



AAA Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Zoom Meeting

1:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Present: Jenny Helman (Chair), Judy Rice (Vice Chair), Cynthia Scarborough (Secretary), Jen Arent, Rick Baum, Trayce Beards, Lea Black, Terry Kelley, Sean Madison, Jim Redding, Rosa Reynoza, Diane Spain, Don Streeper

Absent: Kevin Gonyo, Peter Holewinski, Alain Serkissian, Deanna Shaat

Member Emeritus: Dorothy Fried

Guests: Marriane McBride (Council on Aging - COA), Scotty King (Sebastopol Area Senior Center – SASC), Esther Lemus (Legal Aid), Elece Hempel (Petaluma People Services Center – PPSC), Sina Szabados (Catholic Charities), Nancy Powers-Stone (Redwood Caregiver Resource Center – RCRC), Yaquelin Buenrostro (City of Healdsburg), Emily Heinzelman (West County Community Services – WCCS), Kanani Reynolds (HICAP), Shelley Dombroski (Alzheimer’s Association), Caryl Sherman (Community Member), Jade Filippi (Vintage House), Leo Cacciatore (Circuit Rider), Melanie Hall (Cloverdale Senior Center), Lauren Hibdon (Alzheimer’s Association)

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

Minutes: Bron Anderson

1. Welcome & Introductions– Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM

2. Approval of January 2022 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

- **(Motion)** Black/Baum (MSC) to approve January 19, 2022 Advisory Council meeting minutes. Approved. AYES – 11, NOES – 0, Abstentions - 0

3. Chair Report

- Reappointment of Rosa Reynoza. Approved. AYES – 11, NOES – 0, Abstentions - 0
- Attendance is important, please let staff or Chair know if a member will not be able to attend a meeting. Give 36-hour notice to be able to establish whether or not there will be a quorum.
- Bylaws update: Review is still in process.
- Remote meetings are continuing – standing item.

4. Staff Update

- Budget
 - Waiting on California State Budget to be approved
- Alzheimer’s Day Program.
 - Staff are working to prioritize identifying an agency to provide Alzheimer’s Day program; Target start date to be 7/1/22.
- Adult & Aging Division Restructure
 - The Division is growing and additional staffing will be added.

- Adult Protective Services (APS) adding staff due to the age of eligibility changing from 65 to 60 years of age increasing the eligible population and caseloads.
- Adding Gary Fontenot as a new Section Manager which will oversee the AAA as one of other programs under his supervision.
- The request for approval of the additional staffing will be heard at the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on 03/01/2022.
- Senior Expo at the Finley Center is happening in person on 7/9/22
 - Will be seeking volunteers from the Council to table at the event.

5. Review Draft Area Plan Update for Input from Advisory Council and Public

- Reviewed Area Plan Goals and Objectives. Input received and will be added to draft for final approval at the Public Hearing at the full Advisory Council meeting on 3/16/22.

1:45PM Reynoza Joins Meeting

6. Information Sharing/Public Comments

- Hempel (PPSC) – Launched “Chess Along the River” in Petaluma. Also launching a “Listening Bench” project where older adults meet at a park and converse. The Senior Café has reopened to serving senior lunches at the congregate site.
- Powers-Stone (RCRC) Powerful Tools for Caregivers to soon receive more funding, growing number of classes and rolling out another program called “It Takes Two”.
- McBride (COA) – Senior lunches at congregate dining sites re-opened, with Adult Day to follow.
- King (SASC) – Horizons foundation awarded SASC a grant for activities for isolated LGBTQ individuals.
- Heinzelman (WCCS) – Received a grant for distribution of tablets and technical assistance for use by older adults. Announced there is still availability.
- Szabados (Catholic Charities) – Onboarding 2 new volunteer drivers. Agency provides free tax services for lower income clients.
- Filippi (Vintage House) – Recently re-opened and providing services. Purchased iPads for students to use.

2:00PM Streeper Joins Meeting

7. Break 2:30 – 2:35

8. Committee Reports

- Civic Engagement
 - Civic Engagement event May 1 at Cloverdale Citrus Fairground on disaster preparedness
- Planning & Funding
 - Monitoring of service providers is continuing through March, has been very informative, and going well.

9. Advisory Council Meeting Breakout Groups Summaries Discussion and Next Steps

- Next steps include details about what to do with the document.
- Members can send comments to Tracy Repp to be added to document.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00PM