



# Human Services Department

COUNTY OF SONOMA

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### AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
Topaz Room  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## MINUTES

**Present:** Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Terry Kelley, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson

**Absent:** Diane Spain, Rabon Saip

**Staff:** Diane Kaljian, Tracy Repp

**Minutes:** Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME** (Eisen) – meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. all welcomed.
2. **APPROVE JANUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:** (Eisen) (**ACTION**) a motion to approve the January 3, 2018 Executive Committee Minutes. Redding/Black (MSC) to approve minutes as presented; motion approved unanimously. AYES-4, NOES-0. No abstentions.
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Eisen)  
*Robeson joined the meeting 10:06*
  - Advisory Council Vacancies – Applicant interview review – Black, Kelley and Repp conducted the interview, Eisen via telephone. Motion to recommend Susan Fekete to the Advisory Council to fill one At-Large vacancy. Kelley/Black (MSC) motion approved unanimously.
  - Discussion regarding Sheppard, Gore appointee who no longer lives or works in Sonoma County. Committee will allow a 3-month grace period through June 2018. Black will contact Sheppard and report back to Repp/Exec Committee. AAA staff will also follow-up with Supervisor Gore’s office.
  - Black will contact Cynthia Scarborough for interest in joining the Advisory Council.
  - 2 month leave of absence requested by Diane Spain (**ACTION**). Motion to approve up to a 3 month leave of absence to Spain. Redding/Robeson (MSC) motion approved unanimously. AYES-5, NOES-0. No Abstentions.
  - AAA Talking Points Communication Plan – Staff will assist in creating the plan to include locations etc. Execs committee to request each Advisory Council member to prepare a one minute “elevator speech”. Another suggestion was to create a Speakers Bureau.
  - August Retreat Day Workgroup, August, 15, 2018 – At the 2/21/18 AC meeting Eisen will ask for an AC member to volunteer to chair the workgroup. Eisen would like a newer member to volunteer and will make contact in advance of meeting. One idea for theme is how to effectively use social media for advocacy.
  - Nominating Committee – Robeson accepted the Executive Committee request for her to be chair. 2 additions council members are to be selected one by the Executive committee and the other by the Advisory Council members.
  - Older Americans Month Workgroup – Eisen will reach out to an AC member to be chair. Most likely the AC event will be assisting with the Aging Together event

scheduled on May 9, 2018.

- Housing Workgroup – Motion to change the workgroup to a temporary taskforce as a result of the increase need for housing due to fires. Housing Workgroup Chair Arent will be invited to attend the Executive Committee meeting to report out. Kelley/Redding (MSC) motion approved unanimously AYES 5, NOES-0. No abstentions.
- Reschedule 3/7/18 Execs Meeting – the Executive Committee meeting will be rescheduled from March 7, 2018 to March 14, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

#### **4. STAFF REPORT:** (Kaljian/Repp)

- Division Director recruitment closed February 1, 2018. 17 applications were received and requesting an Executive Committee member to assist with interviews. Black and Kelley volunteered.
- Kaljian, Black, and Repp attended the State of the County event “Building Hope & Resiliency” on 2/2/18. Kaljian distributed agenda and “Sonoma County 2017 Annual Report” booklets highlighting Sonoma County priorities. The event focused on Sonoma County economy and future forecast which shows Sonoma County is doing well in light of the fires. Kaljian attended a break-out session on housing and how the rebuild process may take 9-10 years.
- Kaljian reports no new news on Continuing Resolution; Federal government releases Older Americans Act funds when there are 30 days of a continuing resolution. To date only 39% of funds have been released. The non-profit AAAs are hardest hit.
- Older Americans Month – event by Aging Together on May 9, 2018, older worker, business focus. Guest speaker Richard Adler, Distinguished Fellow at the Institute for the Future in Palo Alto and leader in fields of aging and technology. Event scheduled from 7-10am at Vintners Inn/John Ash.
- Aging Together Sonoma County will present an update to the Board of Supervisors on March 13, 2018. Kaljian to provide talking points to Advisory Council members for support of this presentation/funding request.
- The committee agreed to hold a future Advisory Council meeting in the Emerald Room.

#### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Legislative (Robeson) – Committee to discuss California Senior Legislature (CSL) advocacy topics, Long Term Care Services, Opioid Misuse, Assisted Living Waiver, Senior Hunger and Ombudsman. C4A Capitol Day is February 22. Kaljian, Coxon, Repp and Robeson will attend. Will partner with Marin AAA for the meetings with the representatives. Robeson will be attending TACC on 2/21.
- Planning and Funding (Spain-Pro-Tem) – Meeting on 2/7/2018. Black will chair in the absence of Spain.
- Transportation and Mobility (Kelley-Pro-Temp) - Meeting 2/8/2018 discussion with service providers of door to door service and volunteer driver program policies and procedures.

#### **6. WORKGROUP REPORTS:**

- Newsletter (Kelley) – Committee to review next month and provide to Advisory Council for approval.
- Housing (Repp) – Meeting on 2/13/2018 will discuss goal setting and future projects.

#### **7. REVIEW FEBRUARY 21, 2018 DRAFT ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA:** (Repp)

- Add C4A Capitol Day
- Add change of Housing from workgroup to taskforce include inviting chair Arent to report at Executive committee meetings.

- Capitol Day details will be emailed prior to Advisory Council agenda being sent.

**8. ADJOURN** - meeting adjourned at 11:36.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 1:30-2:30pm in the Topaz Room