



Human Services Department
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AAA Advisory Council
Civic Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 4, 2021
Zoom Meeting
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Members Present: Judy Rice (Chair), Hal King, Cythia Scarborough, Deanna Shaat, Alain Serkissian, Don Streeper

Non-Committee Councilmembers in Attendance: None

Absent: Bonnie Koagedal, Peter Holewinski, Seán Madison

Legislative Aides and Public Influencers: Crista Nelson (Senior Advocacy Services), Trayce Beards (Ombudsman Volunteer), Anthy O'Brien (Resident), Alicia Sanchez (KBBF 89.1FM)

Presenter: Lauralyn Larsen (Sant Rosa Junior College Internship Coordinator)

Staff: Vanessa Finnigan, Justine Arenander

Minutes: Bron Anderson

1. Welcome & Introductions (Rice)

- Meeting begins at 10:32 AM, all welcomed and introductions made.

2. Approval of February Civic Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes (Rice)

- **(Motion)** to approve February 2021 Civic Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes. Shaat/King (MSC): Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, Abstentions – 0

3. Report Outs from Committee Members and Others (All)

- Rice – Received 2nd dose of vaccine. Attended meeting with Congressperson Mike Thompson as part of Capitol Day. Found the congressperson very well informed about older adult issues.
- Finnigan – Attended Capitol Day last week. Had an opportunity to speak with Congressperson Mike Thompson
- King – Was able to be vaccinated
- Scarborough – Is eligible for vaccination. May delay getting vaccine in order for others who might need it more to be inoculated. Working on de-matting the cat.
- Nelson – No new cases in RCFEs last week!
- Shaat – People are being vaccinated; good news!
- Arenander – New employee in Adult and Aging.
- Beards – Difficult for Ombudsman volunteers to go into facilities during pandemic. Volunteers have been vaccinated recently, so it might start up again. Looking to get new volunteers in the coming months so the work of advocating for residents can continue.
- Serkissian – All 3 facilities have been vaccinated with mild reactions among residents. Allowing families of residents to visit with social distancing and masks.
- O'Brien – Learning about AAA and where she could benefit the agency. Gets second shot on Sunday.
- Larsen – Internship coordinator for SRJC.

- Beltran from Aguiar-Curry's office – The Assemblymember is putting together a bill to establish affordable disaster housing
 - Sanchez – Received first vaccine. KBBF will be making a presentation in May to Civic Engagement.
4. **Presentation: Santa Rosa Community College Internship Program and Older Adult Classes (Lauralyn Larsen)**
 - Presentation on the SRJC Career hub and older adult courses.
 - Powerpoint will be sent to committee
 5. **Discussion and Distribution of Housing List (Rice)**
 - Looking for people to help reaching out to contacts on the housing list
 6. **Adjourn – Meeting Adjourned at 11:55PM**

Next Meeting: Thursday April 1, 2020 – 10:30AM.