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**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Topaz Room, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Jen Arent, Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Terry Kelley, Jim Redding, Ruth Robeson, Rabon Saip, Diane Spain
Absent: Jenny Helman
Staff: Diane Kaljian, Tracy Repp
Minutes: Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME:** (Eisen) meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. all welcomed.
2. **APPROVE MARCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:** (Eisen) **(ACTION)** – Motion to approve the March 7, 2018 Executive Committee minutes with a change. Kelley/Black (MSC) to approve minutes with change; motion approved. AYES - 3, NOES - 0; abstentions from Arent, Eisen, Saip and Spain
 - Change staff in attendance; remove Diane Kaljian
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Eisen)
 - Robeson and Staggs will not be seeking reappointment; both will be recognized at their last meeting on 4/18/18, after the Area Plan Public hearing. Both will be asked for exit interviews.
 - Advisory Council Vacancies – Interviews for two applicants on 4/3/18 will be rescheduled. Repp distributed membership list, list by district and a new application. Group discussion regarding current member status of Sheppard.
 - New interview date 4-18-18, panel: Kelley, Eisen, Repp. Decision will be made at May Executive Committee meeting and recommendation to Advisory Council in May.
 - Orientation for Fekete discussed; Kelley, Black and Eisen can orient before the Transportation meeting on 4/12/18.

Robeson joined the meeting 10:15am

- Nominating Committee – Slate of Nominees (Robeson) – Diane Spain for Vice-Chair, Lea Black for Secretary. Judith announced she will not be running for second term as Chair. Kelley advised he is interested and will be added to slate.
 - Eisen will begin outreach speaking engagement starting with the Sebastopol Rotary in May.
 - Reappointment of Arent/Eisen/Holewinski; will request reappointment at 4/18/18 Advisory Council (AC) Meeting.
 - AAA Leadership Award (at May Meeting) – Candidates were discussed and one was chosen. To be announced/awarded at 5/16/18 AC Meeting. Motion to approve recipient; motion approved unanimously. AYES – 8, NOES – 0, no abstentions. Eisen and Kelley will meet in person with recipient after the April Advisory meeting to advise of award.
 - New Member Orientation – discussed previously; goal is to find a date before the 4-18-18 AC.
4. **STAFF REPORT:** (Kaljian/Repp)

- Paul Dunaway, new Adult & Aging Division Director, is transitioning to the new position. Will begin full time starting May 1, 2018.
- Staff Changes – Rhiannon Coxon accepted position in IHSS as a Social Worker Supervisor; she will continue to staff Legislative Committee through June. Kaljian and Repp are interviewing replacement. Spain will create a card for Coxon and will present at the April Advisory Council meeting.
- California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) report – Federal budget signed on 3/23/2018 good news for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs; 10% in IIIB, 7% increase for nutrition, 20% for family caregiver, 25% for IIID, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) was removed from reduction list and added \$2 million to funding. Small increase to Title VII Elder Justice, small increase for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), proposal to eliminate the Senior Corps-Foster Grandparents, Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) elimination was rejected and will continue to receive funding. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly will receive funding. Continued funding for Community Services Black Grant. C4a discussed state and federal budget and the need to re-write parts of the Older Californians Act. Met with Congressperson Ash Kalra to discuss adding back programs that were discontinued. Discussed the California Department of Aging (CDA) and how the agency has historically not been adequately funded. Statewide Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness campaign is happening again this year as June is Elder and Dependent Adult Awareness Month. An event is scheduled on June 7 in Sacramento.
- Board of Supervisors Advocacy-Leadership Award – Carroll L. Estes Older Adult Advocacy Award – the 2018 recipient is Carroll L. Estes in honor of her 80th birthday and her being a champion for older adults throughout her career. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) will be honoring her with a Gold Resolution on 4/17/18. Award is different than the AAA Marge Ling Leadership award; will have a focus on age-friendly activities.
- Sonoma County Board of Supervisors allocated county funding to Legal Aid for outreach to the senior population. Advocacy from Advisory Council needed for senior nutrition programs as county funding to nutrition providers may not continue in FY18/19. Eisen is meeting with Marianne McBride of Council on Aging.
- Human Services and Adult & Aging presented at the 4/10/18 Board of Supervisors to request approval of funding and creation of programs from Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver (HCBA), Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), and California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) Elder Abuse Victims. Programs are a collaborative with Human Services and Health Department.
- Human Services Department (HSD) will be announcing layoffs effective July 1 as well as positions added to operate the HCBA, HDAP and CalOES VOCA grants.
- Report on Linkages to Senior Housing (LTSH). The pilot program was funded through June 2018. HSD will not be requesting refunding of program.
- American Society on Aging Conference Recap – March 3/26-3/29 – Attended by Arent and Repp. Highlights: Social Determinants of Health was a reoccurring theme in many sessions; suggests a presentation to the Advisory Council from the County Health Department. The “Reframing Aging” session focused on how there is a need to “reframe” how we discuss aging, using positive words, ask questions in different ways to tell the stories in a positive way. Also a great future Advisory Council presentation.
- Older Americans Month in May (OAA) – Outreach Tool Kit has been distributed. There were no volunteers to start a committee. Repp suggested the “selfie-challenge” could be a fun activity. Tool Kit to be sent out by Repp to committee members.
- California Senior Legislation (CSL) Representation – Applications due 4/23/18, need 25 signatures, and be 55+. Continuing asking for representation from Advisory Council.

Application will be sent again and announced at Advisory Council meeting.

- Senior Rally Day 5/8/18, 10:00am – Will ask Advisory Council again, but if no interest, Sonoma County will not attend.
- May 9, Aging Together event at the Vintner’s Inn, 7-10am, details to be emailed.
- Triple-A Council of California (TACC) representative is needed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Housing (Arent) – No meeting in March. April meeting will have a presentation from Senior Placement Services.
- Legislative (Robeson) – Not at meeting no quorum.
- Planning and Funding (Helman) – Working on Goals and Objectives.
- Transportation and Mobility (Kelley-Pro-Tem) – No meeting in March. Cloverdale transportation contract ended.

6. WORKGROUP REPORTS:

- August Retreat Day 8/15/2018 - Chair, Sheppard. No update was provided. Kelley will reach out to Sheppard and assist with the planning.
- Newsletter (Kelley) – Distributed in March, next edition will be December with article on Reframing Aging.

7. REVIEW APRIL 18, 2018 DRAFT ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA: (Repp)

- Leadership Award recipient identified.
- Nomination Committee – last opportunity to take nominations.
- 2:00 pm item - change to 18-19 and correct name of conference, American Society on Aging.
- Add Triple A Council of California (TACC) under Chair Report.
- Agenda approved with changes.

8. OTHER:

- Saip - December 31, 2019 last 10,000 baby boomers will turn 60.
- Redding – Asked Kaljian how much revenue will decline due to 2017 Fires. Kaljian advised midyear budget allocation hearings in a few weeks but estimate is approximate \$21 million.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN (ACTION) Redding/Kelley (MSC) meeting adjourned at 11:35 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2018