



ADVISORY COUNCIL, September 6 2012, 1:00 PM
Merrill Gardens North Bay, 2261 Tuolumne St., Vallejo, CA 94589

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 Lundin, Georgia Craddock, Nieves Fernandez, Rodrigo Galindo, Lois Harper, Betty Holland, Betty Rhodes, Lauren Rolfe, Steven Rosensky, Teri Ruggiero, Richard Sager, Heather Stanton, Rosemarie Wilson, Anita Ziebe.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAA Executive Director, Harriett Dietz, Planner, Dan Hernandez -- MIS Coordinator.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Christina Baird, Suzanne Blakeley, Constance Boulware.
 - D. Introduction of Guests: Honored guests former Advisory Council members Elsie Tate and Nancy Yingst, JoAnn Busenbark (Board Member), Dawn Bright (Community Relations Director, Merrill Gardens) Natalie Woodard.
 - E. Thank you to Merrill Gardens North Bay and Executive Director Sharon Monck for hosting the luncheon and this meeting.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Betty Rhodes, seconded by Lauren Rolfe, to approve the agenda for the September 6, 2012 meeting, as presented, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Betty Holland, seconded by Anita Ziebe to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting, as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Community Input – Natalie Woodard, representing the Solano County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board distributed announcements and invited those present to participate in an educational panel and public hearing on September 12 from 6-8 PM at the County Administration Building in Fairfield. Betty Rhodes encouraged everyone to attend the Napa Senior Celebration event that is planned for October 7, to show that Seniors can still be lively, and have a lot of fun. Anne Payne announced that the Agency is participating in a walk to end Alzheimer’s Disease on October 20, and anyone interested in joining in can call her at 643-1797. Anne has also been appointed to the Napa Commission on Aging. Rosemarie Wilson reported that the CANV services at American Canyon have improved, and folks there are pleased. Teri Ruggiero reported that the Solano Co. IHSS Advisory Council has received support from Supervisor Seifert and Kaiser’s contribution of \$2,500 for the spring conference. Lois Harper shared information from a publication “Aging Well”, with articles about

Medicare and Medicaid, and how hospitals are being rewarded for discharging patients. Lauren Rolfe stated that this is probably related to the affordable care act, and medical care providers are being rewarded for accountable care. She recommended that we have a discussion about this at a future meeting. Betty Holland reported that she had advocated at the Fairfield City Council for Proposition P, which would establish a 1% sales tax that would provide local funding, including support for the senior center. Betty is also going to Cuba on a cultural exchange trip and hopes to learn about how seniors are served in that country. Lauren Rolfe invited everyone to participate in the Solano Fall Prevention event on September 21. Rodrigo Galindo reported that the Vallejo Fire Department is offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, a six-week class. Nancy Yingst encouraged everyone to purchase a ticket for the Okoberfest, a fundraiser for the Florence Douglas Senior Center on September 28. She also announced that the Center will have their annual health fair on October 29, with flu shots and screenings offered. Dawn Bright announced that the SHARE group meets in the morning on the third Tuesday of every month at Merrill Gardens, and the Vallejo Senior Roundtable meets in the afternoon of the second Thursday of every month at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, except this month, when they will meet at the community center, because the Senior Center is closed for renovations. Lauren Rolfe announced that before the meeting ended, she wanted to get a group photo of the members present that would appear in the ad for the CSL program.

- IV. Correspondence: none, but Leanne Martinsen announced that an updated version of the Schedule of events was available, with additional health fairs and community events that were scheduled for September and October.
- V. Presentation: Leanne Martinsen presented certificates of recognition for the service and leadership of Elsie Tate, who served on the Advisory Council since 1990, with terms as chair, vice chair and secretary. Juliana Williams was unable to attend today, but had served 8 years, and as chair of the Advocacy committee. Nancy Yingst had also served as chair of the nominating committee.
- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Report – JoAnn Busenbark, Board member stated that the Board was very appreciative of the work of the Advisory Council and Staff. She noted that the minutes reflect the work of the Board and offered to answer any questions that Advisory Council members might have.
- VI. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report
 - A. Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA status, including:
 - The next meeting of the AAoA Board will be on September 18 at the Veterans Home in Yountville.
 - Agency staffing is stable. A former intern was hired short term to cover medical leave at the Drop-in Center and volunteers assisted with clerical tasks this summer.
 - Work on AAoA website, that has a calendar and place to post meeting agendas and minutes, as well as other information. Let Dan know if you have events for the calendar. .
 - New accounting software has been installed.

- Planning for building addition / classroom, and restroom and redesigned entrance that will be ADA compliant. This is possible because of a gift/grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation.
- Area Plan Budget approved by CDA.
- Area Plan submitted 5/1, responded to comments received on 8/15, awaiting CDA approval.
- Providers contracts developed for current fiscal year.
- Provider Meetings scheduled.
- StopFalls Napa Valley funding, TCWF approved \$150,000 for 3 yr., ANV application submitted 7-9.
- Mental Health Services Act Prevention & Early Intervention (MHSA PEI) both counties, final year of initial grant. Solano and Napa will fund another year at same level.
- Arthritis Foundation grant for \$3,000 to establish AF exercise class with Vallejo Adult School. Did not receive AF funding for Walk with Ease, but Dianna Gonzalez plans to become certified so that we can offer this as well.
- AAA representation at various Commission and Coalition meetings.
- Both counties recognizing Centenarians at the Board of Supervisors meetings on September 25.
- Napa Celebrating Seniors event planning (October 7).

Leanne asked for volunteers to serve on the RFP work group. Heather Stanton, Steve Rozensky and Lois Harper volunteered. Leanne will notify them when the meeting schedule is determined.

- B. Harriett Dietz, Planner, provided a brief summary of progress towards implementing the FY 2012-2016 Area Plan, and discussed the process of developing community-specific plans, and our initial outreach to Calistoga, Lake Berryessa and Angwin. She indicated that she has been spending a lot of time on transportation and affordable housing.
- C. Anne Payne reported that she was working to establish a volunteer senior peer navigator program, starting in Calistoga, with plans to expand to other communities in Napa and Solano County. She indicated that she would appreciate feedback on the Direct Services Policies and Procedures that were distributed with the agenda packet. She also expressed concerns about the increasing problems of homeless seniors, and the need to advocate for change to address the special needs of this population.
- D. Dan Hernandez, MIS Coordinator, discussed the 2011-12 Service Delivery report that was distributed with the meeting packet, paying particular attention to those providers that had not met the goals for the year, the reasons and strategies to address this in the future. He also indicated that we will be scheduling meetings with each of the providers in October to review the current year contracts, goals and reporting, and that site visits will be scheduled starting in January.

Sharon Monck was called away, and Dr. Lundin chaired the remainder of the meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports:

- A. Legislative Committee CSL Report –Lauren Rolfe reported on the CSL sponsored bills that have become bills in the state legislature, and several of these are on the Governor’s desk now. The CSL report is updated weekly, and the August 31 edition was provided for members. She urged members to write letters in support of legislation, and fax them to the Governor. She also encouraged members to support the CSL by contributing on their state income tax return, code 402. Dr. Lundin also commented on his proposals, Premium conversion, Welcome Home Korea and Senior Courts, and issues related to abuse in nursing facilities by visitors as well as other residents.
- B. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – Teri Ruggiero distributed copies of a draft letter, which was developed by the committee in response to concerns about the CANV senior services, recommending more specificity in the plan of correction, and quarterly performance goals. **Motion by Steve Rozensky, seconded by Heather Stanton, to recommend to the Board of Directors that this letter be approved, and direct staff to send and follow up, as presented, motion carried.**

IX. Action Items:

- A. **Motion by Lauren Rolfe, seconded by Steve Rozensky, to recommend the membership term of Richard Sager be extended for another three year term which would expire on October 1, 2015, motion carried.**
 - B. Management Information System/Contracts Policy and Procedure Manual. Consideration was tabled until a future meeting.
 - C. Direct Services Policy and Procedure Manual. Consideration was tabled until a future meeting.
 - D. Letter to Community Action Napa Valley. Action was taken during prior agenda item.
 - E. Other recommendations to the Board of Directors, none were proposed.
- X. Information Items – Council Members recommended that information about the Affordable Care Act be provided, with an opportunity for discussion at a future meeting. Leanne Martinsen announced that the October 4 meeting in Napa would include a presentation from Ian Stanley, representing the Napa LGBTQ PEI project. We have an ongoing initiative to insure that the services are provided in a culturally competent manner, and that all seniors feel comfortable accessing services, irrespective of their gender identity, as well as race or ethnicity.
- XI. Communication with AAA Board: The Advisory Council Chair or designee will present information from the Council at the next AAA Board meeting on September 18, 2012 at the Veteran’s home in Yountville. Betty Rhodes expressed the importance of Advisory Council representation at meetings of the Board of Directors..
- XII. Parking lot items – Lauren Rolfe recommended that general Legislative Priorities to be developed by Legislative committee. There was also discussion regarding the Legislator’s rating that is conducted by the Congress of California Seniors.
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.