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ADVISORY COUNCIL, June 5, 2014, 1:00 PM

Napa Senior Center Annex, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm by Steven Rozensky, Chair, with the pledge of Allegiance.
 - A. Members Present: Steven Rozensky, Betty Lou Mukerji, Lois Harper, Nieves Fernandez, Teri Ruggiero, Carl Bunch.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAoA Executive Director, Anne Payne, Direct Services Supervisor, Terry Ann Steffen, Family Caregiver Support Coordinator.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Constance Boulware, Heather Stanton, Suzanne Blakeley, Mary Spry-Danner, Betty “Chip” Holland, Lauren Rolfe,
 - D. Introduction of Guests: Richard Lundin, Board Member.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Carl Bunch, seconded by Betty Lou Mukerji, to approve the June 5, 2014 meeting agenda as presented, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Nieves Fernandez, seconded by Carl Bunch to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014 meeting as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: Letter from Betty “Chip” Holland, announcing her intention to resign when her term ends in September, 2014.
- IV. Presentation: Terry Ann Steffen made a presentation, telling the stories of a number of the clients currently being served in the Family Caregiver Support Program, and the services that have been provided to caregivers of adults and grandparents raising grandchildren in Napa and Solano Counties.
- V. Community Input I – Public Comment, announcements: Nieves Fernandez announced that there will be an Alzheimer’s conference in Rohnert Park on June 12, and that the Senior Coalition of Solano will be hosting a Summit on Senior Poverty in Suisun City on June 17, to learn about issues related to poverty in our community, and a follow-up in the fall.
- V. AAoA Board Liaison Report – (Copies of the April 15, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes were included in the meeting packet). Dr. Lundin indicated that he was unable to attend the May 20 meeting of the Board of Directors, and Leanne Martinsen reported that the Board had reviewed and accepted the IRS Form 990 for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2013, received the Advisory Council Program Monitoring Committee Report, and took action in response to that. They also announced a slate of officers and elections will be held at the June 17 meeting. The Board made a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign contracts with the Department of Aging for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. 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 committee proposed 4 recommendations. 1) The committee does not support adjusting goals for any of the direct services provided by the agency. 2) The committee strongly urges the Board to direct staff to perform an out-of-cycle RFP for telephone reassurance in Napa County. 3) Training and/or refresher training regarding outreach should be provided to all levels of the agency including the Board, Advisory Council, volunteers, providers and staff. 4) Staff should be directed to include new language in the contract for each provider to count and report their outreach regarding the Agency in their regular monthly/quarterly reports. After some discussion, the consensus was to change the wording of one of the recommendations. Catholic Social Services also has shown improvement, and the Board did vote to withhold 20% of the contract funding now, but if the provider continues at the current service delivery level, will receive full funding for the year. The committee recommends that this contractor continue to remain on watch status. **Motion by Nieves Fernandez, seconded by Betty Lou Mukerji, to approve the summary report of the Program Monitoring Committee as amended, and forward to the Board of Directors, motion carried.**
- B. Legislative Committee CSL Report – Lauren Rolfe was not present, but had submitted documents that were included in a packet that was distributed including the CSL update dated May 30 and articles on the need for elder courts and additional National Cemeteries. Dr. Lundin also distributed a packet that included a list of CSL proposals that have been submitted for the 2014 session, and spoke about the proposal to provide additional funding for County Veterans Service Officers. He encouraged Council members to contact members of the Budget Conference Committee to express support of the Assembly's version of \$5.6 million, and provided the information on how to contact the legislators offices. There was a discussion regarding the importance of supporting veterans health care and housing.
- C. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley was not present to make a report.
- D. Membership Committee – Lois Harper reported that she had contacted several members who had not been attending regularly, and indicated that Constance Boulware may be resigning due to the responsibility of family caregiving. The current membership is just 12 members, and we are recruiting for members in both Napa and Solano Counties.
- E. TACC Report: Steven Rozensky reviewed the report of the Triple A Council of California Meeting, which he attended on May 6-7, and the various speakers on Rural Health, and the California Caregiver Act of 2014, which is supported by AARP. He also attended the Assembly Committee on Long Term Care hearing "Faces of Aging: Aging and the Asian/Pacific Islander Community".

VII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

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

- Next Board meeting is on Tuesday, June 17 at 3:00 pm in Vallejo
- The Planning Estimate/Budget for next FY 2014-15 has been received from CDA, and we will submit a budget to CDA within 30 days.
- The Contract with CDA has also been received, and will be returned with the budget by mid-June.
- Working to renew provider contracts effective July 1, 2014.
- CDA site visit in February with follow-up in April, expect the written report soon.
- CDA fiscal audit team on site this week.
- Napa MSA funding for StopFalls Napa Valley awarded of \$70,000 for FY 2014-15.
- Staffing changes at Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging Program
- 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, which will allow for expanded staffing and services.
- 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). Staff is working to set up a forum to hear from both sides, perhaps later in June.
- Distributed talking points from C4A budget request for restoration of funding for aging programs, and list of members of Budget Conference Committee with contact information. This is an opportunity for Advisory Council members to advocate for funding that would restore programs that would really benefit older adults in our community.

VIII Action Items:

- Motion by Nieves Fernandez, seconded by Betty Lou Mukerji, to approve the summary report of the Program Monitoring Committee as amended, and forward to the Board of Directors, motion carried**
- Motion by Nieves Fernandez, seconded by Betty Lou Mukerji, to extend the membership of Teri Ruggiero, to serve another three year term to expire on June 2, 2014, motion carried.**
- Motion by Teri Ruggiero, seconded by Lois Harper to cancel the July 3 meeting and resume the regular meeting schedule on August 7 with a meeting in Vallejo.** Leanne Martinsen indicated that room requests for the Napa Senior Center had been made for the September 4 and November 6 meetings.

IX. Information Items – none presented

- X. Communication with AAoA Board: Steven Rozensky indicated that he will be traveling and unable to attend the June 17 meeting and Teri Ruggiero will attend the Board of Directors meeting this month. It was also requested 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 offered.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM, with thanks to Steve Rozensky for providing refreshments.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by _____, Advisory Council Secretary

Date: _____

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