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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
Carnelian Room
1:00 p.m.

UNOFFICIAL DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Jen Arent, Lea Black, Jenny Helman, Peter Holewinski, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Diane Spain

Absent: Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Terry Kelley, Bonnie Koagedal, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Deanna Shaat, Don Streeper

Guests: Fred Campbell (Public), Crista Chelemedos (Senior Advocacy Services – SAS), Becky Ennis (Cloverdale Senior Multipurpose Center), Emily Heinzelman (West County Community Services), Sean Madison (Public), Mike Mullins (Legal Aid), Nancy Powers-Stone (Redwood Caregiver Resource Center), Judy Rice (Public), Holly Rylance (Alzheimer's Associations), Cynthia Scarborough (Public), Anita Tanenberg (Petaluma People Services Center – PPSC), Renee Tolliver (Council on Aging – COA), Marco Yakou (Legal Aid)

Minutes: Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Spain for Kelley) – meeting called to order at 1:02 PM. Spain acknowledged quorum not present – meeting will continue unofficially. All welcome and introductions made.
2. **APPROVAL OF JUNE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION):** (Spain for Kelley) – Minutes not approved quorum not present; minutes will be approved at the October 17, 2018 Advisory Council meeting.
3. **CHAIR REPORT** (Spain for Kelley):
 - Membership Update
 - September 5, 2018 the Executive Committee approved a three-month Leave of Absence for Advisory Council Member Eisen; return date is January, 2019.
 - Five At-Large Vacancies.
 - Three Advisory Council Applications for Appointments (**ACTION**) – no action taken appointments will be made at the October 17, 2018 meeting.

Becky Ennis joined the meeting 1:08 PM

- All three applicants introduced themselves and gave a brief biography.

Crista Chelemedos joined the meeting 1:10 PM

Renee Tolliver joined the meeting 1:11pm

- Reappointment of Spain and Streeper parked until the October 17, 2018 meeting.

Nancy Powers-Stone, Anita Tanenberg joined the meeting 1:15 PM

- Presentations at Advisory Council Meetings (Spain for Kelley) – Requested input for presentation topics.
 - Mental Health Issues – need versus programs available to meet needs; elder component, differentiation between dementia and mental illness. Holewinski may have leads. Mental Health quick guide to be emailed to Advisory Council (AC) members.
 - Loneliness – further discussion/definition
 - Senior Peer Counseling – program availability in Sonoma County
 - Update on ROC Sonoma County
 - LGBTQI Community – Nancy and Buz
- AAA Committee Membership – a brief description of each committee: Planning & Funding, Legislative, Transportation & Mobility, and Housing was provided to AC audience. Holewinski will sign up for the Housing Committee and the Transportation & Mobility Committee.
- California Senior Legislature (CSL) – Sonoma County representative is needed for CSL. Redding gave brief description of responsibilities. The CSL follow senior issues, legislation and advocacy for seniors. Fact sheet in AC member packets. Dunaway advised that a person should be identified by next AC meeting.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) –representative needed for TACC; does not have to be the AC Chair. Fact sheet in AC member packets. Dunaway advised that a person should be identified by next AC meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE (Black)

- Read a thank you card from Diane Kaljian.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Dunaway)

- Announcement – Katie Parrish has been promoted to a permanent Program Analyst for the Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
- Award letter received from California Department of Aging (CDA) advising Older Americans Act will receive a funding increase for FY18/19. Funding increase is approximately \$443,000 which represents approximately a 20% increase. Unknown if the funding is one-time-only to baseline or if this is a new baseline.
- Board of Supervisors (BOS) - during the June budget hearings, approved an increase of \$300,000 to nutrition programs from general funds.
- Applied for Giving Circle Grant for LGBTQI training. Expect to hear back by September 21. Focus of training will include for-profits and non-profit service providers.
- A&A in partnership with Employment & Training (ET) and Family Youth and Children (FYC) applied for a housing grant which is focused on housing for victims of domestic violence. Application to build resources/supply of housing. Yakou (Legal Aid) advised YMCA and COA may have data on housing.

Lea Black left the meeting 1:38 PM

- Legislation Updates:
 - Fiscal Federal year coming to close on October 1, 2018
 - National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) – progress being made with a bi-partisan bill to fund the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS).
 - Level funding for most core Older Americans Act programs; increases for meals, Title VI Native American aging programs, supportive services and caregiver services. Proposal to eliminate State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)/Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program (HICAP) was rejected. Level funding for Elder Justice Programs;

Ombudsman, elder abuse and neglect programs, elder rights support activities and Elder Justice Initiative. Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) received some increase in funding.

6. INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ennis (Cloverdale Senior Center) - Cloverdale trying to form Health Action chapter, meeting second Tuesday of the month 1-2:30 PM at the Senior Center.
- Yakou (Legal Aid) - not taking on new bankruptcy cases. Can be a resource for any client that comes through the door.
- Mullins (Legal Aid) – splitting a supervisor position – manages services, will add immigration attorneys, and disaster attorneys.
- Tanenberg (PPSC) - holding workshops in conjunction with YWCA of Marin for 50+ women to retrain to be employed; on October 1, and 8, from, 9:30-4:00 PM flyers provided.
- Chelemedos (SAS) – Medicare open enrollment starts October 10, for help call Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).
- Repp (AAA) – distributed Senior Resource Guide postcards which provide the link to the on-line guide. The postcards will go in the IHSS ongoing client packet, will come up with a distribution plan.

Power Outage meeting continued

7. BREAK – recess at 1:53 PM, meeting reconvened at 2:05 PM

Chelemedos, Ennis, Heinzelman, Madison, Mullins, Powers-Stone, Rice, Rylance, Scarborough, Tolliver, Tanenberg, and Yakou, left the meeting 2:05 PM

8. PROJECT UPDATES: (Repp/Doherty/Parrish)

- AAA Website (Repp) - launched
- Senior Resource Guide Cards (Repp) – available for pick-up
- Falls Prevention Awareness Week (Doherty) – on 9-11-18 the Board of Supervisors (BOS) signed a resolution declaring September 22-28 Fall Prevention Awareness Week
- Transit/Paratransit Coordinating Committee (Doherty) – Sonoma County Transit and City of Santa Rosa purchased new paratransit vehicles. Sonoma Access website in development stages. SB1 – Transportation Solutions for Sonoma County fact sheet distributed
- My Care, My Plan (Parrish) – flyer distributed for 10-16-18 Advance Care Planning Directive workshop; will be emailed to the Advisory Council members.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS:

• Advisory Council

- Executive Committee (Spain for Kelley) – Community meetings will be reported on by participants versus calling each meeting out.
- Housing (Arent) – meeting on September 11, 2018. Meeting focus to brainstorm and come up with 3-4 items to focus on. Most interest by committee members was a universal application for affordable housing. Organize community workshops regarding affordable housing. Increase supply of affordable housing options; looking at ADU, Tiny Houses, SHARE.
- Legislative Committee (Redding) – There are only three Advisory Council members on the committee Streeper, Redding and Picker. Low attendance at meeting only one member of public attended. Legislative Committee is open to Providers and Staff. Send email to Public about participating on Transportation and Mobility and Legislative Committees.
- Planning and Funding Committee (Helman) – Met on 9-5. Received promise letter from California Department of Aging (CDA) advising of increase to Older Americans Act funding

for FY18/19 – waiting to receive official contract. Working on timeline for Planning & Funding activities. Starting service provider performance review process.

○ Transportation and Mobility Committee (Open) – previously reported.

● **Workgroups**

○ Annual Planning Day Recap – August 15, 2018 (Spain)

- Small breakouts worked well
- Great presentation by Sara Obstarczyk

○ Newsletter (Kelley) – looking for a new lead/workgroup chair. Newsletter intention was for people to learn about Area Agency on Aging and Advisory Council. Discussed distribution – mailing to service providers, take to outreach events. Discussed revising style/format to tri-fold brochure. Group discussion on purpose and distribution. How to get out to community. AC member's commitment to distribute newsletter. In lieu of October presentation at Advisory Council, use the time to work on newsletter changes.

● **Community Meetings**

- Aging Together/Age Friendly Cities (Arent, Spain) – no report
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried/Holewinski/Koagedal) – no report
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – no report

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN (Spain for Kelley) meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 17 at 1:00 PM