



ADVISORY COUNCIL, May 2, 2013, 1:00 PM

Queen of the Valley Community Outreach, 3448 Villa Lane, Napa

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chair Sharon Monck, with the pledge of Allegiance.
 - A. Members Present: Sharon Monck, Constance Boulware, Betty Holland, Rodrigo Galindo, Lois Harper, Richard Lundin, Lauren Rolfe, Richard Sager, Suzanne Blakeley, Steven Rosensky Teri Ruggiero, Heather Stanton.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAA Executive Director, Harriett Dietz -- Planner, Dan Hernandez -- MIS Contracts Coordinator, Liliya Peterson – HM-HAP Coordinator.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Georgia Craddock, Nieves Fernandez, Rosemarie Wilson.
 - D. Introduction of Guests: JoAnn Busenbark, Board Member. Betty Rhodes, Tracy Krumpfen
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Heather Stanton, seconded by Betty Holland, to approve the agenda for the May 2, 2013 meeting, as presented, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Lauren Rolfe, seconded by Suzanne Blakeley to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting, as presented motion carried.**
- III. Community Input – Public Comment: Betty Holland complimented Sharon Monck on a successful Top Chef event on April 17 at Merrill Gardens, and thanked the Executive Director for the Letter to the Editor that was published in the Fairfield Daily Republic last month. Richard Sager commented on the programs for Older Adults at the Napa Library, which may not be continued after his retirement. Since he lives in Sonoma County, it was recommended that he check out the Sonoma County AAA Advisory Council. Teri Ruggiero reported on the success of the Solano County IHSS Public Authority Spring Conference with a focus on wound care, and presentations on gatekeepers and caregiver burnout. She also commented on recent newspaper articles dealing with alleged fraud in the IHSS program. Dr. Lundin reported that he had attended funerals for veterans who had no next of kin. He also announced that his term on the California Commission on Aging had ended. Suzanne Blakeley commented on the upcoming Bottle Rock music festival, and that a portion of the proceeds would benefit some non-profit organizations. Betty Rhodes commented that she hoped that a Senior Information and Referral site could be established at the Napa Senior Center.

- IV. Presentation:
- A. Liliya Peterson provided information about the Healthy Minds Healthy Aging Program (HM-HAP), a collaborative program providing prevention and early intervention services for older adults in Napa County. The AAoA is the lead agency, with participation from Family Services of the North Bay, Queen of the Valley Community Outreach, Napa Valley Hospice and Adult Day Services, and the County of Napa Comprehensive Services for Older Adults as partners. The program works to improve the quality of life by providing Information & Assistance, screening and assessment, short-term interventions, counseling, and linking clients to services. They get client referrals from physicians and healthcare providers. She answered questions from the members.
- B. Tracy Krumpfen, Senior Field Representative for California Senator Lois Wolk, 3rd District, provided a legislative briefing. She discussed some of the Senator's initiatives and reported that SB609, which would impose a penalty for willful interference with the Long-Term Ombudsman Program, had passed this Senate, and SB728 was now a 2-year bill. She also commented on AB1217 and AB322, both dealing with in-home caregivers,
- V. Correspondence: Letter of resignation has been received from Anita Ziebe, and was included in the meeting packet.
- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Report – JoAnn Busenbark reported that at the last Board meeting the Board voted to pass the RFP, and had discussion around branding and marketing the Agency.
- VII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report
- A. Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA status, including:
- April is Older American's Month. The theme this year is "Unleash the Power of Age".
 - The Fundraising Committee will meet on Tuesday May 21 at the AAoA office in Vallejo.
 - The June meeting will be in Rio Vista.
 - Staffing vacancies have been posted for StopFalls Napa Valley.
 - Considering staffing reductions in response to sequestration cuts.
 - We are launching a facebook page in the next month.
 - Planning for the AAoA office addition/classroom has been delayed, but we hope to get the building permit very soon so that we can proceed.
 - CDA completed the MSSP UR on-site visit on 4/17
 - CDA should be releasing the Planning Estimate for 2013-14 by mid April
 - Area Plan Update & budget due 5/1, will be done after the planning estimate.
 - Area Plan Public Hearing held Thursday April 25. Attendance was disappointing. No changes to Goals & Objectives planned, just adjustments related to funding reductions.
 - The Napa Senior Resource Guide is being updated and will be sent to the printer soon.

- The Vallejo Adult School has indicated that they will be discontinuing programs for older adults, including the STARS respite & exercise programs. They are in discussions regarding the transition of these programs to another organization.
 - Continued consultation with CANV
 - The RFP was released April 19, applicant meetings held this week, applications due 5/21.
 - Contract modifications have been issued with reduced funding due to sequestration cuts.
 - StopFalls Napa Valley funding, Auction Napa Valley funding \$64,000 provided this year, and we will have submitted a Letter of Interest for next year's funding cycle. The Napa County Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) funds has been approved for \$70,000 for next year.
 - 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. Additional foundation funding is being sought for Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging in Napa County, including a St. Joseph Health System wellness grant, and the Thomas and Vera Long Foundation.
 - Kaiser grant for Latino Outreach award \$25,000, for next year.
 - Chronic Disease Self Management (CDSMP) grant. Intend to continue with IIID funds through June & next year. Solano Co. Community Transformation Grant to include CDSMP and training 2 AAoA staff at Stanford to become master trainers.
 - The Solano Community Foundation/United Way Health fund mini-grant for veterans outreach was declined but invited for the next funding cycle in June for Senior access priority services.
 - Napa Contract amendment approved \$1.00/senior supplemental funds to preserve Caregiver Permit Application and enhance services in Napa Co.
 - Board members to contact Solano Co. Supervisors to advocate for \$1.00/senior
 - In April, CDA announced the sequestration cuts for the current year, retroactive to October 1, 2012 amount to a loss of \$46,554. About \$28,000 will be reduced from current provider contracts, with the remainder coming off of AAA administration and direct services. Sequestration is ongoing, and will result in funding reductions in future fiscal years.
- B. Harriett Dietz, Planner, provided an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, and reminded the committee members that they would be reviewing the applications individually, and a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the rankings before the Advisory Council meeting. the Area Plan Update Public Hearing on April 25 in American Canyon
- C. Dan Hernandez, MIS Coordinator provided a summary of the 3rd quarter provider performance report that was distributed with the meeting packet, and also indicated that there were five remaining program monitoring site visits scheduled for the current fiscal year. Heather Stanton inquired if the report could be updated to reflect the goal for the number of clients served, as well as the units of service. Lauren Rolfe suggested that contractors be required to submit an explanation when their reported units were 10% below the goal.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Officers Ad hoc Committee – Sharon Monck will reported on the meeting that was held on April 19, to plan the agenda for this meeting, and asked the members if they would like to have an open discussion at the June meeting about how the meetings can allow time so that members can have time to express their thoughts and listen to each other. It was suggested that staff could prepare fact sheets to summarize the updated information. Teri Ruggiero expressed that these discussions have been emotional, because they come from a good place, and what may seem like criticism should be seen as constructive. Betty Holland suggested that it would be helpful to have a presentation on Roberts Rules of Order, and Sharon Monck suggested that it would be helpful to have a parliamentarian to assist with this. Teri Ruggiero recommended that the action items be moved to the top of the agenda, and it was recommended that the Officer’s ad hoc committee re-order the agenda for future meetings.
- B. Legislative Committee CSL Report –Lauren Rolfe reported that she has been spending time at the capitol, and has testified on several bills, including AB 663 that would require training for RCFE Administrators on LGBT sensitivity, AB918 that would include best practices for seniors in the California state plan for disaster preparedness & response, AB299 that would prohibit insurance companies from requiring that members use a mail-order pharmacy, and AB322 that deals with in-home caregiver agencies. Dr. Lundin reported that he had “farmed out” five of six proposals, and this was his last year. He stated concerns about the CSL funding.
- C. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – Teri Ruggiero reported that the committee met prior to this meeting and was disappointed that CANV’s response only addressed 4 of the 8 items in the letter, but at this point it is moot, as they will not be applying for funding for next year. The also noted that CANV’s assisted transportation numbers on the 3rd quarter reports were still at 15.9%, and they indicated that they were not going to work on increasing services, since they were not going to continue the program, and should be sanctioned. The committee did want to commend the contractors and direct service programs that were exceeding the goals that had been set for this year. The committee would like to consider teleconferences for some future meetings.
- D. Membership Committee – Betty Holland reported that they have not had results from their recruitment efforts.

IX. Action Items:

- A. **Motion by Richard Lundin, seconded by Betty Holland to extend the membership terms of Georgia Craddock and Lauren Rolfe for another three-year term, motion carried.**
- B. **Motion by Richard Lundin, seconded by Betty Holland to cancel the July 4 meeting, motion carried.**
- C. There were no recommendations to the Board of Directors

D. **Motion by Heather Stanton, seconded by Richard Lundin to authorize the Chair to sign the Transmittal letter for the Area Plan Update, motion carried.**

- X. Information Items – Suzanne Blakeley reported that the Fundraising Committee has continued to meet and has been working on updating the mission statement, vision statement, etc. so that they can inform the campaign to market the Area Agency on Aging. She distributed copies of the present and proposed mission statement, and reported that the committee has been considering a cross-generational project or contest as a part of the re-branding of the Agency. Lauren Rolfe suggested that, in concert with World Elder Abuse Awareness day in June, we should post a statement that we stand for dignity, and we stand against elder abuse on our Facebook Page, and challenge others to do the same.
- XI. Communication with AAA Board: Sharon Monck will present information from the Council at the next AAA Board meeting on May 21, 2013 at the Florence Douglas Senior Center in Vallejo.
- XII. Parking lot items – Richard Lundin commented that the suicide rate among veterans was decreasing, but one is too many.
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM

