



### AAA Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021  
Zoom Meeting  
1:00 p.m.

### Draft Minutes

**Present:** Jenny Helman (Chair), Cynthia Scarborough (Vice Chair), Hal King (Secretary), Jen Arent, Rick Baum, Lea Black, Kevin Gonyo, Peter Holewinski, Terry Kelley, Sean Madison, Anthy O'Brien, Jim Redding, Judy Rice, Diane Spain, Don Streeper, Ashley Ward Baker

**Absent:** Dorothy Fried, Alain Serkissian, Rosa Reynoza, Deanna Shaat

**Guests:** Marrienne McBride (Council on Aging - COA), Nancy Powers-Stone (Redwood Caregiver Resource Center – RCRC) Katie Davis (Sebastopol Area Senior Center – SASC), Karina Zappa (Circuit Rider), Trayce Beards (Ombudsman Volunteer), Monte Cimino (Petaluma People Services Center-PPSC), Corey Sabatino (COA), Crista Barnett Nelson (Senior Advocacy Services), Renee Tolliver (COA), Tim Johnson

**Presenters:** Supervisor Chris Coursey (Sonoma County Board of Supervisors)

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

**Minutes:** Bron Anderson

1. **Welcome & Introductions (Helman)** – Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM all welcome and introductions made.
2. **Approval of April 2021 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes (Helman)**
  - **(Motion)** Baum/Black (MSC) to approve April 21, 2021 Advisory Council meeting minutes. Approved Unanimously. AYES – 16, NOES – 0, Abstentions - 0
3. **Presentation: District 3 Supervisor Chris Coursey: Introduction, Discussion and Q&A**
  - Supervisor Coursey reads the Board Resolution recognizing May as Older Americans Month in Sonoma County
  - Notes that activities of the Aging Together Workgroup really brought the issues faced by older adults to the forefront of his work
  - Wants to focus on bringing community stakeholders together to work on education about what older adults face
  - Issues of importance for Supervisor Coursey
    - Food Insecurity
    - Transportation – provide vouchers for people in more rural areas to have access to private ride services
    - Housing - particularly creating denser, more affordable housing inside city limits
    - Mental Health for Older Adults – impacts of isolation
  - Questions/Comments
    - Baum – Affordable Housing is a huge issue for older adults in Sonoma County. How can we get a better collaborative, but committed policy for housing in Sonoma County?

- Local control is a guiding factor for municipalities. This makes it difficult to find inroads in proposing housing policy. There is legislation at the state level that promotes certain types of housing where a municipality would be able to approve projects much more easily.
- Streeper – Is there a way to further support SHARE housing?
  - Interested to learn more about how to support this effort
- Helman – How can the AAA support Supervisor in his efforts?
  - Be a good megaphone for issues that will come before the board
- Scarborough – Using terms that emphasize community to describe dense housing is very useful in helping to promote the idea
- Rice – How does the Supervisor’s work in journalism help what he are doing now?
  - Being a journalist is the best training anyone can have to become an elected official. There are many similarities. Being able to take in a lot of information and filtering out the important parts, and then explaining what was just learned. Being an expert in the community is invaluable to being a Supervisor
- Kelley – People who are stuck in rural living are having issues getting into where the services and community are.
  - Fixes are all incremental. It will be necessary to think holistically to really solve these kinds of issues

#### **4. Chair Report (Helman)**

- August Planning Conference
  - To be held October 20, 2021. 9AM - 2PM. Will be planned by special committee with support from AAA staff
    - Rice, Holewinski, Madison volunteer to be part of planning committee
- Advisory Council Vacancy
  - One vacancy in district 2
- AAA Advisory Council Member Binder
  - Being updated by staff. Will be finished in September
- Subcommittee Chairs and Vice Chairs
  - Reminder that chairs and vice chairs will be nominated for Fiscal Year 2021-22 at June 2021 meetings

#### **5. Correspondence (King)**

- None

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

- AAA Service Provider Reopening Plans
  - Guidance has come from California Department of Aging about reopening in-person services. Plans are due to AAA from service providers by mid-June
- Assistive Technology Conference
  - About 200 people in attendance. Dealt with bridging the digital divide
- North Bay Master Plan for Aging Conference

- Breakout sessions addressing the different goals of the Master Plan to provide information and opportunities for collaboration

## 7. Nominating Committee – Slate of Officers (Spain)

- Chair – Jenny Helman
- Vice Chair – Judy Rice
- Secretary – Cynthia Scarborough
- Slate will be sent out with the June Advisory Council Agenda. Officers begin terms on July 1, 2021

## 8. AAA Bylaws Workgroup Report (Scarborough)

- Work continues on bylaws. Expecting Staff feedback

## 9. Information Sharing / Public Announcements (All)

- McBride, Council on Aging – Looking forward to new programs
- Nelson, Senior Advocacy Services – Delivered flower bouquets for Mother’s Day. June 15 is Elder Abuse awareness day
- Davis, Sebastopol Area Senior Center – Starting to resume some services. Some started in June. Delivered 50 care packages to home-bound older adults.
- Sabatino, COA – Drive up pick-up site flyers. Site is starting in Roseland in June
- Holewinski – How are service providers dealing with re-congregating?
  - McBride – Staff who are client facing will be required to be vaccinated. Programs are working with masks, sanitizer, and distancing.

## 10. Break 2:23 – 2:30PM

## 11. Advisory Council Committee Reports

- Civic Engagement Committee
  - Talked about how Civic Engagement can apply their own plans to speak in the community as things reopen.
  - Had a presentation from KBBF about their history and community efforts
- Housing Committee
  - Policy analyst from Generation Housing spoke about affordable housing projects
- Planning and Funding Committee
  - Had presentations from new service providers about their new programs for the upcoming year
  - AAA Staffmember Judy Erickson spoke about program monitoring in Fiscal Year 2020-21
- Transportation and Mobility Workgroup
  - Presentation from Sonoma County Public Health on Vision Zero project to help reduce traffic fatalities.
  - Most transportation providers are reopening and there is a need for more volunteer drivers

## 12. Adjourn

- **(Motion)** Rice/Baum (MSC) to adjourn meeting at 2:36PM. Approved Unanimously. AYES – 16, NOES – 0, Abstentions – 0.