeper, Crista Chelemedos, Joy Lovinger

**Absent:** Bonnie Koagedal, Jim Redding, Ellisa Reiff, Hav Staggs

**Staff:** Ana Bagtas, Rhiannon Coxon, Tracy Repp

**Minutes:** Victoria González-Allen

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS** (Picker) – meeting called to order at 10:33 a.m.
  - Welcome new Sonoma County Human Services Department, Adult & Aging Division Director, Ana Bagtas.
2. **APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES (ACTION)** (Picker) – motion to approve May 10, 2017 meeting minutes. Saip/Khanna (MSC) to approve as presented; motion passed unanimously.
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Picker)
  - Discussion of California Senior Legislation (CSL) Sonoma County representative; Picker would like a recommendation from the committee for an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council (AC) representative for CSL. The nominee will be presented to AC. Robeson is interested in the position.
  - Selection of a Committee Chair for FY 17/18
    - Khanna/Lovinger nominate Holewinski – Holewinski declined.
    - Holewinski nominates Robeson; Robeson accepted nomination to chair the Legislative committee. **\*ACTION\*** Holewinski/Streeper (MSC) to recommend Robeson to the AC to chair the Legislative committee; motion passed unanimously.
  - Reminder to the LC six general topics will be put forward in September to select two as priority for action. Topics: Mental Health, Hidden Epidemic of Opioid Use/Misuse, Assisted Living Waiver, Long Term Care, Ombudsman, Homeless Prevention.
  - Coxon gather information provided by presenters and distribute to committee members for review.
4. **ADVOCACY UPDATE** (Coxon)
  - Review of 2017 California State Legislation Summaries and Positions related to seniors.
    - Holewinski requests to add to the list the Single Payer Bill SB562.
    - Saip is watching AB265 and AB715.
  - Coxon to research timelines legislative process and will review with Legislative Committee in the fall.
  - AB614 – Information & Assistance for Alzheimer's expert, passed

- AB1200 – Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), passed
- Gov. Brown did not approve the additional funding for senior nutrition which was anticipated for approval.
- Coxon sent out advocacy alerts for LC to advocate, take action, recommended from National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a).
- AC members received email from Coxon on Federal Administration Budget request and Healthcare reform.
- June 23, 2017 meeting with Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry at Vintage House, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Committee members interested in attending should contact Coxon seating is limited.

**5. LEGISLATIVE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES** (Legislative Aides)

- Picker would like to engage the Legislative Aides with more in-depth/challenging questions.

**6. UPDATE OF LEGISLATIVE TOPICS OF INTEREST** (Committee Members)

- Chelemedos – distributed list of bills CLTCOA (California Long Term Care Ombudsman Association) is following. Ombudsman received funding of \$14,000 AB550, baseline from \$35k to \$100k 2-yr bill in appropriations; AB940 – Skilled Nursing Facilities notifying Ombudsman of discharge; AB937 no criminal action if not providing resuscitative measures following individual's wishes. AB611- Mandated Reporter - not required to report if already reported.
- Saip – Older Adult Prescription Drug Abuse update.

**7. TOPIC PRESENTATION: Long Term Care Services** (Khanna)

- Distributed and reviewed the report on Long Term Care.
- Lovinger stated Sonoma County is a lot more expensive than other counties, and as a placement specialist connects individuals to out of county locations. Available and affordable housing and assisted living are lacking in Sonoma County. The SHARE program (Share Housing and Resource Exchange) is a great model, but needs additional funding to expand.

**8. ADJOURN** (Picker) – meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday September 13, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.