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ADVISORY COUNCIL, September 4, 2014, 1:00 PM

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

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Steven Rozensky, Chair, with the pledge of Allegiance.
 - A. Members Present: Steven Rozensky, Suzanne Blakeley, Lois Harper, Nieves Fernandez, Lauren Rolfe.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAOA Executive Director, Harriett Dietz, Planner, Sara Pryor—Coordinator for the Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Seniors, Latoya Long and Kate Panepinto Care Managers.
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Betty Lou Mukerji., Teri Ruggiero, Carl Bunch,
 - D. Introduction of Guests: Krista Brown, Director of Senior Center Without Walls, Susan Okun.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Nieves Fernandez, seconded by Suzanne Blakeley, to approve the September 4, 2014 meeting agenda as presented, motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Nieves Fernandez, seconded by Lauren Rolfe to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2014 meeting correcting a typographical error on page 3, motion carried, with Lauren Rolfe abstaining.**
- III. Correspondence: None
- IV. Presentation: Krista Brown gave an informative presentation about the Senior Center Without Walls, a program of Episcopal Senior Communities that provides telephone and online activities, as well as classes and support groups for older adults throughout California. The services are geared to isolated seniors. Nieves Fernandez has participated, and her picture is in the brochure. Krista distributed brochures and the fall schedule, and also highlighted some of the groups and classes offered. She also introduced RESOLV, a grant-funded program targeted toward rural veterans, and answered questions from members. Last year they served 659 unduplicated seniors in the telephone program, and they have over 90 volunteers.
- V. Community Input I – Public Comment, announcements: Nieves Fernandez reported receiving multiple scam calls from individuals claiming to represent the IRS. In the discussion that followed, several members shared information about this scam and encouraged anyone who receives these calls to report them to law enforcement, as it is a crime. There was also suggestion that more scam prevention community education

should be offered, and targeted to the more vulnerable isolated seniors. Lauren Rolfe announced that the Senior Coalition would be recognizing Centenarians at the Solano County Board of Supervisors on September 23. Steve Rozensky reported that the Red Cross shelter in Napa had served 250 at the height of the post-earthquake and last night had 13 clients.

VI. AAoA Board Liaison Report – (Copies of the July 15, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes were included in the meeting packet). Dr. Lundin discussed the progress on refurbishing the Pathways home at the Veterans Home in Yountville. The Board has all 16 positions filled, and at their last meeting, they accepted the report of the Advisory Council Program Monitoring Committee.

VII. Committee Reports:

A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – did not meet this month, and the report that included the July 2014 provider service delivery was included in the mailed meeting packet.

B. Legislative Committee CSL Report –Lauren Rolfe reported that the Governor had signed SB 997, a bill that will create a tax check-off line that names the California Senior Legislature, replacing the California Fund for Senior Citizens, which was confusing. She reviewed several of the proposals and bills that were outlined in the CSL update dated August 15, 2014. She also reported that the CSL is seeking to diversify their funding and become more self-sustaining.

C. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley reported that Congress has been on recess, and that she had met with Congressman Mike Thompson.

D. Membership Committee – Lois Harper thanked Leanne Martinsen for writing a letter to the directors of all of the Senior Centers in both counties to request that they recommend potential members. The current membership is just 8 members, and we are recruiting for members in both Napa and Solano Counties. There was discussion regarding announcements at senior centers, senior roundtable meetings and possibly churches. There will be an orientation for new members later this month, and members are encouraged to recommend potential members to participate.

E. Nominating Committee -- Lois Harper discussed the need to find members willing to serve as officers, and the consensus was to table the nominations & elections to a future meeting.

F. TACC Report: Steven Rozensky indicated that he had attended the Triple A Council of California (TACC) Meeting, on August 11-12 in Sacramento. A copy of his report was distributed, and he discussed the sessions and information that was provided, including plans for the White House Conference on Aging.

VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

Harriett Dietz distributed a handout that included an update to the proposed concept for the Napa County Telephone Reassurance Program. She reiterated that the goal of telephone reassurance is to reduce social isolation and enhance mental well-being and quality of life, and discussed the need to evaluate program effectiveness. The proposed concept would have an option of a pilot project that would include an outcome-based evaluation, including

conducting a loneliness scale (3 questions) on intake and after three months, and also a consumer satisfaction survey. The timetable would have the RFP release of September 26, and applications would be due on October 27, with the contract to begin as soon as early December. **Motion by Lauren Rolfe to recommend to the Board of Directors direct staff to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) to fund a telephone reassurance program for older adults in Napa County, seconded by Suzanne Blakely, motion carried.**

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

- Provider contracts have been issued for 2014-15, and will be amended with additional funding for nutrition programs anticipated in October.
- We have a new contract with CDA to provide SNAP-Ed, evidence-based nutrition education and outreach at congregate nutrition sites, targeting older adults who are eligible for Cal Fresh (food stamps). We are recruiting a Health Educator to carry out this program, and this person will also provide outreach and education in other AAOA programs.
- Some providers have been impacted by the August 24 earthquake. Legal Aid of Napa Valley's offices are in a building that has been red-tagged, but they have been working from other locations. CANV was unable to serve congregate lunch on Monday, but resumed service on the Bocce Ball court later in the week, and there was no interruption of home-delivered meals. AAOA staff that have been co-located with Napa County Comprehensive Services for Older Adults have been displaced, and that building has suffered major damage, but staff have been working from other locations, so that services to clients have not been significantly impacted, and none of our clients needed to be relocated. Our facilities were not damaged, and we did not lose any equipment or records.
- We have been informed that our application to the Solano Community Foundation was approved, and awarded \$60,000 to establish a comprehensive fall prevention program in Solano County. We will be working with Solano Co. Public Health to incorporate evidence-based practices from the beginning.
- The Napa Guide has been updated and reprinted, and includes a "Napa" # for I&A in the guide and other AAOA brochures & publications. When the new phone system is activated, all Information numbers will be answered by a live person during regular hours.
- Staffing – several positions posted currently, Program Assistant/MIS Specialist, and LCSW for Solano County PEAS Therapist.

- IX Action Items: were included under committee and staff report agenda items.
- X. Information Items – Lauren Rolfe encouraged Advisory Council members to attend the Solano Senior Poverty Summit, Part II on October 16 in Suisun City. Lauren also indicated that she would be resigning from the Advisory Council, but would be continuing with the California Senior Legislature, and hoped to provide periodic updates to the Advisory Council.
- XI. Communication with AAOA Board: Steven Rozensky will attend the Board of Directors meeting on September 16 to provide information from the Advisory Council.
- XII Community Input II –.None.

XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 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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