



ADVISORY COUNCIL, November 6, 2014, 1:00 PM

Napa Senior Activity Center -- Large Annex
1500 Jefferson St., Napa, 94558

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:17 pm by, Suzanne Blakeley, Vice Chair, with the pledge of Allegiance.
 - A. Members Present:, Suzanne Blakeley, Lois Harper, Nieves Fernandez.
 - B. Staff Present: Leanne Martinsen – AAOA Executive Director, Harriett Dietz, Planner, Elizabeth Mautner – Coordinator Napa Long-term Care Ombudsman program..
 - C. Members Absent/Excused: Steven Rozensky, Betty Lou Mukerji, Teri Ruggiero, Carl Bunch.
 - D. Introduction of Guests: Dr. Richard Lundin, AAOA Board Member, Lauren Rolfe, CSL Assembly Member, Robert Hertan, CSL Senator, Carroll Cotten, Applicant, Susan Okun.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. **Motion by Nieves Fernandez, seconded by Lois Harper, to approve the Consent Agenda: Meeting Agenda for November 6, 2014 and September 4, 2014 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.**
- III. Correspondence: Letter from California Department of Aging dated September 22 regarding Area Plan Update approval.
- IV. Presentation: Lauren Rolfe and Robert Hertan reported on the 34th Annual Session of the California Senior Legislature (CSL). They reviewed the top 10 State and 4 Federal proposals, noting that one of the top 10 was for elder friendly courts, authored by Lauren Rolfe, and that Lauren had been elected as Chair of the Joint Rules Committee. The copies of the news release provided at the meeting were lacking some of the Federal Proposals, and Leanne Martinsen indicated that she would send the complete list to members following the meeting. They both spoke to the quality of the proposals, and the difficulty of deciding on the top ten. Lauren Rolfe also mentioned that the Alzheimer’s Association had expressed interest in advocating for the proposal regarding Prevention and Early Intervention programs funded by the Mental Health Services Act to provide services for persons with Alzheimer’s Disease and their family/caregivers. The CSL is also planning a Senior Rally Day in Sacramento on May 8. She also reported that SB 997 had passed, 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 also reported that the CSL is seeking to diversify their funding and become more self-sustaining, and has established the Friends of the CSL.

- V. Community Input I – None.
- VI. AAoA Board Liaison Report – (Copies of the August 19 and September 16, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes were included in the meeting packet). Dr. Lundin distributed information regarding legislation on veterans issues and discussed the Pathways home program at the Veterans Home in Yountville that serves veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Leanne Martinsen reported that the Board is updating their bylaws and developing an annual report/marketing brochure for distribution.
- VII. Committee Reports:
- A. Program Performance Monitoring Committee – did not meet this month, and the report that included the July –September 2014 provider service delivery was included in the mailed meeting packet.
 - B. Legislative Committee CSL Report –Lauren Rolfe: covered in earlier presentation.
 - C. Advocacy Committee – Suzanne Blakeley: nothing new to report this month.
 - D. Membership Committee – Lois Harper indicated that she had contacted Vallejo Community Access TV regarding recruitment. The current membership is just 7 members, we have two applications for membership, 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 stated that Nieves Fernandez had volunteered to serve as Advisory Council Secretary, and she nominated her for the position .
- VIII. AAoA Executive Director & Staff Report.

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

- Independent Audit team from Grant Bennett & Associates is on-site this week..
- ANV award announced \$70,000 funding to support SFNV & HM-HAP (FY 2014-15)
- We have hired a coordinator and are working closely with Solano County Public Health and the Solano Co. Fall Prevention Partnership to launch StopFalls Solano Seniors.
- We have hired a Health Educator to provide Nutrition Education – SNAP-Ed (an evidence-based program) at congregate nutrition sites in both counties and also to work with Healthy Minds-Healthy Aging in Napa County.
- Hired Program Assistant MIS/Contracts – Part-time, started yesterday
- Solano Guide updated and printed.
- Area Plan Budget amendment # 1 submitted to CDA
- Provider Contract modifications issued to include One-Time Only (OTO) funds and units of service adjustments.

- Quarterly Provider Networking meeting on October 28, schedule individual meetings with providers in November to review contracts and service delivery.
- AAoA representation at various events, Commission and Coalition meetings
 - Senior Coalition of Solano County – State of Seniors Report/Poverty Summit
 - Healthy Aging Population Initiative (HAPI) Collaborative and committees (Napa)
 - Live Healthy Napa County Steering Committee
 - Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long Term Care hearing in Yountville
 - Napa Senior Celebration
 - Advisory Group for Marin Clean Energy, the company that will be providing electrical power to unincorporated areas of Napa County beginning in 2015. PG&E will still deliver power, and MCE will provide power from “green” sources. If someone wants to continue with PG&E, they will need to “opt out”
- Advocacy regarding OAA reauthorization and sequestration is needed.

Harriett Dietz reported that we had received one application in response to the Request for Proposals to provide telephone reassurance services in Napa County. The applicant organization is Molly’s Angels, the organization that provides volunteer transportation in Napa County. Harriett reported that the review committee felt that more information was needed before they could make a recommendation to the Council regarding whether to award a contract. We will send a written request for some specific information by November 24, and then the committee will review this information and bring a recommendation to the Advisory Council at the December meeting. If the Council recommends funding this provider, and the Board agrees, the contract could be in place by January.

IX Action Items: were included under committee and staff report agenda items.

A. There were no recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the Telephone Reassurance Program RFP in Napa County at this time.

B. There were no recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding Program Monitoring or other issues at this time.

C. Motion by Suzanne Blakeley to elect Nieves Fernandez to serve the remainder of the term (through June 2016) as secretary, seconded by Lois Harper, motion carried.

D. Leanne Martinsen will poll Advisory Council members who are not present regarding their preference for meeting location. The Council members present indicated that they would like to have a joint meeting with the Board of Directors in December. A decision about the January meeting will be made in December.

E. Lois Harper made a motion to accept Carroll Cotten, to serve a three year term, seconded by Nieves Fernandez, motion carried.

X. Information Items – It was requested that information from the Solano Poverty Summit be provided to the Advisory Council. Leanne will follow up on this. Lois Harper commented on the high quality of the training provided by the AAoA, especially the workshops provided by the Solano Prevention & Early Access for Seniors (PEAS) related to mental health and older adults.

- XI. Communication with AAoA Board: Steven Rozensky or Suzanne Blakeley may attend the Board of Directors meeting on November 18 to provide information from the Advisory Council.
- XII Community Input II –.In response to a question, Lauren Rolfe explained more about the CSL process for developing proposals, and seeking support from state legislators to sponsor legislation based on CSL proposals. .
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Submitted by: Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director

Approved by _____, Advisory Council Secretary

Date: _____

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