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**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
 Carnelian Room  
 1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Jen Arent, Lea Black, Dorothy Fried, Jenny Helman, Peter Holewinski, Terry Kelley, Bonnie Koagedal, Jim Redding, Alain Serkissian, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper, Bob Picker, Ruth Robeson

**Absent:** Susan Fekete, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Rabon Saip, Jani Sheppard, Diane Spain

**Guests:** Emily Heinzelman, West County Community Services; Sean Madison, ESPO Care Partners; Marrienne McBride, Council on Aging; Michele Osmon, Catholic Charities, Nancy Powers-Stone, Redwood Caregiver Resource Center

**Staff:** Diane Kaljian, Paul Dunaway, Tracy Repp, Rhiannon Coxon

**Minutes:** Victoria González-Allen

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (Eisen) – Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m. all welcomed and introductions made. Introduction of new Adult & Aging Services Division Director, Paul Dunaway. First day is 5/1/18.

**2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION):** (Eisen) – Motion to approve the February 21, 2018 Advisory Council minutes. Kelley/Black (MSC) to approve minutes as presented; motion approved by majority. AYES – 12, NOES – 0, abstention from Robeson.

- Request for emergency addition to today’s agenda by Staggs – Staggs advised per Brown Act, items can be added for emergency consideration by 2/3 vote. Request for Advisory Council to support SB1040 (Dodd) – Will be heard on April 10, 2018. Motion for addition to agenda during correspondence. Robeson/Staggs (MSC) motion approved unanimously. AYES -13, NOES – 0, motion carried forward

**3. CHAIR REPORT:** (Eisen)

- Membership Update – Robeson and Staggs are up for reappointment in April. Both have declined reappointment. The April 18, 2018 Advisory Council will be their last meeting.
- Applications for Advisory Council members have been received; interviews will take place in the next couple of weeks. Applicants approved by the Executive Committee will be brought forward at a future Advisory Council meeting for appointment consideration.
- TACC Report (Robeson) – Sandy Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the California Commission on Aging (CCoA) provided update. Discussed check box on tax returns to support funding for seniors advising box can only be checked if getting a return and are 65+. The September TACC meeting has been moved to coincide with SCAN Summit on 9-27-2018. Robeson recommends all to attend and register early. Chris Asimos, Ph. D. Commissioner of the Marin County Commission on Aging provided an update on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Older Californians Act. Emily Halcon, Homeless

Services Coordinator for City of Sacramento, presented on homelessness and Older Californians Act. City of Sacramento partnered with Volunteer Centers of America to provide shelter and transportation to homeless. Eisen advised the Council that a TACC representative will be needed when Robeson leaves in April.

Sheffield joined the meeting 1:22pm

- Housing Taskforce – Executive Committee requesting elevating the Housing Taskforce to an AAA Advisory Council Standing Committee. Motion made to the Advisory Council. Fried/Redding (MSC); motion approved unanimously.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE: (Black)

- Staggs –Requesting Advisory Council advocacy in support of SB1040 – In-Home Supportive Services: Natural Disaster. Expands the definition of supportive services during a declared state of emergency. Requires city and county to require the assessment and provision of supportive services to IHSS recipients and expedite reissuance of warrants at next update to emergency plan. Motions to send a letter of advocacy in support of SB1040 before the hearing on April 10, 2018. Kelley/Redding (MSC) motion approved by majority. AYES – 12, NOES – 0, abstention from Robeson.

#### 5. DIRECTOR’S REPORT: (Kaljian)

- Kaljian - Introduction of Paul Dunaway, Adult & Aging Division Director. Dunaway is transitioning to new position; will be in Adult & Aging full time starting May 1, 2018.
- Kaljian - Attended Capitol Day on February 22, 2018. Attended morning session with Assemblyperson Ash Kalra opened; presentation from Director of Finance who advised “rainy day fund” will be fully funding before Governor Brown leaves office, hinting there may be additional discretionary funding available for services. Afternoon visits with elected officials, some meetings with Marin AAA. Distributed infographics document “California’s Changing Demographic” in a series of 5 from California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a). Repp is working with Planning, Research Evaluation and Engagement (PREE) division to create a local version for Sonoma County infographics.
- California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) Update
  - Hearing on 3-21-2018 for a \$17 million augmentation to senior nutrition. In process of revising Older Californians Act legislation of 1996 to review reinstating programs in that law no longer exist and review areas that are in need of updating.
  - California Senior Legislature (CSL) and California Association of Area Agencies on Aging have been working together to update/revise the election rules for CSL. Coxon to reach out to CSL for contact information, there are two Sonoma County positions open to anyone from the community requirement of 25 signatures and 55+. Details will be emailed.
- County Budget
  - County funding is negatively impacted due to need for response to fires and uncertainty of when FEMA dollars will be received.
  - Behavioral Health division overestimated the amount of federal dollars and facing a severe budget shortfall (approximately \$30 million). Facing significant mental health funding reductions which could affect Council on Aging and Petaluma People Services Center mental health programs this year and next year. County Board of Supervisors discussing funding options next week.
- Board of Supervisors - \$1 million in contingency funds distribution; some to fire response, some to chaplaincy, and approximately \$180,000 to Legal Aid of Sonoma County for outreach to seniors, housing, and senior advocacy.

- Aging Together- Requesting Advisory Council to visit district board members. Discuss topics importance of senior nutrition and funding for Petaluma People Services Center, Coastal Seniors and Council on Aging.
- Linkages to Senior Housing program ends June 30, 2018; AAA is not requesting program refunding due to other grants for housing and county recovery needs priority.
- Board funding Aging Together/Age Friendly Coordinator, Renee Tolliver until 2020. Age Friendly Business-Hiring Older Worker event on May 9 from 7AM to 10AM. Flyer will be emailed. Registration for the event is available through Eventbrite. Richard Adler, futurist, is Key-Note Speaker. Panelists include Cynthia Murray, President and CEO of North Bay Leadership Council and Larry Smith, Senior Vice-President, Human Resources for Jackson Family Wines, and others.
- Repp – The Spanish Senior Resource Guide is available; website launching in April. Beginning contract renewals with AAA Service providers.

**6. PRESENTATION: Legislative Response to 2017 Wildfires Ed Sheffield, District Representative for State Assemblymember Jim Wood, Senator McGuire, Senator Dodd, Assemblymember Levine, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry**

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

- Parked due to time constraints.

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

- McBride – Partnered with Goodwill Industries, West County Community Services (WCCS), Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC) to provide FEMA counseling through 9 month Mental Health grant; looking to hire staff. Entered into a contract to purchase mobile homes to house low-income seniors; working out the details on reducing costs and identifying potential mobile home parks for project. Requesting ideas to move the program forward.
- Powers-Stone – Was contacted by a private foundation to provide a retreat for people 60+ in Lake, Mendocino, and Sonoma County affected by the fires; Retreat is June 5 at Bishops Ranch.
- Fried – Panel “After the Fire” relates to mental health from 7PM to-9PM at Congregation Shomrei Torah with Rabbi Dr. Richard Miller. Flyers distributed.
- Arent – Episcopal Senior Community is rebranding with new name “Covia”. They will also be renaming all of their programs.

*Staggs exited the meeting 2:38pm*

*Service Providers exited the meeting 2:39pm*

**9. BREAK,** recess 2:39 pm. Reconvened 2:49pm.

**10. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS:** (Committee Chairs)

**Advisory Council**

- Executive Committee (Black) – Nominating Committee - If interested in becoming an officer contact Repp or Robeson. Slate of nominees will be presented to the Council on in April, vote will be in May. Marge Ling Leadership Award nominees are being solicited, Recipient can be an Advisory Council member or a Community person who is a senior services champion.
- Legislative Committee (Robeson) – No quorum at 3-14-2018 meeting.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Helman) – Discussed the FY 18/19 Area Plan Update to be approved at April 18, 2018 meeting during scheduled Public Hearing Senior Resource Guide Inclusion Policy was discussed.

- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley-Pro-Tem-Open Chair Position) – March 8, 2018 meeting cancelled. Programs continue to grow and develop, waiting to see/hear direction of Cloverdale – Council members are encouraged to attend meetings on second Thursdays at 1pm.

### **Workgroups**

- Housing (Arent)-March meeting cancelled.
- Newsletter (Kelley) – will be published twice per year. Upcoming edition highlights the Area Agency on Aging and Advisory Council activities.

### **Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation**

- Aging Together (Saip/Repp)-previously discussed.
- Age Friendly Cities (Spain/Arent) – Meeting on 3-23-2018. Arent was able to recruit individuals for the Santa Rosa Walk group to do audits around Jennings Court area.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) (Robeson) – previously discussed.
- Elder Justice Coalition (Sheppard) – No representation.
- My Care, My Plan (Saip) – April 17, 2018 Advance Care Directive workshop at Partnership Health, registration open through Eventbrite.
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried/Holewinski/Koagedal/Redding) – Presentation on application for nonprofessional care managers currently in beta testing. Application will be available on line soon. Advance Care Directives can also be uploaded.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – Same presentation as Section on Aging above. .
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) – previously reported.
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC) (Saip) – no representation.

### **Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List**

- California Congress of Seniors – No updates.
- Family Violence Prevention Council – No updates.
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**11. Other** – Black to distribute cards for signature for sick/injured Advisory Council members.

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN (ACTION)** - Motion to adjourn the meeting. Fried/Picker (MSC) meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** *Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 1PM*