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ADVISORY COUNCIL, May 1, 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, Lauren Rolfe, Lois Harper, Heather Stanton, Suzanne Blakeley, Teri Ruggiero, Carl Bunch.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAOA Executive Director, Anne Payne, Direct Services Supervisor.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Constance Boulware, Nieves Fernandez, Mary Spry-Danner, Betty “Chip” Holland, Betty Lou Mukerji.
 - D. Introduction of Guests: Richard Lundin – Board Member, Susan Okun.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Lauren Rolfe, seconded by Carl Bunch, to approve the consent agenda including the May 1, 2014 meeting agenda and the minutes of the April 10, 2014, as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: None
- IV. Community Input I – Public Comment, announcements: Susan Okun announced that she is a volunteer with Faith in Action and facilitates a support group at Florence Douglas Senior Center. Dr. Lundin announced that there will be an air show with the Thunderbirds at Travis AFB this weekend. Suzanne Blakeley announced that National Geographic would be airing a Food Forum on May 2, and PBS is airing a program on family caregivers, check your local listings. Lauren Rolfe announced that the Senior Coalition of Solano County is sponsoring a photo contest to capture “the essence of seniors”. She also reminded members that World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, and the theme is “One Person, One Action, One Nation United Against Elder Abuse. She distributed information about how to avoid scams, and indicated that she will be working on raising awareness through Facebook posts. Steve Rozensky indicated that he would be participating in the Triple A Council of California (TACC) meeting in Sacramento on May 6-7. Lois Harper reported that she had attended the conference hosted by Prevention and Early Access, and was very impressed with the presentation by Dr. Patrick Arbore on Depression, Delirium and Dementia. She also announced that there would be an Alzheimer’s conference in Foster City on May 7. The Senior Coalition of Solano will be hosting a Summit on Senior Poverty on June 17, to learn

about issues related to poverty in our community, and a follow-up in the fall. Lois also reported that an older individual she knew needed dental care that was estimated to cost \$4,000, and inquired about how a senior could get help paying for expensive dental care. It was suggested that UCSF might provide dental services at the dental school, and also that the California Dental Association had held a 2-day event in April, where many people got free dental services, but it was first-come, first serve, which is not conducive for older or disabled persons. Medicare does not cover dental care, nor do health insurance policies offered through the Affordable Care Act. Steve Rozensky reported that he had represented the Napa Red Cross at the Cycle for Sight event last weekend, and suggested that AAoA participate next year as an opportunity for outreach.

- V. AAoA Board Liaison Report – (Copies of the March 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes were included in the meeting packet). Dr. Lundin reported that the Board of Directors had received the Advisory Council Program Monitoring Committee Report from Teri Ruggiero, and was in agreement to monitor certain providers closely. Teri reported that the Board had accepted the report, and also requested that staff add specificity regarding the corrective action plan for direct services. Dr. Lundin also reported on Veterans issues, including the new Veterans homes in California and the need to appropriate sufficient funds to help the 60,000 veterans who are now returning from deployments in Afghanistan.
- VI. Committee Reports:
- A. Legislative Committee CSL Report –Lauren Rolfe commented on CSL bills that have been picked up by the state legislature, including AB 1453 that will establish a Veterans Cemetery in Orange County. She reported that SB 997 (Morrell) would amend the tax code to remove the minimum contribution requirement for CSL support through individual personal income tax contributions, and asked that letters of support be sent to Senator Kevin DeLeon, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. In the discussion that followed, Lauren indicated that there are about 17 funds listed on the Ca. tax return and 3 have “senior” in the name. The one that supports the CSL is the California Fund for Senior Citizens, which is line 402 this year. The CSL does also accept direct donations. She also discussed SB1214 (Anderson) that would reinstate the property tax postponement for seniors and persons with disabilities. More information on state legislation can be accessed on line at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>
- B. Membership Committee – Lois Harper reported that she had provided membership information at the libraries.
- C. Nominating Committee – Lois Harper reported that the committee had nominated the following slate at the last meeting:
Chair – Steven Rozensky
Vice-Chair – Suzanne Blakeley
Secretary – Heather Stanton
Parliamentarian – Heather Stanton
- D. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley indicated that she had nothing more to report.

E. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – Teri Ruggiero distributed copies of the draft report that reflected the issues and recommendations developed at the committee meeting on Tuesday. There has been improvement, but there are still concerns with some of the Direct Services, and the corrective action plan. Catholic Social Services also has shown improvement, but remains significantly below contract goals. Faith in Action (mobility management) has been providing consultation to Molly’s Angels, the provider of volunteer transportation in Napa County, and has only billed for hours provided, which is less than the contract anticipated, but the contract deliverables are on track. There was some discussion regarding how the organizational capacity of new providers is determined during the RFP and contract development process. **Motion by Suzanne Blakeley, seconded by Heather Stanton, to approve the summary report of the Program Monitoring Committee as presented, and forward to the Board of Directors, motion carried.**

VII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

Leanne Martinsen distributed a survey to determine which members would prefer to receive meeting materials via electronic (e-mail) rather than regular mail. **Motion by Lauren Rolfe, seconded by Heather Stanton, to change the bylaws, if needed to allow for electronic distribution of meeting notices, motion carried.** Leanne also distributed appreciation cards from Oliva Meadows for those members that participated in program monitoring site visits and reported on AAoA activity, including the following items:

- Next Board meeting is on Tuesday, May 20 in Vallejo
- Next AC Meeting is Thursday, June 5 at the Napa Senior Center.
- The Planning Estimate/Budget for next FY 2014-15 has not been received from CDA, but have been told it will be provided this week. When we have this information, we will be required to submit a budget to CDA within 30 days.
- The Area Plan Update was submitted before the May 1 due date.
- CDA site visit in February with follow-up in April, expect the written report soon.
- CDA fiscal audit scheduled for June.
- Provider site monitoring visits are nearly complete.
- Napa MSA funding for StopFalls Napa Valley received award of \$70,000 for FY 2014-15.
- Auction Napa Valley has invited application for funding to support StopFalls Napa Valley and Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging Programs.
- St. Joseph’s wellness has awarded \$50,000 for the Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging Program.
- In discussion with Solano County regarding supplemental funds that would be designated for a pilot fall prevention program in Solano County.
- There are a number of bills in the State Legislature related to RCFE reform. Many are sponsored by the California Association for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR). In discussion that followed, it was recommended that more information on these bills be provided for members and suggest a forum to hear from both sides, perhaps at a future meeting.
- Proposals for restoration of funding for Senior Programs are working through the Assembly and Senate budget process.

- VIII Action Items: No additional items were considered due to the length of the meeting.
- A. CSL Election:
 Lauren L. Rolfe of Suisun City has applied for the office of Senior Assembly Member. Robert E. Hertan of Vacaville has applied for the office of Senior Senator. The Applications were in order and the candidate list was posted on April 1. **Motion by Heather Stanton, seconded by Teri Ruggiero, to elect Lauren Rolfe for CSL Senior Assebly Member and Robert Hertan for CSL Senior Senator to serve a 4-year term, motion carried.** Leanne Martinsen will notify CSL of the election results.
- B. Election of officers. The Nominating committee has presented the following slate:
 Chair – Steven Rozensky
 Vice-Chair – Suzanne Blakeley
 Secretary – Heather Stanton
 Parliamentarian – Heather Stanton
 There were no additional nominations may be offered from the floor.
Motion by Lauren Rolfe, seconded by Teri Ruggiero, to elect the nominated slate of officers to serve a 2-year term, motion carried.
- C. The Council had no additional recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- IX. Information Items – Heather Stanton suggested that the meeting agendas be re-ordered and when we have a guest or provider presentation, it should be before the community input. We want to respect the time of the speakers. There was discussion regarding the community input and council members input. Teri Ruggiero requested that the place the Program Monitoring Committee report ahead of the other committees, Staff will try to adjust the next meeting agenda accordingly. Suzanne Blakeley expressed concern about the absent members. Leanne Martinsen will provide the Lois Harper, Membership Committee Chair, with the attendance records so she can follow up with members as the bylaws indicate. There was a request for a report on the status of committees, and information on Senior Poverty for future meetings.
- X. Communication with AAoA Board: Steven Rozensky and Teri Ruggiero will attend the Board of Directors meeting this month. Steven Rozensky will request that Larry Kromann provide more information about the Marketing and Resources Committee and participation of Advisory Council Members
- XI Community Input II – No additional items were considered due to the length of the meeting.
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 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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