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**AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, November 9, 2017
Carnelian Room, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Lea Black, Sumedha Mona Khanna, Rabon Saip, Terry Kelley, **via tel-con:** Jani Sheppard

Absent: Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Ruth Robeson

Guests: Dean Brittingham (Sebastopol Area Senior Center), Stan Gow (consumer), Anna Grant (Healdsburg Senior Center), Patricia Kearns (Santa Rosa citizen), Janice Sexton (Women Driving Women), Erin Stroud (Windsor Senior Center), Diane Sullens (Healdsburg Senior Advisory Commission), Denise Wilbanks (Vintage House)

Via Phone: Elece Hempel and Lauren Garibaldi (Petaluma People Services Center iRIDE, Emily Heinzelman, (West County Community Services/Russian River Senior Resource Center), Michele Osmon (Catholic Charities), Emily Betts (Petaluma Transit/Paratransit)

Staff: Norine Doherty

Minutes: Victoria González-Allen

- 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS** (Kelley, Interim Chair) meeting called to order at 1:06 p.m.
Welcome and introductions.
- 2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2, 2017 AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL SONOMA ACCESS COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONSORTIUM (SACTS) MEETING MINUTES AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (ACTION):** (Kelley, Interim Chair)
 - o Motion to approve the June 2, 2017 Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services (SACTS) Consortium meeting minutes and the September 14, 2017 Transportation & Mobility Committee meeting minutes. Black/Saip (MSC) to approve as presented; motion passed by majority – AYES – 4, NOES – 0, Khanna abstained.
- 3. COMMITTEE MEMBER ROUNDTABLE CHECK IN:** (Kelley, Interim Chair)
 - o Brittingham – Sebastopol Area Senior Center (SASC) facilities temporarily closed during fires due to technical difficulties. Assisted Analy High School Shelter in transporting evacuees to Ives Park for bathing facilities. SASC distributed face masks. Had no phone for 3 days. Will get something formal written up for volunteer drivers in emergency. CERT program would coordinate.
 - o Stroud – Windsor Senior Center (WSC) closed so clients could shelter in place. Windsor High School was used as the “cooling center” (shelter). Second week WSC closed one day due to poor air quality.
 - o Grant – Healdsburg Senior Center (HSC) closed until 10/16/17 to allow Grant to take lead role at the Healdsburg Community Center emergency evacuation shelter.
 - o Wilbanks - Vintage House was evacuated, closed for week, clients and staff impacted.
 - o Kearns - evacuated to Finley Center and volunteered during week-long stay, operations well organized.
 - o Sexton - evacuated from Windsor residence to Walmart parking lot. None of the 9 Women

Driving Women drivers were affected by the fires, no demand for rides during the first week. Second week of fires offered free rides to fire victims, not much activity.

- Saip – was in a potential evacuation zone and non-driver and unsure of transport if evacuated; highlighted the need to get to know your neighbor for emergency situations. Encouraged to map his neighborhood to identify assets available during an emergency.
- Khanna – residence was evacuated. Khanna was out of country, arrived back during fires. Airline offered updates in Sonoma County and her neighborhood in particular. KSRO did well at distributing information. Some communities have CERT. Oakmont area updates resident information every six months, information such as pets in homes etc., useful website: NextDoor.
- Doherty – evacuated and worked at Finley Center shelter. Majority of Finley calls received for donations or volunteer. Leverage community mobilization for volunteer driver recruitment press release.
- Kelley – out of town, home residence not affected. Through Advisory Council would like to create a committee as to how to respond to transit needs as a volunteer during emergencies.
- Heinzelman – Guerneville area not affected; was ready to help if needed.
- Osmon – evacuated twice. Catholic Charities shelter open right away to accommodate evacuees, increased beds, housed homeless and patients released from hospital. Immigration Department/Mexican consulate helped replace immigration paperwork. Set up in Shaw Center and provided case managers, dispersed food and gift cards. Helped Finley Center. Several positions open to help manage displaced people. Continuing to make “Home Alone” program calls to seniors. Lost one client at Journey’s End mobile home park. Volunteers were able to pick-up medication for clients. Shaw Center closed for two weeks. Because of the close proximity to Coffey Park, the agency had to be cleaned.
- Hempel – PPSC was able to keep all services operational, case management, daily check in calls. Petaluma Bounty opened up to receive food deliveries and distribute to shelters. SHARE housing program, opened up to short and long term housing, currently serving 130 people. iRIDE program not operational initially. Once FEMA arrived able to process 70 iRIDE applicants’ paperwork. Over 3000 calls offering rooms for the SHARE Housing program.
- Betts - Petaluma Transit continued regular services, transit and paratransit, low volume of riders, shuttled evacuees from evacuation centers to shower centers. Free rides for all for a week. Discussing continuing providing free rides to people still in need.
- Sheppard –client base/family mostly affected by the Redwood Valley Fires. Worked at shelters alongside Rich Cowart (Cloverdale Senior Center (CSC) Board and T&M Committee member). Cowart passed away a day after working shelter. Cloverdale Citrus Fair shelter provided cots, blankets and other supplies. Cloverdale schools closed. Heaviest impact was covering for Meals on Wheels. Food plates made at the Citrus fair and delivered to clients. Face masks received from local police department. Lost internet, created a phone tree. Cancelled senior produce market.
- Sullens – Local Assistance Center was helpful.
- Gow - neighborhood is part of COPE; good time to start talking up the program again. Posed the question; in the moment who do you call if you are single person without transportation?
- Red File/emergency contact file/VILE of Life ideas for emergency contact information.

4. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ROUNDTABLE REPORT OUT:** (Kelley, Interim Chair)

- How did agencies respond? Addressed above.
- How have your priorities changed? Addressed above.

- How can we improve and help each other? Addressed above.

5. **VISIONING FOR THE FUTURE:** (Kelley, Interim Chair /Doherty)

- Measure M visioning – Measure M ¼ cent transportation sales tax, conversations with SCTA re: funds for senior services, good, better, best budget scenarios requested. Fires will affect project prioritization.
- Caltrans updates – awarded 5310 Large UZA funding for current program expansion and Small/Rural funding for Russian River feeder shuttle for FY18-20. Standard agreements anticipated in coming months. If received in a timely manner there will be no gap in funding. Submitting Caltrans Consolidated Service Feasibility Study grant proposal in second funding round due to fires. Assisted Rides/trip planning software and Planeteria/Sonoma Access contracts executed.
- Next meeting is a provider training on Assisted Rides software on December 14, 2017.
- Sonoma Access Website update in process; contact Doherty for ideas and resources to add.
- MTC/Drennen would like to participate in future disaster preparedness conversations.
- Caltrans 5310 FY 18-20 budget includes line item for travel vouchers.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Sebastopol Area Senior Center – 2018 Classic Car Calendar fundraiser is May 26, 2018. Calendars available now for sale. Legacy Story, holiday supplies store is open in Sebastopol.
- Windsor Senior Center, December 2, 2017 Flea Market and Bake Sale.
- Healdsburg Senior Center, Trunk Show and Sale at Redwood Credit Union November 17, 4:30-6:30. Healdsburg Senior Appreciation Dinner, first week of December.
- Vintage House – fundraiser for November 11 weekend is sold out.
- Santa Rosa Quilt Guild – are distributing quilts, if you know of someone with a need go to srqg.org or mqsc.org

7. **ADJOURN** (Kelley) meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING-**PROVIDER MEETING ONLY**
Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 1-2:30PM
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