



### AAA Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
Zoom Meeting  
1:00 p.m.

### Draft Minutes

**Present:** Jenny Helman (Chair), Cynthia Scarborough (Vice Chair), Jen Arent, Rick Baum, Lea Black, Peter Holewinski, Terry Kelley, Hal King, Jim Redding, Rosa Reynoza, Judy Rice, Alain Serkissian, Diane Spain, Don Streeper, Ashley Ward

**Absent:** Dorothy Fried, Bonnie Koagedal, Sean Madison, Deanna Shaat

**Guests:** Marrienne McBride (Council on Aging - COA), Nancy Powers-Stone (Redwood Caregiver Resource Center – RCRC), Katie Davis (Sebastopol Area Senior Center – SASC), Crista Barnett Nelson (Senior Advocacy Services), Ronit Rubinoff (Legal Aid), Michael Dowdel (Legal Aid), Nicole Espinosa (Catholic Charities), Emily Heinzelman (West County Community Services), Karina Zappa (Circuit Rider), Trayce Beards (Ombudsman Volunteer), Anthy O’Brien (Resident), Melanie Hall (Cloverdale Senior Center), Renee Tolliver (COA), Amy Holter (Catholic Charities), Pamela Swan (Catholic Charities), Corey Sabatino (COA), John Pavik (Catholic Charities), Monte Cimino (PPSC), Shelley Dombroski (Alzheimer’s Association), Brenda Paulucci (Ceres Community Project), Cathryn Couch (Ceres Community Project), Nancy Gastonguay (Coastal Seniors)

**Staff:** Paul, Dunaway, Tracy Repp, Kathleen Cortez, Vanessa Finnigan,

**Minutes:** Bron Anderson

1. **Welcome & Introductions (Helman)** – Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM all welcome and introductions made.
2. **Approval of February 2021 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes (Helman)**
  - **(Motion)** Reynoza/Black (MSC) to approve February 17, 2021 Advisory Council meeting minutes. Approved Unanimously. AYES – 15, NOES – 0, Abstentions - 0
3. **Requests for Proposals (RFP) Funding Recommendation (Spain/Repp)**
  - Review of Funding Recommendations
  - Public Comment
    - John Pavik (Catholic Charities) – Read letter out loud from Helen Metzger in support of Alzheimer’s Day Care Program
    - Marrienne McBride (Council on Aging) – Comment on funding for Adult Day Program funding. Council on Aging has increased the number of clients across 4 sites over the last 3 years. It will be difficult to maintain the program with level of funding in the recommendation.
      - Additionally, they see a huge need for Alzheimer’s Day program. Advocates for funding the program
    - Couch (Ceres Community Project) – Ceres provides medically tailored meals for very low-income clients. Went from 1600 to 5400 meals per week over the course of 2020. Amount recommended for funding (19% of request) would end up being 2% of need for the program to run.

- Dombrowski (Alzheimer's Association) – Thanks Advisory Council for funding. Acknowledges comments about Alzheimer's Day program and expresses concerns for the clients who need Alzheimer's Day services.
- Powers-Stone (Redwood Caregiver Resource Center) – Expresses support for Alzheimer's Day Care program to be funded.
- Swan (Catholic Charities) – Expresses support for Alzheimer's Day program at Council on Aging. AAA Funding is vital core funding that is supported by other partner funding to support the program.
- Cimino (Petaluma People Services Center) – Expresses appreciation for the funding for PPSC's programs
- Advisory Council Comments
  - Rice – Asked for clarification of the process of evaluation
    - Explanation of the process – Proposals read and scored by Proposal Review Committee. Proposal scores and staff funding recommendations are provided to Planning & Funding Committee for consideration for funding. Planning & Funding reviews, modifies if necessary, and approves funding recommendations. Planning & Funding recommendations brought to Advisory Council for final review and approval.
  - Dunaway addressed the Council on Aging proposal for Alzheimer's Day Program; it scored high enough for consideration but needed additional details on how program would be provided in person. Program could be funded at a later date.
  - Conflict of Interest
    - Serkissian has conflict of interest with Transportation Funding Recommendation
  - **(Motion)** Rice/Black (MSC) to approve the Funding Recommendations for Older American's Act contracts with proposers from Request for Proposals. AYES – 14, NOES – 0, Abstentions - 1

#### 4. Chair Report (Helman)

- Vacant Secretary Position
  - Hal King has volunteered as candidate for AAA Advisory Council Secretary
  - **(Motion)** Baum/Black (MSC) to nominate Hal King as Secretary for AAA Advisory Council. AYES – 14, NOES – 0, Abstentions - 1
- Committee Vice Chairs
  - Committees will be adding vice chairs in April meetings. Details will be included during committee meetings
- TACC (Triple A Council of California) Report – (Scarborough for Helman)
  - Pilot project by gerontology intern to bring an aging lesson plan to 9th graders.
  - Project director for Master Plan for Aging in California gave update on the Master Plan for Aging
  - Vaccination – Advised that [www.myturn.ca.gov](http://www.myturn.ca.gov) is a resource for notification about vaccine appointments or call (833) 422-4255

#### 5. Correspondence (King)

- Letter from Congressperson Mike Thompson thanking the council for Zoom meeting held on February 25, 2021 with members of his office

## **6. Director's Report (Dunaway)**

- Capitol Day
  - Met with Congressperson Thompson on Feb 25. Congressperson very engaged and interested in AAA programs (formerly worked for a AAA)
- American Rescue Plan
  - Additional round of federal emergency funding is coming. Unknown the amount of allocation
  - Increases to Nutrition Programs, APS, Housing and Homelessness
- Vaccines
  - 206,000 vaccinations provided in Sonoma County to date
  - Supervisor Gorin has held 2 older adult service forums on vaccines
- Great Plates Delivered
  - Began in 2020: a program where older adults are provided restaurant meals. Sonoma County declined initially as county cost too high. Possibility that program will be reimbursed at 100% by FEMA, which could allow Sonoma County to join program
- Aging Together Workgroup
  - Restructuring around the core pillars of Aging Together

## **7. Information Sharing / Public Announcements (All)**

- Beards – Concern about council going into breakout rooms on Zoom to talk about a funding decision
- McBride – Interns have been calling 3000 older adults on their program list to see if they face any barriers to vaccine. Helps to secure transportation for vaccines
- Barnett Nelson – No new COVID cases in RCFEs for 3 weeks
- Finnigan – March is Older Californians Nutrition Month. Recognition for our providers for their work during the pandemic and beyond
- Davis (SASC) – Thanks council for funding transportation services. 95% of staff and volunteers are vaccinated. Looking forward to meeting with County for guidance on reopening
- Zappa – The Center for Social and Environmental Stewardship (CSFES or The Center) will be changing their name officially to Circuit Rider Community Services

## **8. Advisory Council Committee Reports**

- Civic Engagement Committee
  - Speakers from Santa Rosa Junior College on courses for older adults and careers
  - Committee is rethinking its purpose and will continue planning on direction
- Housing Committee
  - Speaker about the Assisted Living Waiver Program
  - Looking to support more housing programs for middle and low-income adults
- Planning and Funding Committee
  - Updating goals and objectives for the Four-Year Area Plan Update for FY2021-22
- Transportation and Mobility Workgroup
  - Assisted Rides software program training for volunteer driver coordinators
  - Set Disaster Planning as a goal for the upcoming year

## **9. Meeting Adjourned at 2:51PM**