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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
 Carnelian Room
 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Susan Fekete, Jenny Helman, Peter Holewinski, Terry Kelley, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Hav Staggs, Don Streeper, Diane Spain

Absent: Jen Arent, Dorothy Fried, Bonnie Koagedal, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Jani Sheppard

Guests: Barbara Beadon, Home Care Assistance; Marilyn Buono, Petaluma People Services Center; Crista Chelemedos, Senior Advocacy Services; Anna Grant, Healdsburg Senior Center; Emily Heinzelman, West County Community Services; Toni LeCompte, Home Care Assistance; Michele Osmon, Catholic Charities; Nancy Powers-Stone, Redwood Caregiver Resource Center; Anita Tanenberg, Petaluma People Services Center

Staff: Paul Dunaway, Tracy Repp, Norine Doherty, Rhiannon Coxon

Minutes: Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Eisen) meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. all welcomed and introductions made.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF FY 2018-19 AREA PLAN UPDATE:** Opened at 1:10 p.m.

Helman and Repp presented the FY 18-19 Area Plan Update providing overview of older adult demographics, survey results, goals and objectives, and contracted service units.

Osman joined the meeting 1:09 p.m.

Tanenberg and Home Care Assistance joined the meeting 1:10 p.m.

Holewinski joined the meeting 1:12 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Osmon – thanked Area Agency on Aging for continued funding and support.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Closed at 1:16 p.m.

DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Robeson – Regarding survey results - requested consideration to rephrase the question regarding remaining independent at home. “Independent” is a relative term. Many older adults require services and supports to remain in their home.
- Spain – Thanked AAA staff and Advisory Council members. Acknowledged the Area Plan goals and objectives are reflective of and are addressing the needs of the community.
- Holewinski – Regarding demographics, remarked the speaker at Section on Aging (Alan Bernstein) stated Sonoma County is oldest county in the Country.

APPROVAL OF FY 2018-19 AREA PLAN UPDATE (ACTION)

Motion to approve Area Plan Update. Spain/Black (MSC) to approve Area Plan Update as presented; motion approved unanimously. AYES – 14, NOES – 0, no abstentions.

3. **APPROVAL OF MARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION):** (Eisen) – Motion to approve March 21, 2018 Advisory Council minutes. Kelley/Saip (MSC) to approve minutes as presented; motion approved by majority. AYES – 12, NOES – 0, abstentions from Fekete, and Spain.
4. **CHAIR REPORT** (Eisen)
 - Recognition of Ruth Robeson, Hav Staggs and Rhiannon Coxon – all will be leaving the Advisory Council. Letters presented to Robeson and Staggs; Robeson presented with a service certificate.
 - Reappointment of Arent/Eisen/Holewinski – Motion by the chair to reappoint Arent/Eisen/Holewinski. AYES – 14, NOES – 0, reappointment approved unanimously.
 - Marge Ling Leadership Award – Presented at May Meeting – recipient has been selected.
 - Triple A Council of California (TACC) - representative needed, Eisen advised to contact Repp if interested. Next TACC meeting is May 7-8, coordinated with Senior Rally Day on May 8.
 - Acknowledgement of Coxon and presentation of card.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Black)
 - Nothing to report
6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Dunaway/Repp)
 - California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) report – Kaljian currently in Washington DC for National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) Annual Policy Briefing with Lee Pullen, Director Aging and Adult Services, Marin.
 - Federal Budget signed on March 23; Older Americans Act (OAA) funding received some increases; Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) removed from elimination list and receiving \$2 million increase nationwide.
 - June 15 Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Day; June 7 all-day event scheduled in Sacramento.
 - Dunaway attended Board of Supervisors meeting 4/17/2018; New grants for Adult & Aging Division approved. Human Services Department staff reductions were approved, mostly vacant positions. Adult & Aging staff positions affected will staff positions of new grants.
 - Board of Supervisors approved the Carroll L. Estes Advocacy-Leadership Award. Award to be presented to Dr. Estes at the 5/8/18 meeting in honor of her lifelong work in advocacy, education, and leadership in the field of aging. Award will be given annually to Sonoma County champions in aging.
 - May is Older Americans Month – 2018 theme is “Engage at Every Age”. Outreach Tool Kit to be emailed. All encouraged to participate in the “Selfie Challenge”.
 - California Senior Legislature (CSL) Representation – Election is open with application due date extended to April 23. Contact Repp if interested.
 - Senior Rally Day is 5/8/18 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Encouraged participation by AC members. Contact Repp to coordinate transportation.
7. **NOMINATION SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR FY 2018/19** (Robeson)
 - Eisen decided to not continue as chair. No additional nominees were identified after call. Slate created by Nominating Committee includes: Terry Kelley as Chair; Diane Spain as Vice Chair; and Lea Black as Secretary. Election to be held at 5/16/18 AC Meeting. Nomination from the floor will again be considered.
8. **PROJECT UPDATES:** (Repp/Coxon/Doherty/Dunaway)

- American Society on Aging (ASA) conference attended by Coxon, Dunaway and Repp March 26-29. Highlights include session on “Reframing Aging” an initiative to change the ways of communication on aging dispelling ageism and creating positive messaging. Tool kit is available on-line. Explore San Francisco model of contracting with restaurants for meal program and their use of technology (iPads) for checking in congregate meal participants.

9. INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elder Justice Summit – June 15, at the Lodge at Renaissance Sonoma. Event is a coordinate effort between Sonoma/Marin/Napa. Paul Greenwood is keynote speaker. Contact Repp if interested in volunteering. Holewinski plans to attend.
- Repp – Age-Friendly Hiring Event on May 9 from 7-10 a.m. at the Vintners Inn. Information to be emailed.
- Robeson – SCAN Foundation all day conference 9/27/2018 on cutting edge of new initiatives, lunch provided register early.

10. **BREAK** – recess at 2:14 p.m. meeting reconvened at 2:42 p.m.

11. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS:

Advisory Council

- Executive Committee (Eisen) – Previously discussed.
- Housing Committee (Arent) – Presentation from Michael Gause from the Community Development Commission (CDC) Continuum of Care.
- Legislative Committee (Robeson) – Busy time in Sacramento, emergency legislation being proposed. Sheffield reported on Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) program, AC will be contacted when advocacy is needed.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Helman) – Finalized FY 18/19 Area Plan Update. Senior Resource Guide (SRG) Inclusion Policy deferred.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley-Pro-Tem-Open Chair Position) – Need Chair for FY 18/19. Contact Doherty or Kelley if interested. Had better attendance when meeting on Fridays; will review date. No quorum the last 3 meetings. Discussed second integration of Transportation Management Software. Provided feedback to Sonoma Access website.

Workgroups

- Retreat Day August 15, 2018 (Sheppard) – May need to identify new chair. Spain volunteered to be on committee.
- Newsletter (Kelley) – Request to identify new chair of newsletter. Next edition release in December. Newsletter will continue to have content to inform public of work of the AAA and Advisory Council. Regarding outreach:
 - Eisen - Presenting at Sebastopol Rotary on May 9.
 - Spain – Presented to West County Health Center on 4/14/2018; will provide 1 page recap to Repp who will forward to council members.

Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation

- Aging Together (Saip/Repp) – May 9 event covered previously
- Age Friendly Cities (Spain/Arent) – No representation
- California Senior Legislature (CSL)(Robeson) – Previously discussed
- Elder Justice Coalition (Sheppard) – No representation
- My Care, My Plan (Saip) – Successful quarterly workshop; 50 registered to attend
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried/Holewinski/Koagedal/Redding) – Alan Bernstein, UCSF Neurologist was featured speaker. Presentation on Alzheimer’s; information available on SOA website.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – No representation

- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Robeson) – Previously discussed
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)(Saip) – No representation

Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List

- California Congress of Seniors – No update
- Family Violence Prevention Council – No update

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN (ACTION) motion to adjourn. Saip/Black (MSC) motion approved unanimously, meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: ***Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 1PM***