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**ADVISORY COUNCIL, March 13, 2014, 1:00 PM**

**Training/Conference Room**  
**400 Contra Costa Street, Vallejo, CA 94590**

**Minutes**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Steven Rozensky, Chair, with the pledge of Allegiance.
  - A. Members Present:: Steven Rozensky, Richard Lundin, Lauren Rolfe, Lois Harper, Heather Stanton, Betty Holland, Suzanne Blakeley, Nieves Fernandez, Mary Spry-Danner, Carl Bunch.
  - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAoA Executive Director, Harriett Dietz, Planner.
  - C. Members Absent/Excused: Constance Boulware, Teri Ruggiero,
  - D. Introduction of Guests: JoAnn Busenbark – Board Member, Cathy Hall – Meals on Wheels of Solano County, Betty Lou Mukerji.
- II. Consent Agenda
  - A. **Motion by Nieves Fernandez, seconded by Suzanne Blakeley, to approve the agenda for the March 13, 2014 meeting, to accept the as presented, motion carried.**
  - B. **Motion by Betty Holland, seconded by Suzanne Blakeley, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting. motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None
- IV. Community Input I – Public Comment, announcements, Betty Holland thanked Steve Rozensky for the excellent article that was printed in the editorial section of the newspapers last month, encouraging individuals to consider becoming Advisory Council members. Nieves Fernandez reported that she was participating in the Senior Center Without Walls, and recommended it to others.
- V. Cathy Hall gave a brief overview of the Meals on Wheels Program in Solano County, that provides between 625 and 650 meals a day, both home-delivered meals and at 8 congregate meal sites in Solano County. She discussed various aspects of the program, including the efforts to educate participants about voluntary contributions, and fundraising efforts that are ongoing. She encouraged members to check out the MOWSC website and answered questions from Advisory Council members, and shared how client satisfaction surveys are conducted.

- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Report – (Copies of the January 21, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes were included in the meeting packet). Rev. Ubalde had a schedule conflict, and JoAnn Busenbark was present to bring information from the February Board of Directors meeting, when there was discussion and concern regarding the report from the Advisory Council program monitoring committee. She also reported from the Napa Commission on Aging that the Gasser Foundation was providing funding for “Share the Care”, a program that will recruit volunteers to provide information and assistance for seniors in Napa County, and has hired Yvonne Baginski as a consultant to manage the program. She also reported that the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency has received a grant that will allow for the reimbursement of volunteer drivers, and will be working through Molly’s Angels on this program.
- VII. Committee Reports:
- A. Legislative Committee CSL Report –Dr. Lundin distributed copies of the CSL update report. Lauren Rolfe commented on CSL bills that have been picked up by the state legislature, including AB 1453 that will develop a Veterans Cemetery, AB 1833 that would eliminate the minimum contribution requirement for CSL support through individual personal income tax contributions, AB 2606 that will provide a tax credit for family caregivers, and the resolution that would establish a Day of Honor for the survivors of the Bataan death march. She also reported on the RCFE Reform Act, several bills that would strengthen laws and regulations related to Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE), that are being sponsored by California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CAHNHR). Lauren indicated that she was seeking another term as CSL senior assembly member, but was not going to be present at the April meeting, so requested that her personal statement be shared with the members before the meeting. Dr. Lundin reported that he would not be running for another term as Senior Senator, but was proud of his record, of ten proposals that have been chaptered into law, and two more still pending. Leanne Martinsen reported that a news release has been sent to the media, and reviewed the process of recruiting applicants and elections that will be held at the May Advisory Council meeting.
- B. Membership Committee – Lois Harper reported on membership recruitment visits to senior centers, and expressed concern that we have not had representation from the Latino community. Betty Lou Mukerji, a former member from Napa has applied for membership. Steve Rozensky indicated that he had also spoken with the mayor of American Canyon.
- C. Nominating Committee – Lois Harper reported that she had not been able to meet with Constance, but she has spoken to many of the Council members to inquire as to their interest in serving as an officer. Steven Rozensky stated that he was privileged to be filling out the term vacated by the previous chair, and would like the opportunity to serve a full term, so would be willing to accept the nomination. Since the bylaws recommend that the chairmanship alternate between Napa and Solano county members, it was suggested that if a Napa County resident was nominated for chairperson, then the nominee for vice chair should be a Solano County resident.

- D. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley reported that the Congressional progressive caucus has proposed a “Better off Budget”, which would restore funding for needed services that have been impacted by funding cuts, including sequestration. She also discussed the AARP race to end hunger with race car drivers and support of food programs. The Marketing Committee has written a letter to AARP to propose some tie-in with local race venues. She also shared information about Tony Robbins, a well-known motivational speaker, who is going to donate funds from his conferences to programs that feed seniors.
- E. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – Heather Stanton distributed copies of a draft report that summarized the committee meeting that was held on March 10. **Lauren Rolfe made a motion that this report be accepted by the Council and be presented to the Board of Directors this month, seconded by Betty Holland, motion carried.** Teri Ruggiero will present the report at the March 18 Board meeting in Napa. The Committee has decided to change the dates of their meetings to allow time before the Advisory Council meetings for report preparation. Meetings will be held at the AAoA office in Vallejo, and any members who wish to participate may join there, or by telephone. The committee will meet on April 2 at 1:00 pm, April 29 at 10:00 am and June 2 at 10:00 am.
- F. Steven Rozensky reported on the Triple A Council of California (TACC) meeting that was held in Sacramento in February, and a lot of good information was included in his report that was distributed to members prior to this meeting. There were excellent speakers, including Sandra Fitzpatrick who reported from the California Commission on Aging, information on sequestration, the Senior Medicare Patrol Project, that is working on Medicare Fraud. Gary Passmore from the California Congress of Seniors reported on the future of IHSS in California.

VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

Leanne Martinsen reported on AAoA activity, including the following items:

- Next Bd. Mtg. Tues 3/18/14 @ 2:30 PM at Napa Senior Center, scheduled presentation from independent auditor
- Next AC Mtg. Thurs. 04/03/14 @1:00 PM at Napa Senior Center, and Jim Tomlinson from the Napa Volunteer Center has also agreed to make a provider presentation at that meeting.
- Area Plan Public Hearings on 3/31 in Vallejo and 4/3 in Napa
- We have received a Revised Planning Estimate/Budget from CDA for the current FY with additional funds, about \$47,000, mostly in nutrition – we will be issuing contract modifications, negotiating units of service for the year that ends on June 30, 2014. We must submit our revised budget to CDA within 30 days.
- No Planning Estimate/Budget for next FY 2014-15...yet
- CSL election procedures per news release
- CDA fiscal audit scheduled for June.
- Provider monitoring site visits are being scheduled. Council members are encouraged to participate, and a sign up sheet was distributed so that they could indicate their preference of providers.

Harriett Dietz reminded members that the AAoA is sponsoring a census data workshop tomorrow at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa. She also summarized the

activities of the Area Plan Subcommittee in preparation for the annual update to the Area Plan on Aging. The committee met by telephone, and has received some recommendations and comments. Copies of these were distributed to members. There will be a workshop next week to review and develop these further before the public hearings, which are scheduled on March 31 in Napa and April 3 in Napa. Harriett indicated that she has been meeting with Program managers and does not anticipate any major changes in this the third year of the 4-year plan. In order to meet the May 1 due date, the Advisory Council should make recommendations to the Board of Directors for their meeting, which is scheduled for April 15. If the Council is not ready to do this at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 3, a special meeting could be scheduled the following week to deal with this item. After discussion, it was agreed that the workshop would be held at the AAoA office in Vallejo on Wednesday March 19 at 3:00, and all interested Advisory Council members are encouraged to participate. The date of April 10 will be held in the event that a special meeting is needed.

- IX. Action Items: No additional items were considered due to the length of the meeting.
- X. Information Items – No additional items were considered due to the length of the meeting.
- XI. Communication with AAoA Board: Steven Rozensky and Teri Ruggiero will attend the Board of Directors meeting this month..
- XII. Community Input II – No additional items were considered due to the length of the meeting
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM, with thanks to several members for providing refreshments.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_, Advisory Council Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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