



ADVISORY COUNCIL, October 6, 2011, 12:30 PM
American Canyon Senior Multi-Use Center
2185 Elliot Dr., American Canyon, CA 94503

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Sharon Monck, with the pledge of Allegiance.
 - A. Members Present: Sharon Monck, Richard Sager, Rosemarie Wilson, Elsie Tate, Georgia Craddock, Suzanne Blakeley, Nieves Fernandez, Lois Harper, Rodrigo Galindo, Lauren Rolfe, Richard Lundin, Nancy Yingst, Teri Ruggiero, Susan Turner and Betty Holland.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAA Executive Director, Anne Payne – AAA Direct Services Supervisor, Dan Hernandez, MIS Coordinator.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Juliana Williams,.
 - D. Introduction of Guests: David Stewart.

- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Elsie Tate, seconded by Lauren Rolfe to approve the agenda for the October 6 meeting, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Lauren Rolfe, seconded by Nieves Fernandez to approve the minutes for the September 1 2011 meeting, with a correction on page 2 to indicate that the health fair on October 15 is in Dixon, and also to correct the spelling of Nieves Fernandez name on page 4, motion carried.**

- III. Community Input – Sharon Monck reported on the Centenarian Celebration held on October 4 in Fairfield. Leanne Martinsen distributed copies of the Advisory Council Page from the AAoA website, which is under development. She indicated that she would be willing to take new photos of members, if they wished. Rodrigo Galindo reported on the Project Homeless Connect event held today in Vallejo. Lauren Rolfe reported that she would be addressing the statewide conference for senior center directors on October 17, and would be focusing on fall prevention. She also reported that Assembly member Yamada would be addressing the group on October 16. Dr. Lundin provided information from an audiologist that is available for speaking engagements. Nieves Fernandez reported that there would be free flu shots at Florence Douglas Senior Center on October 24. Nancy Yingst reported that Florence Douglas Senior Center was having their annual Health Fair on October 24 with many vendors, in addition to the flu shots. Georgia Craddock indicated that flu shots would be offered at the Berryessa Senior Center on October 10. Lois Harper reported that the Caring and Sharing group at Florence Douglas Senior Center on Tuesdays from 9-10:30 was very successful. Rick Sager reported that Monroe Katz, a local author was speaking at the Napa Library next

Tuesday at 10:30. Sharon Monck reported that the Rio Vista Senior Summit would be held on October 14. David Stewart reported that he had contacted a senior woman who was homeless and living in her car after her home had been lost in foreclosure, and because of her poor credit had been prevented from obtaining housing, but that was against the law and he reported that they hoped to get her into housing by tomorrow.

- IV. Correspondence: Leanne Martinsen read the California Department of Aging (CDA) letter approving Area Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. She indicated that updated copies of the Area Plan Update would be made available, and also posted on the AAoA website.
- V. Board Liaison Reports: Jo Ann Busenbark was unable to attend today. Minutes of the August 16 Board meeting were included in the meeting packet. Leanne Martinsen and Sharon Monck reported that the Board was concerned with recruiting more members from Napa County.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Legislative Committee Report –Lauren Rolfe reported on three CSL proposals that became bills in the regular legislature. AB332 which enhanced penalties and fines for elder abuse. AB1090 would reinstate deferment of property tax for seniors, as an option for counties, so this is an opportunity to advocate with our Counties to adopt this. SB33 will repeal the scheduled sunset so that employees of financial institutions will remain as mandated reporters of elder abuse. Dr. Richard Lundin provided a California Senior Legislature CSL update. He reported that his joint resolution on “Welcome Home Korean Veterans” was still being circulated. He also reported that he was meeting with the assistant District Attorney in Napa Co., who is very interested in establishing a Senior Court. He was also following an initiative that would allow Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) to be considered a disability, which would allow coverage for treatment for veterans as well. The CSL will have their annual session in Sacramento October 24-27. Lauren Rolfe gave a brief synopsis of the Senior Legislative process and legislative advocacy for the benefit of new members. Dr. Lundin reported that eight of his proposals had become laws, and the ideas came from local people. Georgia Craddock brought up the idea that fines collected from parking in handicapped spaces should benefit AAoA programs. Leanne Martinsen reported that there was state legislation that would enable this, but it had not been enacted locally. There was some discussion about the Council setting legislative priorities, and a suggestion that this be included as a parking lot item for the next meeting.
- VII. Executive Director/Staff Reports:
 - A. Leanne Martinsen reported on the following:
 - Statewide emphasis on managed care, plans to meet with Partnership Health Plan and adjacent AAA Directors to discuss the future direction of our working relationships.
 - The Board is planning the 3rd annual variety show on February 12, and Advisory Council members are invited to participate on the planning committee. The next meeting will be on October 18 at 2:00, just before the regular Board Meeting.

- Hired I&A Navigator for Napa Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging, the Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Program in Napa County.
 - The Napa Senior Guide has been updated and printed, copies are available at the meeting today, and it is also posted on the website. We have “Get Connected” events scheduled next week in American Canyon and St. Helena.
- B. Anne Payne, Direct Services Supervisor reported that the program evaluator had worked with the program monitoring committee and had just issued her report and recommendations, including soliciting donations and client satisfaction surveys, which we will be implementing.
- C. Dan Hernandez, MIS Coordinator distributed copies of the service delivery report and explained that it reflected activity for July and August. He indicated that since CDA has changed the reporting units in Health promotion from hours to contacts, there will be adjustments to reconcile this report. Elsie Tate questioned the discrepancy in costs between congregate and home-delivered meals. After some discussion, the consensus was that these reports should be prepared for the Council after the end of each quarter, when we should have complete data from all providers. Dan reported that CDA would be providing a training webinar and this has delayed the due date of the annual reports. He also indicated that when he schedules site visits to the provider agencies, Advisory Council members will be invited to participate.

VIII. Action Items:

- A. Committee Assignments. Council members volunteered to serve on these committees. Ad hoc fundraising with Board – Teri Ruggiero, Nancy Yingst, Membership & Nominating – Nancy Yingst, Advocacy – Susan Turner and Suzanne Blakeley, Area Plan – Rick Sager. Committees are encouraged to meet during the half hour preceding the regular monthly meetings.
- B. Consideration of meeting location. Motion by Nancy Yingst, 2nd by Teri Ruggiero to hold the November 3 meeting at the Florence Douglas Senior Center in Vallejo, motion carried. The December meeting will be in Napa, a joint meeting with the Board of Directors. It was recommended that other locations be considered for next year.

IX. Information Items –Council Members reviewed material for consideration for future meeting action items.

- A. Area Plan Goal #1, Leanne Martinsen reviewed objectives related to this goal and progress toward completion.
- B. California Voters 40+: Views Toward Growing Older and Preparedness for Long-Term Care. Sharon Monck shared information from the SCAN Foundation presentation that was made at a recent California Commission on Aging meeting, and recommended this as a resource for legislative advocacy.
- C. Little Hoover Commission's Report, "A Long-Term Strategy for Long-Term Care. Sharon Monk shared this report that focused on the need for a coordinate continuum of long term care services for seniors and persons with disabilities, and recommended that this be a discussion item on the next meeting agenda.

- X. Communication with AAA Board: The consensus of the Council was that the chair should serve as liaison from the Advisory Council to the October 18 Board of Directors Meeting.

- X. Parking lot items.
 - A. Status of MIS staffing, CDA/CARS reporting, and monitoring was covered by Dan Hernandez during the staff report.
 - B. Terry Ann Steffen will report on the Family Caregiver Support Program at the next meeting.
 - C. Legislative Committee will work on legislative priorities for presentation at a future meeting.
 - D. CSL members will report on legislative session at the November meeting.

- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Council members are invited to attend the next *Board of Directors Meeting* on Tuesday, October 18, 2:30 p.m. at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador Street in Vallejo.

The next *Advisory Council Meeting* is scheduled on Thursday November 3 at 1:00 pm at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador Street in Vallejo.