



Human Services Department COUNTY OF SONOMA

SONOMA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
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AAA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING



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Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Carnelian Room
1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Jen Arent, Lea Black, Judith Eisen, Dorothy Fried, Susan Fekete, Terry Kelley, Bonnie Koagedal, Susan Kornblatt Idell, Bob Picker, Jim Redding, Rabon Saip, Alain Serkissian, Diane Spain

Absent: Jenny Helman, Peter Holewinski, Don Streeper

Guests: Becky Ennis, Cloverdale Senior Center; Anna Grant, Healdsburg Senior Center; Josh Horn, Mirabel Lodge; Jennifer Mangosong-Shankle, Council on Aging (COA); Anita Tanenberg, Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC); Renee Tolliver, Council on Aging (COA)

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

Minutes: Victoria González-Allen

1. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Eisen) – meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m. all welcomed and introductions made.
2. **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH GOLD RESOLUTION** (Kaljian) – resolution presented and read.
3. **APPROVAL OF APRIL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES (ACTION):** (Eisen) – Motion to approve April 18, 2018 Advisory Council minutes. Fried/Black (MSC) to approve minutes as presented; motion approved unanimously. AYES - 13, NOES - 0, no abstentions.
4. **CHAIR REPORT** (Eisen)
 - Membership Update – review of recent resignations; advised of 5 vacancies. 2 potential interviews within a week. Dunaway has reached out to Latino community.
 - Kaljian will be retiring in July. She will attend meetings through June.
5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FY 18/19**
 - Ballot included in Advisory Council member’s folder. Eisen advised members to complete ballot and leave in folder.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Spain)
 - Cards distributed to members for signature (Kornblatt-Idell, Eckels).
 - No correspondence
7. **DIRECTOR’S REPORT** (Dunaway/Kaljian)
 - Dunaway
 - County Budget: Human Services Department (HSD) presented a balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors. County budget hearings during the first two weeks of June. None of

the 13 HSD positions identified to be cut resulted in any layoffs due to reassignment or retirement. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) facing 107.5 positions for layoff; 70 of those positions are vacant. Coordination between departments to reassign BHS employees to other departments. BHS cuts will also impact contracts.

- State Budget: May revise released Friday May 11, looks positive. Governor Brown has set aside maximum allowed for "Rainy Day" fund. Home Safe Program, IHSS funding and SNAP Ed were included in the budget. Nutrition programs were not. Advocacy needed for nutrition funding at local level. Advocacy letter from Council for Nutrition and MSSP.
- Age Friendly Business/Hiring event scheduled for 5/9/18 cancelled due to low registration.
- North Bay Elder Justice Summit scheduled for 6/15/18. AAA can register four council members to attend event.

Ennis joined the meeting 1:20.

- 1st Annual Carroll Estes Leadership Award given to Carroll Estes on 5/8/2018 at BOS.
- Kaljian
 - State Budget did not include \$17 million nutrition funding request from California Area Agencies on Aging (c4a), c4a will be requesting assistance with advocacy.
 - Ombudsman and MSSP also requested additional funding. Advocacy letters needed from Advisory Council and Legislative Committee (LC) to elected officials.

Horn joined the meeting 1:20

- Attended National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) Annual Policy Briefing in Washington D.C. 9 California AAA representatives in attendance. Participated in six legislative visits. Received positive feedback from legislators and staff regarding increasing Older Americans Act funding and found most were more informed on aging issues. Kaljian advised that funding increases will assist local programs, but are not keeping pace with the cost of doing business as funding has been flat for many years.

Tolliver joined meeting 1:25

- n4a Policy Priorities document circulated by Kaljian, electronic versions available.
- Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (PSA 28) run as a non-profit agency will close effective June 30, 2018. First right of refusal goes to the Napa and Solano counties to become the AAA. Until a decision is made, Department of Aging (CDA) will manage finances and contracts. On CDA's request, Sonoma County AAA will manage the IID Health Promotion programs and the Ombudsman program for 6 months, from 7/1/18 to 12/31/18. Surrounding AAAs are being asked to manage other programs.

Grant joined the meeting 1:28

- Repp
 - Economic Impact of Seniors document that was distributed by Carroll Estes at the 1st Annual Carroll Estes Leadership Award at the BOS on 5/8/18.
 - Elder Justice Summit Coordinator, Donata Mikulik is requesting Advisory Council members to volunteer to be session monitors and participate in debriefing. Contact Repp if interested.

8. PRESENTATION: Age-Friendly Sonoma County Renee Tolliver, Age-Friendly Coordinator

Mirabel Lodge family joined meeting 1:38

Fontenot, Reagan & Sydow joined meeting 1:55

Glentzer, Sims joined meeting 1:57

9. INFORMATION SHARING/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS (ALL)

- Grant - City of Healdsburg close to starting volunteer transportation program; waiting on approval of budget, fleet will be city owned vehicles.
- Advisory Council Member Fekete – published a book *Ten Boxes: A Story Of Stuff*.

10. AAA LEADERSHIP AWARD 2018 (Eisen)

- Eisen – provided background on criteria for awarding the Leadership Award, and with great honor, announced the 2018 recipient, Alain Serkissian.

- Presentation of Award to Alain Serkissian and photo opportunities.

Fontenot, Glentzer, Reagan, Sims, Sydow left the meeting

11. BREAK: recess called at 2:10 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 2:26 p.m.

- Fried – Advised Monday, May 21st at 3:00 p.m. will be meeting with Supervisor Gorin with Fried, Picker, Kornblatt Idell, Kaljian and Dunaway.

12. PROJECT UPDATES: (Repp/Doherty)

- Repp – Senior Resource Guide (SRG) on-line version in final review process, expect to launch by end of June.
- Doherty – AAA applied for and was awarded a Caltrans Sustainable Communities planning grant for comprehensive transportation study/needs assessment 2018-2021. Repp recognized and congratulated Doherty for excellent work.
- Doherty – State advised a \$20K increase to SNAP-Ed funding to support the Matter of Balance (MOB) program. Launched Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) funding for 2018, \$5000 worth of coupon booklets to allocate to senior nutrition providers.

13. SUB-COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY MEETING REPORTS:

Advisory Council

- Executive Committee (Eisen) – Spoke at the Sebastopol Rotary Club on 5/9/18 as part of AAA Outreach. One person showed interest in becoming an Advisory Council Member.
- Housing (Arent) – No meeting in May. Attended the Fair Housing Conference. Arent circulated California Association of Area Agencies on Aging demographic/infographic document.
- Legislative Committee (Redding) – May revise not released at the time of May meeting. Legislative Aides advised SB1040 passed out of Senate unanimously, is with Assembly. Bill allows for additional hours for IHSS clients/providers when a state emergency is declared and allows for expeditious reissuance of replacement warrants. Extensive discussion regarding California Senior Legislature (CSL) and lack of representation from Sonoma County. Legislative committee would like to advertise to the general public to recruit for the 2 vacant positions. Age minimum 55 and 25 signatures are required.
- Planning and Funding Committee (PF) (Repp) - 3rd quarter performance measures reviewed. Completed monitoring. Received 1819 Older Americans Act allocation from state. Staff will make allocation recommendations to PF for approval of full Advisory Council at June meetings.
- Transportation and Mobility Committee (Kelley-Pro-Tem-Open Chair Position) – Committee met last week and did not have a quorum. Discussed how to encourage Advisory Council membership and attendance. Possible solution to change time/day when committee meets. November and April committee minutes will be forwarded to Executive Committee for review and approval.

Workgroups

- Newsletter (Kelley) – No new information to update.
- August Retreat Day (Spain) – Repp sent preliminary questions to Advisory Council to solicit topics for retreat day. Workgroup will meet after June Executive Committee meeting on 6/6/18 from 11:30AM – 1:00PM Workgroup members: Spain (Chair), Black and Kelley, Repp to staff.

Community Meetings – Advisory Council Participation

- Aging Together (Saip/Repp) – No meeting in May.
- Age Friendly Cities (Spain/Arent) – Today's presentation provided update.

- California Senior Legislature (CSL) (Open) – Reported previously.
- Elder Justice Coalition (Open) – Elder Justice Summit on 6/15/18; four AAA passes available, volunteer opportunity. Arent is attending. Staff González-Allen to email link to council members.
- My Care, My Plan (Saip) – 4/24/19 meeting; reviewed Advance Healthcare Directive presentations. Discussion of appropriate use of language for Dementia, Dr. Seuss. Advance Healthcare Directive presentation on 7/17/18 at Redwood Credit Union (RCU).
- Section on Aging/Santa Rosa (Fried/Holewinski/Koagedal/Redding) – Speakers were featured in Sonoma Seniors Today – Council on Aging (COA) program California Hope: crisis counseling and interventions.
- Senior Care Connection/Petaluma (Streeper) – Not able to attend.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) (Open) – Currently looking for Advisory Council representative.
- Transit-Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC) (Saip) – Not able to attend.

Community/Advocacy Meetings – Watch List

- California Congress of Seniors – nothing to report
- Family Violence Prevention Council – nothing to report

14. OTHER

- Serkissian discussed Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) AB2233 – Current program funds 3,700 beds state-wide. Proposal requests 18,500 beds. Up for renewal in approximately a year. Serkissian met with Supervisors Gore and Hopkins to educate them on this bill. Existing AAA talking points helpful when meeting with Supervisors.
- Kelley – Attended Los Cien meeting – Discussion focused on the census, would like AC members to help educate community of importance. Add to Legislative committee as an action item.
- Senior Expo on Saturday 5/19/18, at Finley Center, Persons Senior Wing from 9AM-12PM
- Alzheimer’s Association Conference on 6/7/18 in Rohnert Park at Double Tree – Contact Doherty if interested.

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN (ACTION) – Motion to adjourn. Kelley/Black (MSC) motion approved unanimously, meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 1PM*