



Human Services Department COUNTY OF SONOMA

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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Carnelian Room
1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Jan Arent, Lea Black, Dorothy Fried, Jenny Helman, Terry Kelley, Sumedha Mona Khanna, Bonnie Koagedal, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Jani Sheppard,

Absent: Peter Holewinski, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper, Diane Spain

Guests:

- Linda Civitello (Sebastopol Area Senior Center)
- Susan Fekete (Public/Advisory Applicant)
- Anna Grant (City of Healdsburg)
- Emily Heinzelman (West County Community Services/Russian River Senior Services)
- Joshua Horn (Mirabel Lodge)
- Marrienne McBride (Council on Aging)
- Nancy Powers-Stone (Redwood Caregiver Resource Center)
- Anita Tanenberg (Petaluma People Services Center)
- Denise Wilbanks (Vintage House)

Staff: Rhiannon Coxon, Norine Doherty, Diane Kaljian, Tracy Repp

Minutes: Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Eisen) – meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. all welcomed and introductions made.
2. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION):** (Eisen) – motion to approve the November 15, 2017 committee minutes. Sheppard/Black (MSC) to approve minutes as presented; motion approved unanimously. AYES-14, NOES-0, no abstentions.
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Eisen)
 - Leadership Change – introduced Diane Kaljian, Assistant Department Director and Interim Division Director for Adult & Aging/AAA. Ana Bagtas resigned.
 - Acknowledgment of Sumedha Mona Khanna – presentation to Mona, discussion of her accomplishments, member acknowledgement of Mona, presentation of certificate, card and letter from council.
 - Membership Update – 3 At-Large member vacancies
 - AAA Talking Points – discussion, changes or suggestion should be sent to Repp.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Spain) - none

5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Diane)

- Recruitment open for Adult & Aging Division Director; recruitment closes February 1, 2018. Expected hire date is April.
- Budgets/Funding. Continuing Resolution expires on January 19, 2018. Without federal funding no funding for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) contracted services. Sonoma County AAA is fortunate to be in County structure; County can assist where non-profit AAAs do not have such support. Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) known nationally as SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) is identified for elimination. Federal budget proposal to increase in-house spending bill for IIB services.
- State budget. Relatively good position; last week the Governor's budget included additional funding, in particular for In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. Sonoma County will continue to operate program at same level.
- Sonoma County has a property tax gap; the Governor's budget includes \$23million one-time-only to help cover this gap. County is in the process of preparing the budget for the next fiscal year. County FEMA claim in response to 2017 Wildfires opened on January 17, 2018.
- Presentation at March Advisory Council meeting will be on the impact of fires.
- Kaljian has been re-elected as President of the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) for 2018.

6. **PRESENTATION: CALIFORNIA AREA AGENCIES ON AGING REPORT** (c4a)

- *Diane Kaljian, c4a President and Sonoma County Human Services Assistant Department Director.*

7. **PROJECT UPDATES:** (Repp/Coxon/Doherty)

- Repp-AAA submitted an application and received \$5,000 from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) for disaster relief. Council on Aging (COA) and Catholic Charities (CC) will split the funding.
- Repp-Press Democrat recently published two articles on the need for Volunteer Drivers. Articles were published on January 4, and January 12, 2018.
- Repp-Reminder to council members that ethics training needs to be completed.
- Repp-AAA Service Provider Monitoring sign-up sheet will be sent out to council members. An additional person is needed for the February 5, monitoring at Silvercrest.
- Doherty – new coalition, Opening Doors for LGBTQI Seniors in Sonoma County. Fried, Kelley and Redding are part of the coalition. First meeting is on January 18, 2018. Nancy Flaxman will conduct the trainings. Coalition will run January – June. Presentation to the Advisory Council at the June meeting.
- Coxon – 2018 Senior Resources Guides have been printed. Spanish version will be ready mid-February. There will also be a new Senior Resource Guide website.

8. **INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** (All)

- McBride – had to cancel fundraiser, due to lack of ticket sales. Council on Aging is recruiting, information on their website.
- Tanenberg – Community has been affected by the fires, staffing is short but operating business as usual. Thanked Khanna for her support.

9. **BREAK** recess at 2:06 pm reconvene at 2:23pm

Khanna left the meeting

10. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS:

Advisory Council

- Executive Committee (Eisen) – discussed talking points.
- Legislative Committee (Robeson) – Committee met on January 10, 2018. Senator McGuire's new aide Danielle Bradley attended. All aides awaiting news of new legislature proposed due to California emergencies. AB1722 extends insurance coverage for living expenses from 2 to 3 years. McGuire's office received 111 complaints about insurance. California Senior Legislature (CSL) representative is still needed, contact Coxon if interested. California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) Capitol Day is February 22.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Repp for Diane Spain, Pro Tem Chair) - The Area Plan update for FY 18/19 is due to California Department of Aging (CDA) in May. Updated plan will be presented as Public Hearing at the April Advisory Council meeting. Monitoring schedule distributed for sign-ups. Still looking for a Planning and Funding Committee chair.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley-Pro-Tem-Open Chair Position) – Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services (SACTS) committee met January 10, 2018; good turnout. Supervisor Gorin's aide, Pat Gilardi attended the meeting as did Tim Webster from Earle Baum and Joanie Ransom, Town of Windsor Senior Advisory Commission. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) presented at the meeting.

Workgroups

- Housing (Arent) – Met on January 9, 2018. Senior Homelessness Prevention Program update presented to Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2017. Discussed workgroup goals for 2018 which included how to expand the SHARE program (Share Housing and Resource Exchange), increasing housing stock including Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), advocate for mobile homes, and assistance via workshops on how to apply for affordable housing before being in crisis, with model similar to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
- Newsletter (Kelley) – Moving forward with content for next edition.

Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation

- Aging Together (Saip) – No meeting in January, next meeting February 14, 2018.
- Age Friendly Cities (Spain/Arent) – Arent attended a Santa Rosa Walking Survey meeting. 6-8 people walk their community and report aspects such as access, housing, schools, lighting, crosswalks, and dangerous areas.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL)(Robeson) – reported previously in Legislative Committee.
- Elder Justice Coalition (Sheppard) – Working on developing agreements with community partners, publicity, and Community Speakers Bureau. June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, all day event will be held at The Lodge Sonoma Renaissance.
- My Care, My Plan (MCMP) (Saip) – Advance Care Directive Workshop on January 16, 2018 at the Redwood Credit Union (RCU) Community Room. Doherty attended the workshop and is staff to MCMP. Presentation was well attended.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried/Holewinski/Koagedal/Redding) – Koagedal, McBride spoke of services their agencies provide. Advised there is mobile home funding available to cover rent deposits.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – will meet on January 18, no meeting in December.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) – no TACC
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip) – wasn't able to attend.

Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List

- California Congress of Seniors – Chelemedos is now a board member.
- Family Violence Prevention Council - nothing to report.

11. OTHER (All)

- Sheppard provided new contact information to committee.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN (ACTION) motion to adjourn the meeting. Redding/Saip (MSC) motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:01p.m.

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 1PM